

Speech.

I have endeavoured to work out the objects which the Legislature contemplated in passing an Act for the promotion of Education; and I have not hesitated to adopt such measures as I deemed to be indispensable to the accomplishment of their intentions, until the subject could again be brought under their consideration; but it will be necessary to introduce several amendments into the measure, in order to ensure its successful and beneficial operation. In the meantime, it is gratifying to know the impulse which has been given to Education, in its higher as well as in its elementary branches. The result cannot fail to confer the most material benefits upon the whole Province.

The re-organization of the Militia is also a subject to which I shall have to call your attention, as the present seems a favourable opportunity to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing.

In perfecting these and other measures which will be brought before you, and in all your labours for the advancement of the welfare of the Province, you may rely upon my cordial co-operation and support. It is my earnest hope that a spirit of moderation and harmony may animate your councils and direct your proceedings. The Province has at length happily recovered from a state of severe trial and danger, and a bright dawn now opens upon its prospects. The promise of peace, secured upon an honourable and advantageous basis—the re-establishment of tranquillity and security—the restoration of financial credit and commercial confidence, with the enjoyment of free and permanent institutions—are blessings for which *Canada* has reason to be grateful, and which, I feel assured, it will be your effort to preserve, and your pride to perpetuate.

On motion of Mr. *Henry Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

Postage to
Members ordered
to be paid by
Clerk.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to charge, to the Contingencies of the House, the postage on all letters not exceeding one ounce in weight, and on printed papers, to and from Members of this House, during the present Session, provided that when petitions to this House are enclosed, the postage thereon shall be charged without restriction as to weight.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, a Member of the Executive Council, rose in his place and acquainted Mr. Speaker, and the House, that the Honourable *Hamilton H. Killaly*, a Member of this House for the Town of *London*, had resigned his seat, having, since his election, accepted the office of President of the Board of Works, of this Province.

London (Town)
Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the election of one Member, to serve in the present Parliament, for the Town of *London*, in the room and place of the Honourable *Hamilton H. Killaly*, who, since his election, hath accepted the office of President of the Board of Works, of this Province.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Harrison*,

Consideration
of Speech.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency, the Governor General, this day delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*,

Speech printed.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the said Speech, be printed, in each of the English

and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved That a standing Committee, of five Members, be forthwith appointed, to superintend the printing of this House during the present Session, and that the said Committee have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris*, the Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Parent*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Merritt*, do compose the said Committee.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *George Adams*, and others, of the District of *Niagara*; and the Petition of the *North American Committee* of the Colonial Society. Two Petitions
brot up.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Report received from the Librarian, of the present state of the Library of the House, pursuant to a Standing Order of the 19th June, 1841; and also, Library.

A Report upon the division of the Books in the Library, belonging to the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, between the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*.

[For the said Reports, see Appendix (B.) at the end of this Volume.]

Then on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris 9^o die Septembris, 1842.

WILLIAM Walker, Esquire, Member for the County of *Rouville*, having previously taken the oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House. Member takes
oath.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and *Three Rivers*, for the year 1841, received from the Prothonotaries of the said Districts, in conformity to the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, 5th *George IV.* cap. 8. Returns,
Baptisms, &c.

[For the said Statements and Returns, see Appendix (C.) at the end of this Volume.]

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By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *James McCarthy*, and others.

By Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of *William Rea*, and others, of the Townships of *East* and *West Gwillimbury*.

Mr. *Hale*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Melville*, and *John McBride*, Electors of the Town of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Clarke Campbell*, Esquire, sitting Member for the said Town of *Niagara*, reported to the House, that they met this day at noon, according to Law, and were obliged to adjourn without proceeding to business, in consequence of the absence of Messieurs, *Quesnel*, *Chesley*, *Woods*, and *Thorburn*, Members of the said Committee, without leave of the House. Niagara Election
Comm. reports.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Black*,

Resolved,