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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief.

At Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Thursday, 24th February, 1853.

THE General Assembly having been by two Proclamations prorogued to this day, the House met—

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Saunders, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Minchin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Botsford, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Gilbert.

PRAYERS.

At two o'clock, His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honorable the President, to let the Assembly know— "It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses :--

" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

66 HAVE much pleasure in informing you that the Railway Bills passed by you in the last Session, have received the sanction of the Queen. Nothing has occurred to change my opinion as to the policy which you have pursued, or to shake my