

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered), and is as followeth :—

MINTO.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Right Honourable Sir Richard J. Cartwright, G.C. M.G., Minister of Trade and Commerce; the Honourable William Stevens Fielding, Minister of Finance; the Honourable James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable Louis Philippe Brodeur, Minister of Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 13th Chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 11th March, 1904.

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. Grant moved, seconded by Mr. Rivet, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund, of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. Haggart, seconded by Mr. Monk,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seconded by Mr. Fielding,

Resolved, That the Order for the consideration of the Motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in reply to his Speech at the opening of the Session, have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

And then The House, having continued to sit till a half an hour after Ten of the Clock, P.M., adjourned till To-morrow.