

MONDAY.

Monday, 2d October, 1843.

The Members convened, were :

The Honorable, the *Vice-Chancellor*, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs

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De Blaquiére,

Dickson,

Sullivan,

Dionne, Amable,

Morris,

Goodhue,

Fergusson,

Washburn,

Hamilton,

Irving.

McKay,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable, the Speaker, laid before the House general statements of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for the Districts of *Quebec, Montreal, Gaspé* and *Three Rivers*, for the years 1841 and 1842, in conformity with the Provincial Statute of the late Province of Lower Canada, of the 6th Geo. 4th Chap. 8.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter D.*)

The Honorable, the Speaker, laid before the House a report of the Librarian, on the subject of the Library.

The Honorable Mr. *Morris*, presented a Petition from *Cyprian Morgan*, of the Township of *Yonge*, praying to be naturalized.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, presented a Petition from *James Corbett*, and others, praying to be remunerated as Assessors for taking the Census of the Parish of *Sorel*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, presented a Petition from *A. Fraser*, of the Parish of *St. Vallier*, in the County of *Bellechasse* and District of *Quebec*, praying for the renewal of the right to levy Toll upon a certain bridge erected across the River *Boyer*; and also a Petition from *J. B. Miville des Chenes*, of *St. Famille*, praying for indemnification for the loss of a vessel belonging to him, which after being chartered by Government in 1816, was lost by shipwreck, and also for payment of the freight of certain goods on board of the same.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, reported, that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Friday last, on the subject of the Writ summoning the Honorable *J. B. Taché*, as a Member of this House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously, and to signify that he would reply thereto by Message.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, reported an Address drawn by them, as follows :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, *Baronet, Knight, Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Excellency's gracious Speech from the Throne.

We beg to express to Your Excellency our congratulations on your assuming the Government of this Province, and our happiness at meeting Your Excellency for the discharge of the high functions entrusted to us in the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, which various considerations of importance have prevented Your Excellency from assembling at an earlier period.

We participate in the joy which the birth of a Royal Princess has diffused throughout the British Empire, and are deeply grateful for the continued protection vouchsafed by Almighty Providence to our Gracious Queen, whose life and health are blessings to Her Subjects.

We participate in the regret which has been felt throughout the Province on the demise of our late Governor, Your Excellency's immediate predecessor, whose heart was devoted to the public welfare, and learn with much gratification that his desolate widow and family, and his mortal remains, in passing through the neighbouring territory of the *United States* to the place of embarkation at *New York*, were received with marked and affecting tokens of friendly respect, which indicated both the esteem in which he was held in a country where he had been personally well known, and also a generous sympathy worthy of the great Nation by which it was evinced.

We

Select Committee report an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

Statement of Baptisms, &c., in Lower Canada, presented.

Librarian's Report on the Library, presented.

Petitions, From C. Morgan, to be naturalised;

From J. Corbett, and others Assessors, for remuneration;

From A. Fraser, of the County of Bellechasse, for the right to levy toll on a certain bridge;

From J. Bte. Miville, of St. Famille for indemnification for the loss of a vessel, presented.

Answer of His Excellency to the Address of this House on the Hon. Mr. Taché's Writ, reported.