

submitted to us, and we trust that we shall be of opinion that the supplies which we shall be asked to vote for the service of Her Majesty, can be granted without inconvenience to Her Canadian subjects.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for informing us that Your Excellency has all the more satisfaction in recurring to our counsel and assistance at this period, inasmuch as Your Excellency may congratulate us on the general prosperity of the country, and the fortunate issue of the steps taken to unite and consolidate the vast territories which now form the Dominion.

Your Excellency is justified in feeling assured that we shall continue to devote the same assiduity as in the past to the augmented labors, which the exigencies of more numerous constituencies and a wider sphere of operations demand at our hands ; and that we earnestly unite with Your Excellency in the prayer that our efforts in the path of duty may be so happily guided as to maintain peace and justice in all the borders of the land, and ensure the happiness and lasting welfare of all classes of its inhabitants.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

And then The House adjourned till Tuesday next.

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Tuesday, 16th April, 1872.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in the Districts of *Arthabaska*, *Beauce*, *Beauharnois*, *Chacoutimi*, *Iberville*, *Ottawa*, *Richelieu*, *Saguenay*, *St. Hyacinthe*, *Terrebonne* and *Three Rivers*, and in the Counties of *Berthier* and *Bonaventure*, for the year 1871. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

*Philémon Dugas*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Montcalm*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Crawford*, (*Leeds*, S. R.)—The Petition of the *Saint Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Workman*,—The Petition of Sir *William E. Logan*, F.R.S., and others ; and the Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*.

By Mr. *Strest*,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* ; and the Petition of the *International Bridge Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Gray*,—Three Petitions of the Honorable *John Hamilton Gray*, of the City of *Ottawa, Canada*, *William F. Bruff*, *George Wells Owen* and *Charles Ely*, of the City of *London, England*, and others.

By Mr. *Carrier*,—The Petition of *Eugène Martineau*, Mayor of *Ottawa*, and others.

By Mr. *O'Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Oliver*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Woodstock*.

By Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,—The Petition of *A. Clarkson*, and others, Shipowners ; and the Petition of Messieurs *Jones and Miller*, and others, Shipowners.

By Mr. *Gibbs*,—The Petition of the Provisional Directors of the *London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company* (limited).