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

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of the Dominion 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 will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the House being returned,

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honorable *James Cockburn*, Member representing the Electoral District of West *Northumberland*, which Motion was seconded by the Honorable *Hector Louis Langevin*.

And the Question being called for "That the Honorable *James Cockburn* do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and

*Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That the Honorable *James Cockburn* do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared the Honorable *James Cockburn* duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the said Sir *John A. Macdonald* and Mr. *Langevin*, 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 again 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 the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Howe*, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at half-past Two O'Clock, P.M.

And The House accordingly adjourned.

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Thursday, 6th March, 1873.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

A Message was brought by *René 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