

Accordingly the House went to the Senate Chamber ; where being,  
The Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

The Honorable *William Johnstone Ritchie*, Deputy-Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of *Canada* until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to Law, but To-morrow, at the hour of Three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency the Governor General will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned :—

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, addressing himself to the Clerk of the House. (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, *Joseph Godéric Blanchet*, Esquire, Member representing the Electoral District of *Lévis*, and moved, "That *Joseph Godéric Blanchet*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," in which Motion he was seconded by the Honorable *Samuel Leonard Tilley*.

And the Question being called for "That *Joseph Godéric Blanchet*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and Resolved, *nemine contradicente*, That *Joseph Godéric Blanchet*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared Mr. *Blanchet* duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the said Sir *John A. Macdonald* and Mr. *Tilley*, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair ; and the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Then, Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Langevin*, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Three o'clock, P.M.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

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Friday, 14th February, 1879.

The House being met ; and Mr. Speaker elect having taken the Chair ;

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought by *René E. Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went to the Senate Chamber ;  
And there Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz. :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Commons have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen