

Province, will be laid before you, with a measure providing for Maritime Courts of Enquiry.

18°. Our grateful thanks are due to Almighty God for the continued peace and prosperity we have enjoyed during the past year, marked as it has been by an abundant harvest, a successful fishery, an expanding trade, and the increased developement of our great mineral resources.

The House then proceeded to choose a Clerk ;

Henry C. D. Twining, Esquire, having been proposed to fill that office, he was unanimously elected. Mr. Twining chosen First Clerk.

And he was sworn accordingly.

The acting Clerk then withdrew.

JAMES H. THORNE,
Acting Clerk of the House of Assembly.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk Assistant ; and James G. Tobin, Esquire, and Alexander James, Esquire, having been severally proposed to fill that office, the House proceeded to ballot therefor ; Ballot for Clerk Asst.

And Mr. Tobin having a majority of votes,

Resolved, That James G. Tobin, Esquire, be the Clerk Assistant of this House. Mr. Tobin chosen.

The ballot was then taken for the Sergeant-at-Arms, Edward A. Pyke, Esquire and Mr. Edward Joyce being severally proposed for that office ; and thereupon Ballot for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Pyke having a majority of votes,

Resolved, That Edward A. Pyke, Esquire, be the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House. Mr. Pyke chosen.

Mr. Richardson Harris was then proposed to fill the Office of the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to the House ; Mr. Harris chosen Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. Richardson Harris be the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of this House.

The Rev. James C. Cochran, M. A., was then proposed to fill the office of Chaplain to the House ; Rev. Mr. Cochran chosen as Chaplain.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the Reverend Mr. Cochran be the Chaplain of this House.

It was then proposed that Mr. John Fitzgerald be the Messenger and door-keeper of this House ; J. Fitzgerald chosen as Messenger.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. John Fitzgerald be the Messenger and door-keeper of this House.

The Clerk-Assistant being in attendance, took the usual oath of office. Clerk Asst. sworn in.

Mr. Kaulback, pursuant to leave given, presented to the House, a bill to amend chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes "of county assessments," and the same was read a first and ordered to be read a second time. County Assessments Bill.

Mr. McDonnell then proposed the following address in answer to the speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and moved that the same do pass, viz : Address in answer to Speech moved.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL
CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE,

*Administrator of the Government and Commander-in-Chief
in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia
and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

1°. We Her Majesty's faithful Commons thank your Excellency for the speech with which your Excellency has been pleased to open this Session of Parliament,