

principle. Sir, I wish this House and Country to understand that the present Constitutional Advisers of His Excellency do not desire, and would not consent, if they could to hold the position they occupy for one instant, if they did not enjoy the confidence of this House. It is the constitution of this Country, derived from, and sanctioned by British usage, from the Revolution of 1688, down to the present hour—that the Ministry for the time being, must enjoy the confidence of a majority of this House—that principle I endorse, and am prepared to support,—but I do not believe that the hon. and learned member for Annapolis was correct when he stated that at the close of the last session the Administration had lost the confidence of this House.

I do not know whether the hon. gentleman wishes to present this House as a spectacle to the country—detaining its business as in former days with a fourteen days' debate; I am not quite aware whether the Opposition intend to open the Box of Pandora or not; but I am quite sure, from the ideas expressed to-day, that the floodgates of oratory will be opened, and that, at least, from the Opposition side, we shall listen to the eloquence and wit which characterise it. The Speech from the Throne contains nothing unusual. It has been drawn without any intention to give offence or provoke discussion—and if any attempt be made to delay the business of the country without cause, I can only say—Let the responsibility rest with them.

Mr. Marshall contended that the resolution was perfectly in order, in the prosecution of public business; and he agreed entirely that this preliminary question should be settled, as the Hon. Attorney General had said, before the usual business of the country could be properly transacted.

Hon. Attorney General wished not to be misunderstood. He did not value office; but he should much regret if the intercourse between the head of the Government and the House should be suspended, and the petitions of the people, and other transactions of the House interrupted.

Hon. J. W. Johnston, agreed to the suggestion of the Attorney General, that his resolution should be moved in amendment to the answer to the Address.

Hon. Attorney General was glad that the Hon. Member opposite had assented to do so.

Mr. McLellan said—I rise, Mr. Speaker to move the Answer to the Address of His Excellency. In my view, Sir, there never was a period in the history of the country when an answer to a speech was moved and the whole Province presented a scene of

greater prosperity than at present. The motion of the Hon. Member for Annapolis I conceive to be premature. It is an old saying that those young ladies who exhibit most anxiety to get married generally remain for the longest period without husbands. But Sir, I do not intend to detain the House with any lengthened remarks, and therefore, without further preface beg leave to move the following Address:—

(This was a re-echo of the Speech, and will be published in due course.)

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General the House adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

FRIDAY, Feb. 6th, 1856.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Annand, after some explanations, moved the appointment of a Committee on Reporting the Debates of the House, which was passed, and the Hon. Attorney General, Messrs. Tupper, Wilkins, and Esson, were appointed such Committee.

Hon. Attorney General presented the Agreement made with reference to the same subject, which was referred to the same Committee, and

Mr. Annand moved that the petition of Mr. Kandick and Mr. Dunn, be referred to the same Committee.—Passed.

The Attorney General reported from the General Committee the following standing Committees, viz:

COMMITTEES ON GENERAL SUBJECTS.

AGRICULTURE.

Hon. Attorney General, Martin Wilkins, Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Financial Secretary, Mr. Parker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Robicheau, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Bailey.

FISHERIES.

Messrs. Marshall, Ryder, Martell, Tobin, Jno. Campbell, Bourneuf, Rhinard, Smith, and Bailey.

TRADE AND MANUFACTURES.

Hon. Mr. Wier, Messrs. Wilkins, Killam, McKenzie, McLellan, C. Campbell, and McClean.

POST OFFICE.

Provincial Secretary, McFarlane, Annand, Munro, Thorne, McLellan, and White.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Esson, Killam, McDonald, White, and Webster.

EDUCATION.

Hon. Attorney General, Hon. J. W. Johnston, Howe, Brown, Hon. Solicitor General, Messrs. Tupper, McKenney, Webster and Hyde.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Hon. Solicitor General, Hon. Mr. Johnston,