

THE SENATE

Tuesday, November 12, 1867

The Speaker took the Chair at three o'clock.

After routine,

Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just enquired from the Government whether any arrangements were likely to be made this Session, for reporting the proceedings and debates of the House.

Hon. Mr. Campbell said in substance that it was a matter for the House itself to deal with.

A general conversation ensued on the subject when it became apparent that the sense of the House was favourable to the idea. The practice in New Brunswick was referred to by several speakers, and in the course of the discussion some sharp sparring took place

between Hon. Messrs. Mitchell and Hazen, the two gentlemen disagreeing in *toto* as to the propriety of employing reporters. Mr. Mitchell affirming its necessity and importance, Mr. Hazen denying both.

Hon. Mr. Wilmot proposed the appointment of a Committee to consider the whole subject, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. McClelan gave notice of inquiring on Thursday next, as follows: "Is the report correct that two gentlemen appointed to this Chamber from New Brunswick have declined acceptance of their seats, and if so, have those vacancies been filled, and by whom?"

Hon. Mr. Wilmot gave notice that on Thursday he would move that a Committee be appointed to inquire at what cost the debates of this Honourable House can be reported and printed.
