

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber ; where being,  
The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate said :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, and*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

Sir *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of *Canada*, until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to Law ; but To-morrow, at the hour of Three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency the Governor General will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members having returned ;

The Right Honourable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the House for their Speaker, *George Airey Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, Member representing the Electoral District of the County of *Frontenac*, and moved, "That *George Airey Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," in which Motion he was seconded by the Honourable Sir *Hector Louis Langevin*.

And the Question being called for, "That *George Airey Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and Resolved, *nemine contradicente*, That *George Airey Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared Mr. *Kirkpatrick* duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the said Sir *John A. Macdonald* and Sir *Hector Louis Langevin*, and conducted to the Chair ; where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Then Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by Sir *Hector L. Langevin*, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Three o'clock P.M.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

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Friday, 9th February, 1883.

The House being met ; and Mr. Speaker elect having taken the Chair ;

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought by *René E. Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber.