

safer in his hands than in the hands of John A. Macdonald.

Resolutions agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved :

That the said resolutions be referred to a Select Committee composed of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Charles Tupper, and Messrs. Macmaster and Belleau.

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, from the Committee, reported the draft of an Address, which was read the first and the second time and ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are members of the Privy Council.

#### SUPPLY.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved :

That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

#### WAYS AND MEANS.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved :

That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 10 o'clock, p.m.) the House adjourned.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 21st January, 1884.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

#### MEMBER INTRODUCED.

The following Member, having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House:—

Donald M. Cameron, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Middlesex, introduced by Mr. Blake and Mr. Fairbank.

#### REPORTS.

The following Reports were laid upon the Table:—

Annual Report of the hon. Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1882-83.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

The Public Accounts of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883.—(Sir Leonard Tilley.)

Report of the Auditor-General of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883.—(Sir Leonard Tilley.)

Report, Returns, and Statistics of the Inland Revenue of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1883.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Trade and Navigation Returns for the year ending 30th June, 1883.—(Mr. Bowell.)

#### MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows:—

LANSDOWNE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons an agreement made at Victoria, on the 20th day of August, 1883, relative to various points remaining unsettled between the Government of the Dominion, and that of the Province, together with the contract for the

construction of a Railway on the Island of Vancouver, and accompanying papers, and recommends the same to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 17th January, 1884.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 2) to amend the Criminal Law, and to extend the provisions of the Act respecting Offences against the Person.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Bill (No. 3) to further amend the Law of Evidence in criminal cases.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Bill (No. 4) respecting Carriers by Land.—(Mr. McCarthy.)

#### LAND AGENT FOR CALGARY SECTION.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron) enquired, Whether a Dominion Land Agent has been appointed for the Calgary section of the North-West? If so, when? His name, former residence and occupation; amount of salary; when did salary commence; where is his head office located; has he entered on the discharge of his duties? If so, when?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. William H. Hillyard, of Brandon, Manitoba, was appointed by Order in Council on the 23rd June, 1883, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. His head office will be at Calgary according to present arrangements; he has not entered upon the discharge of his duties because the surveys were not sufficiently completed to enable him to do so. Since the beginning of September he has been at work at the Brandon Land Office, and from that period his salary commenced to be paid.

#### LAND AGENT FOR ASSINIBOIA.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron) enquired, Whether a Dominion Land Agent has been appointed, with his head office at Troy, or at any other point in Assiniboia? If such an appointment has been made, when was it made; what is the name of the appointee; his former residence and occupation; where is the office now located; what is the Agent's salary; when did it commence; has the Agent entered on the discharge of his duties? If so, when?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Dominion Land Agent has not been appointed with his head office at Troy. An Agent has been appointed for the Regina district with his head office at Regina city. The Agent's name is J. Macdonald Gordon. He was appointed in March, 1882, at which time he was residing in Ottawa, and occupying the position of a clerk in the Department of the Interior. He opened an office in a tent for a time at Troy, but since a building was prepared he removed to his present quarters. His salary is \$1,200 per annum, and dates from the 1st of May, 1882. He entered on the discharge of his duties in the early part of June, 1882.

#### SALE OF SUPPLY FARM No. 20.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron) enquired, Whether Supply Farm No. 20, on Fish Creek, near Calgary, has been sold; when, to whom, and for what price, and whether by private sale or public competition?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Supply Farm No. 20 has been sold to the Hon. Dr. Robitaille at a price of \$3 per acre, by private sale, and not by public competition.