

THE DEBATES

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

IN THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA,
APPOINTED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS **13** FEBRUARY,
1879, IN THE FORTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

SECOND VOLUME OF THE SESSION.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Tuesday, 8th April, 1879.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

SEPARATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FROM THE DOMINION.

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A BILL.

MR. DECOSMOS: I move for leave to introduce a Bill, entitled an Act to provide for the peaceful separation of British Columbia, seconded by any gentleman opposite who thinks proper to second it.

MR. SPEAKER: Who seconds the motion?

MR. DECOSMOS: The hon. member for Sunbury?

MR. BURPEE (Sunbury): No.

The motion was not seconded.

MR. DECOSMOS said he was glad to find that certain hon. gentlemen who were condemning British Columbia from hour to hour on the floor of this House as an incubus, an excrescence; those who threw insolent epithets at the Province of British Columbia—

MR. MACKENZIE said there was nothing before the House.

MR. SPEAKER called the hon. gentleman to order.

MR. DECOSMOS said he thought he had as much right—

Several HON. MEMBERS: Order.

MR. DECOSMOS said he hoped the House, or the Speaker, would not ask him to take his seat, because, before the day was out, the occasion might arise when