

Friday, March 7th, 1873.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable *PIERRE JOSEPH OLIVIER CHAUVEAU*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Churchill,</i>	<i>Locke,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Macfurlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Blake,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Malhiot,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Mills,</i>	<i>Steeves,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland.</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Letellier de St. Just,</i>	<i>Olivier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that Mr. *Montisambert* the Law Clerk of the Senate, and Mr. *Tessier*, Clerk of the French Journals, had applied for leave of absence, owing to illness.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, that leave be granted as prayed for in their respective applications.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, (*Kingston*), of *Henry Cunningham*, Mayor of *Kingston*, and others, and of *Alexander S. Kirkpatrick* and others, interested in the Trade and navigation on the *Saint Lawrence*, from *Montreal* to the Upper Lakes.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dumouchel*, of the Reverend *A. Labelle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Soulanges*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, that the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House the following documents :