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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

 OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1883.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*,—That an humble Address be presented to *His Excellency the Governor General*, expressing the desire of this House, on behalf of those whom we represent as well as on our own, to give expression to the general feeling of regret with which the Country has learned that *His Excellency's official connection with Canada* is soon about to cease; and that we are however happy to believe that in the Councils of the Empire in the future, and wherever opportunity enables him to render her service, *Canada* will find in *His Excellency* a steadfast friend with knowledge of her wants and aspirations and an earnest desire to forward her interests; and that *His Excellency's* zealous endeavours to inform himself by personal observation of the character, capabilities, and requirements of every section of the *Dominion* have been highly appreciated by its people, and that we feel that the Country is under deep obligations to him for his untiring efforts to make its resources widely and favourably known; and that the warm personal interest which *His Excellency* has taken in everything calculated to stimulate and encourage intellectual energy among us, and to advance science and art, will long be gratefully remembered, and that the success of *His Excellency's* efforts has fortified us in the belief that a full development of our national life is perfectly consistent with the closest and most loyal connection with the Empire; and that the presence of *His Illustrious Consort* in *Canada* seems to have drawn us closer to our beloved Sovereign; and that in saying farewell to *His Excellency* and to *Her Royal Highness*, whose kindly and gracious sympathies, manifested upon so many occasions, have endeared her to all our hearts; and that we humbly beg that he will personally convey to *Her Majesty* the declaration of our loyal attachment, and of our determination to maintain firm and abiding our connection with the Great Empire, over which She rules.

The said Resolution was then referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Mr. *Blake*, Sir *Leonard Tilley*, Sir *Hector Langevin*, Sir *Charles Tupper*, and Messrs. *Macdonald* (King's, P.E.I.), *Vail*, *Casgrain* and *Barnard*, to draft an Address to His Excellency thereon.