

from being meritorious would be attended with most fatal results to the Province.

Hon. Mr. DEBLAQUIERE had hoped the hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands would have made arrangements by which persons in Upper Canada having business to transact with his Department would have been able to do so in Toronto instead of being placed under the cruel necessity of coming down to Quebec at great expense of time and money. By far the largest part of the Crown Lands business was originated in Upper Canada, and he thought the convenience of that section of the Province, would have been consulted if this arrangement had been made.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET in reply, stated that he had given to this very subject, his most attentive and anxious consideration; but after weighing it in all its bearings, he had come to the conclusion that a branch of the Department in Toronto, would not facilitate the object the hon. gentleman had in view. Instead of effecting a saving of money and time, there would have been a loss of both, for in most, if not in all cases, it would have been necessary to refer matters to him, and he did not feel he could entrust the responsibility that devolves upon him in this relation to other hands with that perfect safety which was desirable. The gentlemen in his office had evidenced the greatest zeal and intelligence in the discharge of their duties; yet he could not see that any one of them should have been charged with duties the onus of which he himself had assumed, and for the proper discharge of which, he, in fact, was alone accountable. No one would have been more pleased than himself if such an arrangement could have been effected, for it would have saved him a good deal of harassing labour, but in the interests of all concerned he had been obliged to conclude that it could not be done.

The several Resolutions were then read *seriatim*, and adopted.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET moved that Hon. Messrs. BOLTON, DE LATRAIERE, and himself, be a Committee to prepare an Address, founded upon the Resolutions. Carried.

The House then adjourned during pleasure, and in a short time the Committee returned with the Address, which was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency, by the members of the Government sitting in the House.

The Hon. the SPEAKER then laid on the table a Report on the state of the Library, also a Report on Expiring Laws.

Hon. Mr. DEBLAQUIERE gave notice of a motion for correspondence with the Imperial Government relating to the Subsidies granted to Ocean Steamers, and another notice for correspondence on the subject of the Canadian Line.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET introduced a Bill relating to the administration of Crown Lands. Second reading on Wednesday next.

On motion of Hon. JOHN ROSS, it was Ordered that during the Session the House should

rise at 6 o'clock, and meet again at half-past 7 o'clock.

The House then adjourned.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Quebec, Wednesday, Feb. 29, 1860.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

THE LIBRARY.

Mr. SPEAKER presented the report of the Librarian, for the past year.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Order.—Consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, with a view to the adoption of an Humble Address to His Excellency in answer thereto.

Mr. DESAULNIERS said that he had consented to move the Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne, because the selection of himself to do so conferred an honor on the district of Three Rivers, of which he was a member. It was an honor which had not been done to his district for a long time. It was always difficult to speak before a numerous and intelligent assembly, but it was more difficult, for him owing to his want of practice in the art, and owing to his being called on to do so in a town that expected, by right, better speeches than he could make. However, passing over his demerits, he thought it his duty to accept as member for a County in the District of Three-Rivers. But before proceeding any further, he found it his duty to explain his position. Every one knew his political opinions, and knew too, to what party he belonged; but he wished to avail himself of this occasion to declare his views publicly and openly. If he had followed the Liberal Conservative party, it was because he thought it the only party that could administer affairs for the good of the Country. It was the only party that deserved his confidence, and it was his (Mr. Desaulniers) intention to continue to act along with it. It had been said that it was his intention to join the Rouge party, amongst whom he had intimate and respected friends. But he had never hesitated between the two parties; his choice had never been doubtful. He thought now, as he had always thought, that the Rouges were unfit to manage the public affairs, and if they should be called to power, the Province would run great risks. He had never liked the discussions carried on in their papers. He did not like to see the Government accused of corruption at all times, and often without reason. That the Rouge papers should say that the Rouges alone were honest and alone doing good, was simply absurd. Another reason that had induced him to leave that party, was its union with the honorable member for Toronto (Hon. Mr. Brown). This alliance was made against the wishes and against the interest of Lower Canada. The election of the Hon. Solic-