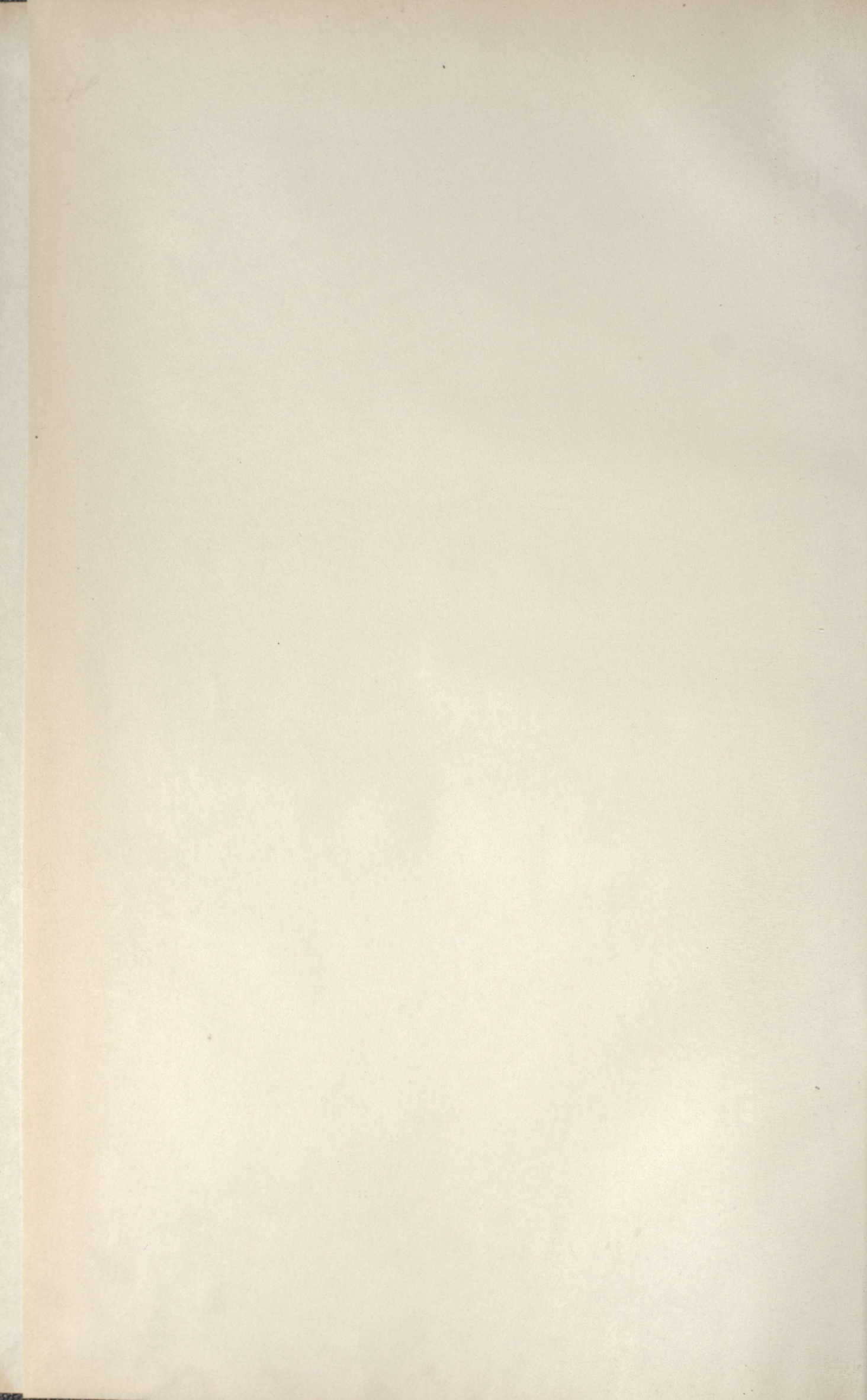
