

exercise of the Prerogative with which I am entrusted, to mark Her Majesty's disapprobation of the course taken by persons holding Commissions at the pleasure of the Crown, who have formally avowed the desire to bring about the separation of this Province from the Empire of which it is a part.

The views put forward by these persons and by those who act with them, do not, I have reason to believe, find favor with any considerable portion of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects.

The great majority of the people of the Province have given at this conjuncture, proofs not to be mistaken of Loyalty to the Queen and attachment to the connection with Great Britain.

They look to their own Parliament for the redress of grievances which may be proved to exist, and for the adoption of such measures of improvement as may be calculated to promote their happiness and prosperity.

I feel assured that the confidence placed by them in the wisdom of Parliament will be justified by your acts: and that while you deal unsparingly with abuses, you will not barter away for novelties, rights dear to British subjects, nor abandon those principles of good faith, morality, and constitutional freedom, the strict adherence to which has enabled Great Britain, with God's blessing, to pass unscathed through many perils.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

The Honorable Messieurs *Jameson* and *Sherwood* severally came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Common Schools."

The said Bill was read for the first time, *pro forma*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and

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The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that five hundred copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Same ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the Honorable the Speaker, and the Honorable Messieurs *Crouks*, *Gordon*, *J. Morris*, *Bourret*, and *Ross*, be appointed a Committee to Report upon the internal arrangements of that part of the Parliament Building set apart for the accommodation of the Members and Officers of the Legislative Council.

Committee on Internal Arrangements 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 alter, and to adjourn as they please.

Committee on Privileges appointed.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *J. Morris*, *Matheson*, *Ross* and *Mills*, be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

Committee on Printing appointed.

Ordered, that the Assistant 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 the Contingent Account.

The Assistant Clerk authorised to open an Account with the Post Office.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Fraser*, *Crouks*, *Goodhue*, *Irving*, *J. Morris*, *Gordon*, and *Bourret*, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Committee on Contingent Accounts appointed.

It was moved, that the Honorable Messieurs *Jameson*, *De Blaquiére*, *Fergusson*, *Moore*, and *J. Morris*, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

Motion to appoint Committee on Journals.

Which

His Excellency retires.

Hon. Messrs. Jameson and Sherwood take the Oath prescribed by Law.

Common School Bill presented and read *pro forma*.