

Of Joseph Edmond Marcell, Esq., for the Electoral District of Bagot ;

Of John Howatt Bell, Esq., for the Electoral District of Prince East, P.E.I. ; and

Of Robert Holmes, Esq., for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Huron.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have also the honour to inform the House that during the month of December last the hon. member for Bonaventure forwarded to me, and I duly received a form of resignation of his seat as member for the said electoral district. The resignation was in the words and figures, and in the form following :—

(Translation.)

Dominion of Canada,

Electoral District of Bonaventure.

I, the undersigned, Jean François Guité, Member of Parliament for the Electoral District of Bonaventure, declare that it is my intention to resign my seat and to cease to represent the said Electoral District in the House of Commons of Canada.

In testimony whereof I have signed at Maria, in the Electoral District of Bonaventure, this fifteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

J. F. GUITÉ.

Signed by the said Jean François Guité, in presence of Louis Thibodeau and Edmond Thibodeau, farmers, residing at Maria.

LOUIS THIBODEAU.
EDMOND THIBODEAU.

As such regulation was not executed under the seal of the member in strict compliance with subsection 2 of section 5, chapter 13, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, I determined not to issue my warrant for a new writ of election without first receiving the instructions of your honourable House.

This conclusion I communicated to the hon. member by letter dated 29th December, 1898.

DEATH OF MR. GLADSTONE—REPLY TO RESOLUTION.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that in compliance with the Order of the House of the 26th May last, I communicated the resolution of condolence on the death of the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone to Mrs. Gladstone, to which I received an acknowledgment in the following words :—

Hawarden Castle,
Chester, June 16, 1898.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 2nd enclosing the resolution which was passed by the Canadian House of Commons on May 26th.

I am deeply touched by this memorable tribute to the life and work of my husband. Testimony such as this is indeed an alleviation of my great sorrow, and I beg you will convey to

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the House my lasting sense of gratitude for their resolution and for the generous speeches by which it was supported.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your faithful servant,
CATHERINE GLADSTONE.

The Hon. the Speaker,
Commons of Canada.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Robert Holmes, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Huron, introduced by the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and Mr. Paterson.

Pierre Raymond Leonard Martineau, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Montmagny, introduced by the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and Mr. Tarte.

Thomas George Johnston, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Lambton, introduced by Mr. Mulock and Mr. Fraser.

Leighton Goldie McCarthy, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Simcoe, introduced by Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Douglas.

John Howatt Bell, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of East Prince, introduced by Sir Louis Davies and Mr. McLellan (P.E.I.).

Joseph Edmond Marcell, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Bagot, introduced by the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and Mr. Tarte.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—(Sir Wilfrid Laurier.)

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform this House that when the House attended His Excellency the Governor General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and, to prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy of the Speech which is as follows :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In meeting you for the first time since entering upon my duties, as the representative of Her Majesty in this Dominion, it affords me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the large degree of prosperity which the people of Canada at present enjoy, as evidenced by the expansion of trade and commerce, the flourishing condition of the public revenues and the increased number of immigrants who have become permanent settlers amongst us. To these evidences may be added another which is even more gratifying—the almost total cessation of the considerable exodus of our population which at one time was a regrettable feature of our affairs.