

more than six months has elapsed since the presentation of the said Petition, and that in consequence the said Respondent is entitled to demand the rejection of the said Petition, the Court grants the said motion of the said Respondent, and in consequence rejects the said Election Petition for all purposes whatsoever, without costs.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

Z. VEZINA,
P. S. C., District of Beauce.

To the Honorable,
The Speaker of the House of Commons of *Canada*.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following Certificate:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY, CANADA.

Ottawa, 8th February, 1878.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the seventeenth day of January last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Sheriff of the County of *Northumberland* as Returning Officer for the Electoral District of *Northumberland*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District in the House of Commons of *Canada*, in the present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *Peter Mitchell* resigned; the Honorable *Peter Mitchell*, of the City of *Montreal*, Merchant, has been duly returned as such representative, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, deposited of Record in my office.

R. POPE, [L.S.]
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

To *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons of *Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor-General this day, in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again summoning you for the despatch of business, I am glad to be able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires your attendance.

It afforded me great pleasure to have had an opportunity, before my departure from *Canada*, of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit I accomplished during last Autumn. I have now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of my government of *Canada*.

I am happy to be able to say that the Arbitration on the Fishery claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded. An award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present Treaty. This amount is much less than that claimed by my Government, but having assented to the creation