

The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* came to the Table, and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert Le Moine*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table a Certificate of the Commissioner, setting forth that the Honorable *Charles Boucher de Boucherville*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North America Act*, 1867.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, February 12th, 1879.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of *Canada*, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, the 13th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. DE WINTON,

Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable

The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of *Canada*, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons, and acquaint that House "It is the pleasure of the Honorable *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of *Canada*, Deputy Governor, they attend him immediately in this House."

Who, being come,

The Honorable the Speaker said:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Honorable *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of *Canada* until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but to-morrow at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency the Governor General will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

The Honorable *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Deputy Governor, was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.