

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1891.

To-day being the first day of the meeting of the First Session of the Seventh Parliament, for the despatch of business,—John George Bourinot, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Commons, Donald William Macdonell, Henry Hartney and François Fortunat Rouleau, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for administering the Oath to Members of the House of Commons, all attending according to their duty, Samuel E. St. O. Chapleau, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, delivered, to the said John George Bourinot, a Roll containing a List of the names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Parliament;

The aforesaid Commissioners did administer the Oath to the Members who were present,—which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, they repaired to their seats.

A Message was delivered by René Edouard Kimbær, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Gentlemen,

The Honourable Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, Deputy Governor, desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, The House went up to the Senate, when the Speaker of the Senate said:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, and

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Honourable Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament, until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to Law, but to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the causes of calling this Parliament, will be declared.

And the Members being returned,

The Right Honourable Sir John Macdonald, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by the Honourable Sir Hector Langevin, that Peter White, Esquire, Member representing the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Renfrew, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which was agreed to unanimously.

And the Clerk having declared Mr. White duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by Sir John Macdonald and Sir Hector Langevin, when 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;—then the Mace was laid upon the Table.

On motion of Sir John Macdonald, The House then adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M., to-morrow.