

*Hoehelaga*, informed the House, That, pursuant to the 96th section of the Controverted Elections Act, the Committee was adjourned until this second day of the fourth session of the present Parliament, at Twelve o'clock, noon.

That the Honorable *George Irvine*, *Isaac Erb Bowman*, Esquire, and *Michael Cayley*, Esquire, Members of the said Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day; in consequence of which the meeting of the said Committee stands adjourned until To-morrow at Twelve o'clock, noon.

*Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Bellechasse*; and *George B. Baker*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Missisquoi*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their Seats in the House.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Lacerte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further to assure His Excellency, That we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of His satisfaction in meeting us at this, the usual and most convenient season of the year, and under the present auspicious circumstances of the Country.

2. That we regret with His Excellency that the hope His Excellency was sanguine enough to express at the close of the last Session, that no further attempt would be made to disturb our frontier was doomed to early disappointment, and that the Session had scarcely closed when lawless bands assembled within the United States in great numbers, and renewed the menace of invasion. But, that we are proud to know that when they ventured to cross the border at two points, they were promptly met and repelled, that so complete and humiliating was the repulse, that the invaders lost heart and hope, threw away quantities of arms, and fell back to encumber the villages in their rear, with their starving and demoralized masses, that our Militia rallied at the first call to arms with praiseworthy alacrity, that the spirit which pervades the country, swelled their numbers with volunteers from all quarters, and that the gallantry displayed and the success achieved, have been duly recognized by the highest Military authority, and honored, in gratifying terms of appreciation, by Her Most Gracious Majesty. That we are aware that in maintaining the Militia on active duty, the Government must have incurred an outlay to a considerable amount beyond what was provided by the votes of last Session. That we shall carefully consider the accounts of the entire expenditure for the defence of the frontier, which will be laid before us, and that we trust that we shall find ourselves justified in passing a Bill to indemnify the Government.

3. That we rejoice to be informed that His Excellency's anticipations of success in regard to the Act passed for the Government of *Manitoba* and the North West Territories, and in regard to the Military Expedition, which it was necessary to despatch, have been fortunately realized; that the troops surmounted the difficulties of the long and toilsome route with endurance and intelligence; that they encountered no armed opposition; that their arrival at the *Red River* was cordially welcomed by the inhabitants; and that the people of the new Province have, under the Constitution accorded to them last year, assumed all the duties of self-government, and that every appearance warrants the hope that they are entering steadily upon a career of peace and prosperity.

4. That we learn with pleasure that the Legislature of *British Columbia* has passed an Address to Her Majesty, praying for admission into the Union, on the terms and conditions therein stated; that we shall give our earnest attention to any papers on this important subject which may be submitted to us; and that we hope that we shall find