

And the House being returned—

Mr. M'Leod, a Member for King's County, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed James A. Harding, Esquire, a Member for the City of Saint John, to fill the office of Speaker, which was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, a Member for the County of Northumberland.

The Clerk, by order of the House, put the question—That Mr. Harding do take the Chair as Speaker, and upon the question, the House divided as follows:—

YEAS.

NAYS.

Hon. Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Kerr,	Mr. DesBrisay,
Hon. Mr. Smith,	W. E. Perley,	Read,	M'Intosh,
Hon. Mr. Brown,	Tapley,	Gray,	Vail,
Hon. Mr. Johnson,	M'Adam,	End,	Scovil,
Hon. Mr. Watters,	Connell,	Botsford,	Wilmot,
Mr. M'Leod,	C. Perley,	Allen,	S. H. Gilbert.
M'Millan,	Wright,	Montgomery,	
Lewis,	Cudlip,		
M'Clelan,	Tibbits,		
R. K. Gilbert,	Chandler,		
Mitchell,	Farris,		
Steadman,	Sutton.		

And it being carried in the affirmative—

Mr. Harding was taken from his seat by Mr. M'Leod and Mr. Mitchell, and conducted by them to the Chair; and when standing on the step, addressed the House as follows:—

"Gentlemen,

"Being chosen to fill the highest elective Office in the Province affords me great satisfaction, and I accept that honor, feeling, that though party spirit may run high in the House, that I will receive the assistance of every Member of this Branch of the Legislature in enforcing the Rules, and preserving that good order which is so necessary to the well-conducting of all deliberative bodies; and that I shall endeavour at all times to shew impartiality in my decisions, asking from the House due lenity in any case where an error may occur rather from judgment than from the heart."

Mr. Harding then took the Chair.

A Message 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.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the Council Chamber. And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported, that he had addressed His Excellency to the effect following:—

"May it please Your Excellency,

"Your Excellency having communicated your pleasure to the Assembly, they returned to the place where they usually deliberate, and immediately proceeded to choose a Speaker; they have elected me to that important and honorable situation, and they now present me to be approved of by Your Excellency."

The Honorable Mr. Black, President of the Legislative Council, then spoke as follows:—

"Mr. Harding,

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to assure you, that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the Public Service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

That