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On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by Sir *Leonard Tilley*,  
*Ordered*, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by Sir *Leonard Tilley*,  
*Resolved*, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Immigration and Colonization; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library of Parliament. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Friday, 10th February, 1882.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable *John Joseph Caldwell Abbott*, Member for the Electoral District of *Argenteuil*; and *David Irvine*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Carleton, N. B.*, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

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

By Mr. *Gault*,—The Petition of the Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company of *Montreal*; and the Petition of Sir *Hugh Allan* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Beaty*,—The Petition of the Commercial Travellers' Association of *Canada*; and the Petition of the Canadian Steam Users' Insurance Association.

By Mr. *Hooper*,—The Petition of *Allen Pringle* and others, of the County of *Lennox*.

By Mr. *McRory*,—The Petition of *M. B. Wager* and others, of the County of *Addington*.

By Mr. *Baker*,—The Petition of *J. S. Haynes*, M.D., and others, of the Counties of *Missisquoi, Iberville* and *St. Johns*, Province of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Casgrain*,—The Petition of the *Stadacona* Fire and Life Insurance Company.

By Mr. *Longley*,—The Petition of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Bergeron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gullet*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session;