

duly qualifying the Members of the Assembly, attended, and administered the oath to the following Members, who subscribed their names thereto, viz:—

John F. Godard, Joseph Read, John Johnston, James A. Harding, Samuel H. Gilbert, Andrew Barberie, and the Honorable Robert D. Wilmot.

A Message was then received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, requiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber—

The House attended accordingly, when the Honorable William Black, President of the Legislative Council, said—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and

“Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to acquaint you that the Office of Speaker of the House of Assembly having become vacant by the resignation of the Honorable Charles Simonds, His Excellency doth not think fit to declare the causes of summoning this General Assembly, until there shall be a Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency’s pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, do repair to the place where the Sittings of the Assembly are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person who shall be so chosen, to His Excellency in this House to-morrow, at the hour of two o’clock, for approval.”

The House being returned—

Mr. Ryan, a Member for King’s County, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed Daniel Hanington, Esquire, a Member for the County of Westmorland, to fill the Office of Speaker, and moved that he take the Chair; which motion was seconded by John Earle, Esquire, a Member for Queen’s County.

Mr. Porter, a Member for the County of Charlotte, then proposed Andrew Barberie, Esquire, a Member for the County of Restigouche, as Speaker, and moved that he take the Chair; which was seconded by Charles Macpherson, Esquire, a Member for the County of York.

There being no other person placed in nomination, and the question then about to be taken; when

The Honorable Mr. Wilmot moved—That the House do adjourn; and

This motion being seconded, and the question taken thereon, it was decided in the affirmative.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o’clock.

Thursday, 8th January, 1852.

Prayers.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery delivered to the Clerk of the Assembly—

Return from the Sheriff of the County of Albert to a Writ of Election issued during the Recess, by reason of a vacancy having occurred in the Representation for that County, in consequence of the Honorable William H. Steves having vacated his Seat by accepting a Seat in the Honorable the Legislative Council.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery also delivered in the following Certificate:—

“This is to certify, that John Lewis, Esquire, has been duly returned a Member to serve in the General Assembly of this Province for the County of Albert, vice Steves, resigned.

“Given under my hand, at Fredericton, this eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

“J. R. PARTELOW,
“Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.”