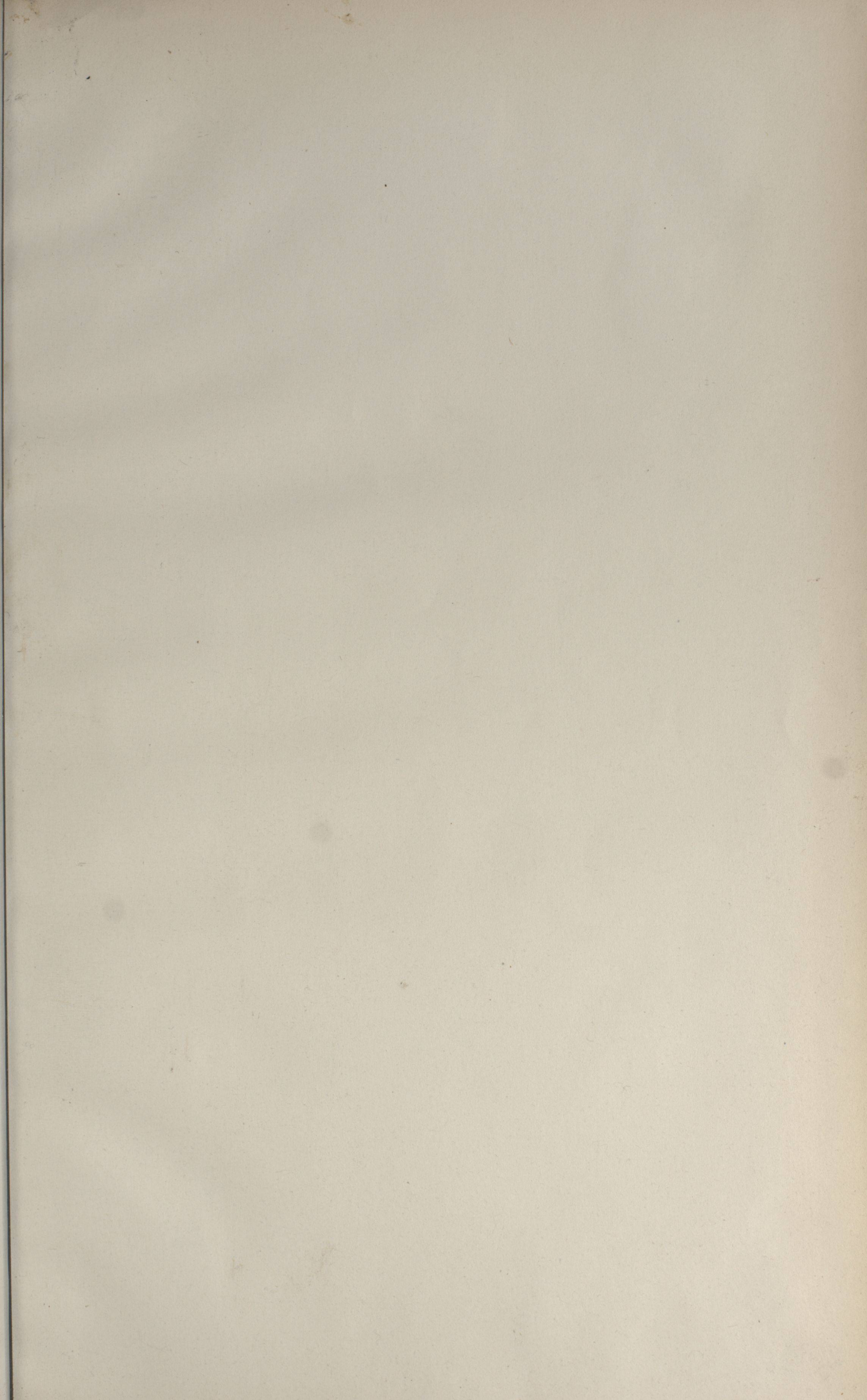






