

ered a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

MR. SPEAKER read the Message, and it is as follows:—

“LORNE.

“The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons under the provisions of the 59th Clause of the British North America Act, 1867, a copy of an order of the Honourable the Privy Council, dated the 25th July, 1879, containing the cause assigned for the removal of the Hon. Luc Letellier de St. Just, from his office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
“OTTAWA, 16th February, 1880.”

MR. MACKENZIE: I would like to ask the hon. gentleman at the head of the Government if he will bring down, without any motion, all the papers relating to Mr. Letellier's case. There was a despatch published during the recess, one from here and one from England, which I think have not yet appeared among our papers.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Certainly. There is no necessity for a motion. I will have all the papers brought down connected with the case.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House, that he had received a certificate of the Returning Officer at the last election for the Electoral District of Argenteuil, that the Hon. John J. C. Abbott was duly elected for the said Electoral District.

The Hon. JOHN J. C. ABBOTT, member for the Electoral District of Argenteuil, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: I ought to move at this moment that this shall not be taken as a precedent as the return has not yet arrived.

MR. MACKENZIE: Has the hon. gentleman brought his indenture, or the certificate of the Returning Officer with him?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: There is no indenture now. He has the certificate of the returning-officer.

MR. MACKENZIE: He must have one or the other.

Resolved, That, in admitting the Hon. John J. C. Abbott, elected to represent the Electoral District of Argenteuil, to take his seat upon the certificate of the Returning Officer; this House still recommends a strict adherence to the practice of requiring the production of the usual certificate of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery of the return to the writ of election.—(*Sir John A. Macdonald.*)

AID TO THE ONTARIO PACIFIC JUNCTION RAILWAY.

QUESTION.

MR. COCKBURN (Muskoka) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to aid, by way of a subsidy or otherwise, the construction of the Ontario Pacific Junction Railway between Gravenhurst and some point on the line of the Canada Central or Canada Pacific Railways.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER: I am very much afraid it will not be in the power of the Government to give the desired aid to the railway in question.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE TEMPERANCE ACT, 1878.

QUESTION.

MR. ROSS (West Middlesex) enquired, Whether the Government have engaged counsel to argue the constitutionality of the Temperance Act of 1878 before the Supreme Court; and if so, when.

MR. McDONALD (Pictou): The Government here engaged counsel in that case. Counsel were retained on 17th January last.

MR. ROSS (West Middlesex): I desire permission to add the words “and whom.”

MR. McDONALD (Pictou): Mr. Christopher Robinson on the one hand, and Mr. Lash, Deputy Minister of Justice, on the other.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY-BRITISH COLUMBIA CONTRACTS.

QUESTION.

MR. BLAKE enquired, Whether the contracts for the construction of 127 miles of Railway in British Columbia have been executed by both the Government and the contractors: and, if so, on what day: whether such contracts will be laid on the Table at an early day; and whether