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ANNO 17^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Clerk's Office, Legislative Assembly,
Quebec, 14th June, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor respectfully to submit the accompanying Letter which has been addressed to me by *George B. Faribault*, Esquire, the Clerk Assistant of the Assembly, informing me that the state of his health will prevent him from attending to the duties of his office, at the commencement of the present Session.

I therefore respectfully pray, that in order to facilitate the business of the House, I might be permitted, with your approbation, to appoint a Deputy Clerk Assistant to act during *Mr. Faribault's* temporary absence.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient and very humble Servant,
Wm. B. Lindsay,
Clerk Assembly.

To the Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

Quebec, 13th June, 1854.

Sir,—I regret exceedingly that I am under the necessity of informing you, that the bad state of my health will not permit me to perform the duties of my Office at the commencement of the present Session.

I would, therefore, beg of you to present my respectful apologies to the Honorable The Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly, relying on their indulgence for the present, and entertaining a hope that an improved state of health will speedily allow me to resume my duties at the table of their Honorable House.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
G. B. Faribault,
Clerk Assistant.

W. B. Lindsay, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Quebec, 13th June, 1854.

Mr. Faribault is confined to his room with a severe attack of Rheumatism "*Sciatica*," and really unable to attend to business, or leave his house for some time to come.

Jos. Morrin, M.D.

Mr. Speaker then acquainted the House, That the Clerk had, with his approbation, appointed *William B. Lindsay*, Junior, Esquire, to act as Deputy Clerk Assistant, during *Mr. Faribault's* temporary absence.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly, on the state of the Joint Library of Parliament; which Report is as followeth:—

To the Honorable The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Your Librarian begs leave respectfully to Report:—

That during the past Recess of the Legislature, about three o'clock on the morning of the first day of February, 1854, a fire broke out in the south wing of the Parliament Buildings, occupied by the Honorable the Legislative Council, which raged with destructive fury for more than four hours, and entirely destroyed the interior of the whole structure, leaving only the external walls standing.