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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 1873



No. 1.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1873.

The House having met ;

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber.

The House attended accordingly ; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that during the Recess he had received communications from several Members, notifying him that the following places had severally become vacant, viz :—

Of the Hon. *Charles Connell*, Member for the Electoral District of Carleton (N. B.), by decease,—and

Of *Joseph Hyacinthe Bellerose*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Laval, by being called to the Senate, and that he had issued his several Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new Writs of Election for the said places respectively.

He also informed The House, that the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members, viz :—

Of *Stephen B. Appleby*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Carleton, N. B.

Of Hon. *James Colledge Pope*, and *James Yeo*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Prince County District.

Of *David Laird*, Esq., and *Peter Sinclair*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Queen's County District (P. E. I.), and

Of the Hon. *Daniel Davies* and *Augustine Colin Macdonald*, Esq., for the Electoral District of King's County District (P. E. I.).

Hon. *Daniel Davies*, and *Augustine Colin Macdonald*, Esq., Members for the Electoral District of King's County District,—Hon. *James Colledge Pope*, and *James Yeo*, Esq., Members for the Electoral District of Prince County District,—*Peter Sinclair*, Esq., and *David Laird*, Esq., Members for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, all of the Province of Prince Edward Island, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in The House.

*Stephen B. Appleby*, Esq., 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 his seat in The House.

The Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* introduced a Bill (No. 1) respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

Mr. Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and read a copy thereof to The House, as follows :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—*

In accordance with the intimation given by me at the close of the last Session, I have caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by me to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The evidence obtained under the Commission deserves careful consideration. The Report will be laid before Parliament, and it will be for you then to determine whether it can be of any assistance to you.

A Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws in force in the several Provinces relating to the representation of the People in Parliament will again be submitted to you. By the postponement of this measure from last Session you will have the advantage of including in its provisions the Province of Prince Edward Island, now happily united to Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to whom a Royal Charter was granted, have, I regret to say, been unable to make the financial arrangements necessary for the construction of that great undertaking. They have therefore executed a surrender of their Charter which has been accepted by me.

You will, I trust, feel yourselves called upon to take steps to secure the early commencement and vigorous prosecution of the construction of that Railway, and thus to carry out, in good faith, the arrangement made with the Province of British Columbia. A measure for this purpose will be submitted for your consideration.

The extension of the bounds of the Dominion has caused a corresponding increase in the work of administration, and seems to call for additional assistance in Parliament as well as in the Executive Government. A Bill on this subject will be laid before you.

Your attention will be invited to the consideration of a Bill for the establishment of a General Court of Appeal.

Measures relating to our navigable waters and to the Inspection Laws, will be laid before you ; as also, a Bill for the establishment of a Dominion Board of Agriculture.

The subject of the law relating to insolvency will necessarily engage your attention.

The efforts made by the several Provinces, as well as by the Dominion, to encourage immigration, have met with success, and a large number of valuable settlers has been added to our population. I do not doubt that you will continue your liberal aid to this important object.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—*

I have directed that the accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before you. The prosperous condition of our finances continues, and the revenue has been sufficient to meet all charges upon it.

The estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you. They have been prepared with due regard to economy as well as to the efficiency of the public service ; and I trust that the supplies which are necessary, will be granted without inconvenience to the people.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—*

Your best attention will, I doubt not, be devoted to the important interests committed to your charge, and I am confident that your deliberations will redound to the advantage and prosperity of the country.

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* delivered the following Messages from His Excellency, which were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate and House of Commons the accompanying papers, relative to the disallowance of the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 1, intituled :—“ An Act to provide for the examination of witnesses on Oath, by Committees of the Senate and House of Commons, in certain cases.”

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 23rd October, 1873.

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate and House of Commons, the accompanying papers, relative to the Prorogation of Parliament on the 13th day of August last.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 23rd October, 1873.

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate and House of Commons the accompanying papers relative to the issue of a Commission to inquire into certain charges made against Members of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, respecting the grant of a Charter and Contract to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 23rd October, 1873.

## DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate and House of Commons the accompanying Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Earl of Kimberley, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to His Excellency's despatches No, 197, August 15th, and No. 198, August 18th.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 23rd October, 1873.

On motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, His Excellency's Speech was ordered to be taken into consideration on Monday next.

