

returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the seventh day of the month of July instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

HENRY E. STEELE.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

To Alfred Patrick, Esq.,
Clerk of the House of Commons, *Canada,*
Ottawa.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY FOR CANADA,
Ottawa, 28th July, 1873.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election dated the thirtieth day of the month of May last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of *Hants*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, *James M. Gildert*, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of *Hants*, appointed Returning Officer for the said Electoral District, for the Election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Hants*, in the House of Commons of *Canada*, in the present Parliament, in the room and stead of the Honorable *Joseph Howe*, who, since his Election as the representative of the said Electoral District of *Hants*, hath accepted an office of emolument at the nomination of the Crown; *Morison H. Goudge*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the fifth day of the month of July instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

HENRY E. STEELE.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

To Alfred Patrick, Esq.,
Clerk of the House of Commons of *Canada.*

The Honorable *Thomas Nicholson Gibbs*, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of *Ontario*; the Honorable *Hugh McDonald*, Member for the Electoral District of *Antigonish*; and *Morison H. Goudge*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Hants*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Mr. Speaker further informed the House, That he had received from the Commissioner appointed to examine and enquire into certain matters and things referred to him, touching the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of *Peterboro*, a Return of his proceedings under the said Commission, and that he had issued his warrant for the re-assembling of the Select Committee to whom is referred the said Election Petition, on Monday, the first day of September next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to take into consideration the Return of the said Commissioner.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General, to acquaint this Honorable House, That it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, where His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses:—