

Committee on Privileges appointed.

*Ordered*, that all the Members present this day be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament; their Honors, or any five of them, to meet to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Legislative Council Chamber, and every Monday after, and to adjourn as they please.

Committee on Printing appointed.

*Ordered*, that certain Members of this House be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing thereof during the present Session.

Clerk to open an account with Post Office.

*Ordered*, that the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an Account with the Post-Master, for the Postage of Letters to and from the Members, and to include the same in his Contingent Accounts.

Committee on Journals appointed.

*Ordered*, that certain Members of this House be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

Committee on Contingent Accounts appointed.

*Ordered*, that certain Members of this House be appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

**Monday, 22nd January, 1849.**

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Petitions.

Several Petitions were presented by various Honorable Members of this House, and the same

*Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session.

His Excellency's Speech considered.

Which being read by the Clerk, it was

*Moved to resolve*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

Motion for an address of thanks in answer thereto.

To assure His Excellency that this House warmly concurs in the satisfaction which he has expressed at the uninterrupted tranquillity which has prevailed in the Province during the recess.

That the proofs thus furnished by the people of *Canada*, during a period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order and attachment to their institutions, will, they feel convinced, have the effect of establishing the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and of promoting materially its prosperity.

That they learn with much satisfaction that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to communicate to His Excellency, Her intention of exercising the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons still liable to penal consequences for offences of a political character arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838, and to assure His Excellency that they will concur with His Excellency in passing any Act which may be deemed necessary to give the fullest effect to this gracious intention of our beloved Sovereign.

That this House learns with much pleasure that, in compliance with the expressed wish of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, an Act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament repealing the Clause in the Act of Union, by which restrictions were imposed on the use of the French Language.

That this House has great pleasure in hearing that His Excellency, during the recess, has been in communication with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and also with the Lieutenant-Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and that

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