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The Honorable *David Christie* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Morris* and *Dessaullles*.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Christie* came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by the Clerk of this House, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable *Alexander Edward Kierzkowski* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Dessaullles* and *Morris*.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Kierzkowski* came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by the Clerk of this House, and took his seat accordingly.

His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, BARONET, 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., being seated in the chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the "Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know "it is His "Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*  
*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

It is my duty on the present occasion, to call your attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

The Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection.

An Act, moreover, was passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds.

This Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made, by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

The Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government will be laid before you, and I cannot doubt that you will recognize a selection made by Her Majesty at