

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, the twenty-eighth day of the month of February, in the twenty-third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, being the Third Session of the Sixth Provincial Parliament of Canada, as continued by several Prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Building prepared for the accommodation of the Legislative Council, in the City of Quebec, were :

The Honorable NARCISSE F. BELLEAU, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Archambault,</i>	<i>De la Terrière,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Renaud,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Duchesnay, E. H. J.,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Murvey,</i>	<i>Smith, Hollis,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Taché, Sir E. P.,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Kierzkowski,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Vankoughnet,</i>
<i>DeBlaquière,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Walker.</i>

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the *Island of Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to let the Assembly know "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

I have much pleasure in announcing to you, that your Joint Address of last Session inviting the QUEEN to visit *Canada*, has been laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Her Majesty's Most Gracious answer will forthwith be placed in your hands. You will see with satisfaction that we may hope for the honour of receiving His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES, in such a manner as will prove the hearty loyalty of all ranks among us.

Negotiations have been carried on by the Post Master General, for securing the transmission through *Canada* of a large portion of the correspondence between *Europe* and *America*. The result of these negotiations has been such as to shew that the advantages of the route by the St. Lawrence are fully appreciated. At the same time care has been taken to represent properly to Her Majesty's Government, the position and claims of *Canada* with reference to the postal subsidies granted to Ocean Steamers.