Smith (Peel) Smith (Selkirk) Galbraith Geoffrion Smith (Westmoreland) Gibson Gillies Snider Gillmor St. Jean Taschereau Greenway Thompson (Haldimand) Haddow Hagar Thomson (Welland) Hall Trow Wallace (Albert) Holton Horton Wood Huntington Yeo Irving Young.-116.

The Seat for

NAYS: Messieurs

Baby McDougall (Three Riv.) McKay (Colchester) McCallum Benoit Blanchet McCarthy Bowell Brooks McQuade Cameron Masson Campbell Monteith Caron Montplaisir Cimon Mousseau Colby Ouimet Cuthbert Pinsonneault Platt Daoust Desjardins Plumb Donahue Pope (Compton) Farrow Robinson Flesher Robitaille Gibbs (North Ontario) Rochester Gibbs (South Untario) Rouleau Roy Gill Haggart Stephenson Hurteau Thompson (Cariboo) Jones (Leeds) Tupper Kirkpatrick Wallace (S. Norfolk) White (East Hastings)
White (North Renfrew) Langevin Lanthier Little Wright (Ottawa Macdonald (Kingston) County)-53.

And the Clerk of the House having declared the Hon. Mr. Anglin duly elected, he was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Mackenzie and Smith (Westmoreland).

Mr.SPEAKER, standing on the steps of the Chair, said: I thank the Members of the House sincerely for the high honour they have done me, in having elected me to the responsible and dignified position of Speaker of this honourable body, and I can only assure them that, while I continue holding the chair, I will endeavour, as I believe and trust I have endeavoured in the past, to discharge the duties of that position impartially and fairly, to the satisfaction of every honourable and fairminded man, and in such a way as to add to the dignity and respect due to this honourable body.

Then the Mace was laid upon the Table.

> House adjourned at Twenty minutes after Four o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Friday, 8th Feb., 1878.

The Speaker took the chair at Three o'clock.

THE SEAT FOR NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Hon. Peter Mitchell, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Northumberland, New Brunswick, was introduced to the House by Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Wright (Ottawa).

Mr. KIRKPATRICK: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Peter Mitchell having been duly returned to represent the Electoral District of the county of Northumberland, has taken the oath and subscribed the roll, and now desires to take his seat.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon gentieman having taken his seat yesterday in this House, I think may now fairly resume

Mr. Mitchell took his seat.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I presume that it is by order of the House that you made that statement. I presume the Speaker is only the mouthpiece of the House, and can only speak when directed by order of the House, and not otherwise.

Mr. SPEAKER: I merely made a statement of fact as to the competence of the hon. member to take his seat.

Mr. HOLTON: Mr. Speaker, I was about to object to the hon. gentleman's being again introduced when you spoke.

Mr. MITCHELL: Mr. Speaker, I think it something remarkable that the head of this House should have made the remark that he did on the presentation of a member. I felt yesterday, when objection was made to members taking their seats without being presented to the Speaker, by a gentleman whose right to speak with relation to the practices and privileges of the House of Commons of Canada cannot be questioned here, that I should take the step which I have taken. When he (Sir John A. Macdonald), yesterday pointed out the fact that no new member had the right to take his seat in the House until, according to