*Resolved*, That the Votes and Proceedings of The House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

*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.

*Resolved*, 1st.—That if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and all Members returned upon double Returns are to withdraw until their Returns are determined.

*Resolved*, 2nd.—That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or hath endeavoured so to be, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery, or other corrupt practices.

*Resolved*, 3rd.—That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of the House of Commons, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* delivered the following Message from His Excellency, which was read by Mr. Speaker:—

## DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the House of Commons, the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into, and report upon certain matters connected with the Pacific Railway.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 23rd October, 1873.

On motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* it was

*Resolved*, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

## PETERBOROUGH CONTROVERTED ELECTION NOTICE.

*Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Peterborough, Dominion of Canada.*

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioner, appointed under Section 99 of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections by the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of the undue election and return for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Peterborough, in the Dominion of Canada, for the examination of witnesses on the trial of said Election Petition, having returned to me a copy of the minutes of his proceedings, under the said Commission, I have this day issued my warrant, pursuant to the one hundred and twenty second Section of the said Act, for the reassembling of the said Committee, on the fifth day next after that in which the Session of the Parliament of this Dominion, to be holden next after the date of the said warrant, shall commence; provided the said fifth day is not a Sunday, or a Statutory holiday, in such last mentioned case, then on the day following such Sunday or Statutory holiday, to take the proceedings and return of the said Commissioner into consideration, and to try and determine, as to justice shall appertain.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
*Speaker of the House of Commons.*

Town of Cobourg, Dominion of Canada,  
1st September, 1873.

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*Controverted Election Committees.*

Pursuant to the 96th Section of the "Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections" the Special Committees appointed to try, and determine the merits of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns in the following cases, *will meet To-morrow, at twelve o'clock, noon.*

Huron, North Riding—in Committee Room No. 11.			
Brockville—	do	do	No. 40.
Quebec, Centre—	do	do	No. 41.
Portneuf—	do	do	No. 42.
Maskinongé—	do	do	No. 39.
Northumberland, East Riding—	do	do	No. 12.
Jacques Cartier—	do	do	No. 34.
Rimouski—	do	do	No. 33.

J. P. LEPROHON,  
Chief Clerk, Controverted Elections.

Controverted Election Office, 23rd October, 1873.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS.**

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JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker, House of Commons.

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## No. 2.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1873.

Mr. Speaker informed The House that his warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table, and the said warrant was read, as follows:—

Pursuant to the 31st Section of Chapter 7 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, intituled, "An Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections,"

I do appoint the Hon. *Stewart Campbell*, Member for the Electoral District of Guysborough, in the Province of Nova Scotia; the Honorable *Albert James Smith*, Member for the Electoral District of Westmoreland, in the Province of New Brunswick; *Félix Geoffrion*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Verchères, in the Province of Quebec; *John Crawford*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Toronto West, in the Province of Ontario; *Ruphus Stephenson*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Kent, in the Province of Ontario; and *Isaac Erb Bowman*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Waterloo, in the Province of Ontario, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of October, 1873.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
*Speaker, House of Commons.*

Mr. Speaker also acquainted The House that he had received the following notices, intimating that it is not intended to proceed with the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of the S. R. of Perth,—also with the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of Dundas.

MITCHELL, 18th October, 1873.

The Hon. *James Cockburn*,  
Speaker, House of Commons, Ottawa,

SIR,—Be kind enough to withdraw the Petition presented by me against the Return of *Jas. Trow*, Esq., M. P. for the South Riding of Perth.

Your ob'd't Servant,

THOS. BABB,  
*Petitioner.*

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons.

SIR,—We, the undersigned Petitioners in the matter of the Election Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of the County of Dundas, do hereby withdraw the said Petition and abandon the prosecution of the same; and we request you will be good enough to communicate this our withdrawal of our said Petition to the Honorable the House of Commons.

We are, Sir,

Your ob'd't Servants,

JOHN W. LOUCKS,  
JACOB WEAGANT.

Morrisburgh, July 23rd, 1873.

