

Friday, 12th April, 1872.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Joliette*, for the year 1870; in the Districts of *Montmagny*, *Kamouraska*, *Quebec* and *Bedford*, for the year, 1871, and a Supplementary Statement and Return for the said District of *Bedford*, for the year 1870. (*Sessional Papers* No. 12.)

And also, Lists of Shareholders of the Bank of *British North America*, on the 1st January 1872; and of the Bank of *Yarmouth, Nova Scotia*, on the 23rd January, 1872, in conformity with the Act 34 Vic. Cap. 5. Sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

Frederick William Cumberland, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the Provisional Judicial District of *Algoma*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Telegraph Company.
By Mr. *Magill*,—The Petition of *John Proctor* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Nathan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Carter*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session; and further to assure His Excellency that we are proud to know that the auspicious recovery which the mercy of Providence vouchsafed from the well nigh mortal illness of the Prince of *Wales* called forth a universal expression of joy and thankfulness throughout the Empire, and that all classes of the people testified their deep sense of relief from the anxieties of a long and painful suspense, by joining their beloved Queen in a public Thanksgiving, which proved in vastness of attendance and unanimity of feeling the grandest and most impressive ceremony ever witnessed in the *British* Capital.

2. That we shall rejoice to follow this good example on the fifteenth day of this month, that we agree with His Excellency that it was advisable to defer the solemnity until after the meeting of Parliament; and that His Excellency may rest assured that the Members of this House, as well as all Her Majesty's faithful subjects throughout the Dominion, will be anxious to unite in celebrating the occasion with all becoming observance and loyal alacrity.

3. That we receive with respect the intimation that our Meeting has itself been postponed to a later season than usual, upon considerations of Imperial as well as Colonial interest, and at the instance of Her Majesty's Government.

4. That we are aware that the young Province of *Manitoba* was, last September, threatened with an invasion of lawless persons from the *United States*; and that prompt measures for resistance were adopted by the local authorities and attended with the best results. That we have learned with the greatest satisfaction that in order to re-assure the people of the Province, and to prevent a recurrence of the outrage, His Excellency ordered a force of two hundred Militiamen to be sent to *Fort Garry*, and that notwithstanding the inclement season of the year the troops surmounted the difficulties of the march with energy and success, thus proving not only their own discipline and endurance, but also the value of the route through our own Territory. That we are happy to learn that