

that the House adjourn till Monday, mentioning as the reason for this delay in the consideration of the Speech from the Throne, the arrangements for the levee in that Chamber in the evening.

The motion was agreed to, when the House adjourned till the day in question.

MONDAY, March 30.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Mr. PANET and Mr. BAILLERGEON, the most recently appointed members, were introduced with due formality, and they took the oaths and their seats.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. CAMPBELL gave notice of his intention to move for copies of all despatches between the Government and the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba since November last, on the subject of the murders alleged to have been committed by American citizens in the Northwest Territories, and on the subject of the alleged establishment of trading ports by them within those territories.

Also, to ask when the present contract with the Gulf Port Steamship Company expires, and whether it is proposed to renew the existing subsidy to that company.

Whether it is proposed to continue to subsidise two lines of steamers on Lakes Huron and Superior, or to effect a contract with one line only, either from Coltingwood or Sarnia.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALL gave notice that on Thursday next he would enquire, "Do the Government intend to grant to the Province of British Columbia £50,000, or any less sum in lieu of the interests guaranteed for 10 years on £100,000, under clause 12 of the terms of Union, for the purposes of a dry dock, and if so, on what terms and conditions?"

Also, on the same day he will move "That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he may be pleased to furnish this House with a copy of the instructions given to Mr. Edgar, agent or commissioner, recently sent by the Dominion Government to the Province of British Columbia."

Also that he will, on Wednesday, the 8th of April, move "That an humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that he may be pleased to cause returns to be laid before this House, showing the number of Engineers, surveyors, and other persons, specifying their different grades sent from the

eastern portion of the Dominion to British Columbia in connection with the Pacific Railway during the year 1873, together with the cost of transportation each way."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The first order of the day was to take into consideration the address from the Throne, and the Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Scott proposed, that the consideration of the Speech be now proceeded with.

The Hon. Mr. PENNY in proposing the address in answer to the Speech from the Throne, after asking pardon for any deficiencies arising from his inexperience, proceeded to say that the delay in calling together the two Houses of Parliament arose from circumstances which spoke for themselves—the accession of a new Ministry to the places vacated by the resignation of their predecessors. It would perhaps be natural for him to express some gratification at the change that had occurred, but this was rendered unnecessary by the loud and almost unanimous expression of that opinion which had been recently given in response to the appeal to which all must defer. He proceeded to say that the necessity for the appeal to which that expression of almost unanimous judgment was an answer, fully justified the few weeks of delay in calling Parliament together, especially as we see that no time had been lost in preparing the materials of a very important and comprehensive legislative programme. In the first rank of the measures to be brought before them, he mentioned the establishment of a Court of Appeals and of the Ballot. As to the first its necessity was recognized in the Act of Confederation, and had since been acknowledged by repeated promises made by the late Ministry, that it should be provided for. That it was still to be constituted notwithstanding these promises, might be supposed to be taken as a proof that many practical difficulties stood in the way, and perhaps should warn them against expecting a very early or very complete arrangement of this very important tribunal. That such a Court was essentially necessary for the working of our present system and the co-ordination of the powers of the Federal and Provincial Legislatures was, he thought, obvious, and he ventured to hope that all parties would give their best efforts to facilitate the perfection of the project. The ballot, like the Court of Appeals, had been widely demanded, and once at least promised. He believed it should be incorporated into