
Friday, 16th April, 1869.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *Joseph Edouard Cauchon*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikens,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Kenny,</i>	<i>Olivier,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Archibald,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Letellier de St. Just,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Duchesnay, E. H. J.,</i>	<i>Locke,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bill,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCrea,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Blake,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>Mulhrot,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Guévrement,</i>	<i>Mills,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Mitchell,</i>	<i>Wilmott.</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>		

PRAYERS.

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Christie*; of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts' Association of the Province of *Ontario*.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and

The same being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Lacoste* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of this present Session of the Parliament of *Canada*, and to assure His Excellency,—

That we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of his great satisfaction in having recourse to our advice, and that we rejoice with His Excellency to think that on this the first occasion on which we have had the honor of being addressed by him, there is ground for congratulation on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful counsels amongst nations, and on indications of agreement and tranquility favorable alike to the development of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that, the great scheme of Confederation, having been successfully inaugurated under the auspices of his Predecessor, it is to him a source of pride to find his name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of *Canada*, and that he will count it a happiness as well as a duty to co-operate, to the utmost of his ability, to furthering our efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces together, and to ensure the attachment of the people to the soil, by the enactment of wise and equal laws.

That we learn with pleasure that our efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, inasmuch as the terms upon which great accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for our immediate consideration.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that in consequence of the Duke of *Buckingham* and *Chandos*' despatch of the 8th of August last year, stating that His Grace proposed to enter into negotiations with the *Hudson Bay Company*, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North West Territory, Lord *Monck* sent home to *England* two members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of *Canada*; that the