

of a Member to represent the Electoral District of *Vancouver Island*, in the Province of *British Columbia*, in the House of Commons of *Canada*, during the present Parliament; *Robert Wallace*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the Fifth day of the month of December last past, which is now lodged of Record in my office.

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN, (L. S.,)  
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

To *Wm. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,  
Clerk of the House of Commons of *Canada*, *Ottawa*.

The Honorable *John Henry Pope*, Member for the Electoral District of *Compton*; *Henry Nathan, Jr.*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*, (*British Columbia*); *Edward Carter*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Brome*; *Robert Wallace*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Vancouver Island*; *Joshua Spencer Thompson*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Cariboo*; *Charles Frederick Houghton*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Yale*; *Amor De Cosmos*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Victoria*, (*British Columbia*); and *Hugh Nelson*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *New Westminster*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their Seats in the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as followeth:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*  
*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—*

The auspicious recovery which the mercy of Providence vouchsafed from the well nigh mortal illness of the Prince of *Wales*, called forth a universal expression of joy and thankfulness throughout the Empire. All classes of the people testified their deep sense of relief from the anxieties of a long and painful suspense, by joining their beloved Queen in a public Thanksgiving, which proved in vastness of attendance and unanimity of feeling the grandest and most impressive ceremony ever witnessed in the British Capital. I invite you to follow the good example on the 15th day of this month. It was thought advisable to defer the solemnity until after the meeting of Parliament, and I feel assured that the Members of the two Houses, as well as all Her Majesty's faithful subjects throughout the Dominion, will be anxious to unite in celebrating the occasion with all becoming observance and loyal alacrity.

Your Meeting has itself been postponed to a later season than usual, upon considerations of Imperial as well as Colonial interest, and at the instance of Her Majesty's Government.

The young Province of *Manitoba* was, last September, threatened with an invasion of lawless persons from the *United States*. Prompt measures for resistance were adopted by the local authorities and attended with the best results. In order to re-assure the people of the Province, and to prevent a recurrence of the outrage, I ordered a force of two hundred Militiamen to be sent to *Fort Garry*. Notwithstanding the inclement season of