

Alexander Peter Cockburn, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,
 Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, summoning *Richard James Bell*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the last Election for the Electoral District of *Muskoka* to the Bar of this House, on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1873, to answer for his Return to the Writ of Election for the said District.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1873.

Several other Members, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took their Seats.

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

By Mr. *Keeler*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Lanthier*,—The Petition of Sir *Lugh Allan* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of the *St. Francis* and *Megantic* International Railway Company.

By Mr. *Brouse*,—The Petition of the Elgin Pride Temple No. 22, of *Edwardsburg*.

By Mr. *Cartwright*,—The Petition of *W. S. Williams* and others, of the Town of *Napanee*; and the Petition of the *Napanee* Temple, Independent Order of Good Templars, No. 540.

By Mr. *Charlton*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Winham*; and the Petition of *Edward R. Birchell* and others, of the Township of *Townsend*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Blake*,—The Petition of *D. Fisher* and others, of the Town of *Bowmanville*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Bowmanville*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Darlington*.

By Mr. *Trow*,—The Petition of *J. H. Flagg* and others, of the Township of *Fullerton*.

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of the Reverend *A. Labelle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Soulanges*, presented on Friday last, severally praying for the construction of a Canal on the North Shore of the *Saint Lawrence*, from *Cascades* to *Coteau Landing*, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled that "these Petitions cannot be received, as the granting of the prayers thereof would involve the expenditure of public money."

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. *Tobin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Palmer*, and the Question being proposed,

Resolved, 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 thank His Excellency for his