

April 8, 1874

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 8, 1874

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.15 p.m.

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Prayers

NEW MEMBER

The **SPEAKER** informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a certificate of the election and return of Harvey William Burk as member to represent the electoral district of the West riding of Durham.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED

A large number of petitions were presented in favour of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, among which were the following:—Mr. Dymond—from the Township Councils of Whitechurch, North Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, and Aurora and from the inhabitants of East Gwillimbury, Sharon and Newmarket, all in the North riding of the County of York, Mr. Cameron (Ontario South)—from 1,592 inhabitants of the county he represents, and a number of others with a few signatures; Mr. Kerr—from 3,000 inhabitants of the County of Northumberland; and Mr. Carmichael (Pictou)—from 3,500 people in his own constituency. Petitions were also presented by Messrs. Macdonald (Glengarry), Kirkpatrick, Cartwright, Blake, Bodwell, Mackenzie (Lambton), and Norris, and a great many others from private individuals and municipalities throughout the country, praying for the same.

Mr. **CAMERON** (Ontario South) also presented a petition from a number of manufacturers in favour of a protective tariff.

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REPLY TO THE ADDRESS

Hon. Mr. **MACKENZIE** brought up a message from His Excellency, signed by his own hand.

The **SPEAKER** read the message, as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

I thank you for your loyal address, and am well assured that all measures for the well-being of the country will receive your diligent attention.

(Signed) Dufferin
Government House,
Ottawa

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AMNESTY QUESTION

Hon. Mr. **CAUCHON** said that there seemed to be a misunderstanding with reference to the answer given by the Premier last night to the question of Mr. Palmer, as to whether the Government intended to apply for an amnesty for persons who were engaged in the insurrection to the Northwest. He read in the report of *The Times* of this morning the following as the answer to the question:—"Hon. Mr. Mackenzie—It was not the intention of the Government to apply for an amnesty." He (Hon. Mr. Cauchon) believed this answer was not complete, and he would like to know from the Premier what his answer was exactly.

Hon. Mr. **MACKENZIE**: My reply was: "It is not the intention of the Government to apply for an amnesty for any offenses at present." (*Hear, hear.*)

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Mr. **YOUNG** moved that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that their Honours will unite with this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of Parliamentary printing, and that Messrs. Bourassa, Bowell, Church, Delorme, De Veber, Goudge, Lantier, Laird, Ross (Middlesex West), Ross (Prince Edward), Stephenson, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Willson and Young be members of the said Joint Committee on Printing.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. **CAUCHON** moved that the petition of Mr. Perry of Prince Edward Island be sent to the Clerk of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.—Carried.

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REPORTS PRESENTED

Hon. Mr. **MACKENZIE** presented the Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the last year.

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MARINE HOSPITAL

Mr. **PALMER** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to place any sum in the Estimates for the purpose of building a suitable Marine Hospital, at the port of St. John, New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. **MACKENZIE**: The Government have the matter and several other matters in connection with the same subject under consideration at present.