

Tuesday, February, 28th, 1871.

The Members convened, were :

The Honorable *Joseph Edouard Cauchon*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Atkins,</i>	<i>Churchill,</i>	<i>Locke,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ressor,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Renaud,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Duchesnay,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bill,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Blake,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Malhiot,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Mills,</i>	<i>Steeves,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Mitchell,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Olivier,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Letellier de St. Just,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported to the House that he, and those Members of this House, who are Members of the Privy Council had waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of congratulation on His Excellency's elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious answer :

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:—

I feel highly flattered by the terms of your Address congratulating me on the distinguished mark of favor, which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon me.

The honor done to me evinces the sense attached in England to the importance of the advances made, and the success achieved by the wisdom and courage of Canada during my administration.

I shall ever esteem it a happiness to have had my name connected with the rising fortunes of the Dominion, and shall hold myself bound, should the opportunity be given me to render it, in return any service in my power, as well from a sense of gratitude for the kindnesses I have received on all sides as also from the persuasion that to advance the interests of Canada is truly to promote the strength and stability of the British Empire.

LINGAR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, February 28th, 1871.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Tessier*, of the *Quebec Bank*.