Signed in the presence of

F. TYRRELL.

Mr. Speaker also laid before The House the Report of the Librarian of the House of Commons, on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as follows:—

The Report of the Librarian, on the state of the Library of Parliament, respectfully sheweth:—

That in the short interval which has elapsed since the last Meeting of Parliament, but little has occurred concerning the Library which calls for special mention.

Not anticipating a Session at this unusual period of the year, no very considerable purchase of books has been made. It has not, therefore, been deemed expedient to issue a Supplementary Catalogue. But some of the most recent additions, of general interest, will be found placed together, so as to be readily available for inspection; and during the Session, new Books may be frequently expected, which will be equally accessible to all who may desire to consult or peruse them.

For the same reason, the usual List of Copyright Publications, and of donations received, in the course of the year, is not now reported, as it would give a very inadequate and imperfect idea of the extent to which the Library is annually enriched from these sources.

In response to such acts of courtesy from Libraries abroad, the Executive Government, upon the application of your Librarian, has lately presented thirty copies of "Gray's History of Confederation;" of "Scadding's Toronto of Old;" and of "Lacroix's Canadian Guide Book," for distribution to the Institutions with which we exchange.

The progress of the New Library Building, during the summer months, has been very satisfactory. The roofing is nearly finished, and it is intended to proceed with the inside work during the winter. This will ensure a speedy completion of whatever remains to be done, to prepare for the reception of the Books.

Under these circumstances, it will be necessary that steps should be taken, without further delay, to determine the needful arrangements in connection with the New Building, not only for the suitable accommodation of the present costly and valuable collection, but also to admit of convenient access thereto at all times, and to ensure its preservation from loss or injury.

In the apartments now occupied, your Librarian regrets to state, it has been found impossible to prevent the entry into the Library, after office hours, of strangers and unauthorised persons, by some of whom books have been carried away from time to time, and injurious acts of a felonious description committed, which cannot be directly traced to the perpetrators. Such access has been frequently obtained, without the knowledge of the Library staff, by means of duplicate and skeleton keys; and it is evident that stricter regulations than can be enforced so long as the Library is situated in its present quarters, are indispensable for the due security of the books in time to come.

To this end, your Librarian would advert to opinions heretofore expressed by himself, and endorsed by the Library Committee, to the effect that it is of vital importance, for the proper care and preservation of the Library, that accommodation should be provided, in immediate proximity to the New Building, for the official residence of a Library Keeper. Whether the custodian should be the Librarian himself, or a responsible servant of the Library, is comparatively unimportant, so long as adequate security for the safety of the Books, and for the possibility of immediate reference to them when required, is afforded.

Your Librarian accordingly submits, for the consideration of Parliament, the following extracts from his own Report, in 1861, and from a Report of the Library Committee, in the same year, on this subject:—

Extract from Report of Librarian to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, on the 18th of March, 1861:—

"In view of the speedy completion of the structure destined to receive the Library in the new Parliament Buildings, and which is calculated to hold at least 200,000 volumes, your Librarian cannot refrain from again urging upon your Honorable House the necessity of providing for the residence on the spot of an officer in charge. [This had been suggested in previous Reports, in 1857 and 1858.] Every arrangement connected with the care, oversight and preservation of this valuable trust would then be under the control and direction of a responsible person, thoroughly conversant with the Library economy and its requirements. At present, the oversight of your Librarian ceases when he finishes his attendance for the day, and the care of the collection devolves upon persons over whom he has no control. Such an anomaly does not exist, it is believed, in any similar institution of equal magnitude in the world, for, in all Public Libraries of any considerable extent, whether in *Europe* or *America*, there is a resident custodian. In the event of fire, no one else could act with equal promptitude and success; and it was forcibly urged in the Report of the Commissioners appointed to investigate the cause of the destruction of the Parliament Buildings by fire in 1854, that had an officer of the department been in residence in the Building at that time, no doubt could be entertained that 'all the most rare works, if not every volume in the Library, would have been, on the first symptoms of danger, early removed, and conveyed to a place of safety.' (See Appendix E: Legislative Assembly Journals "1854-5.)

"The original plans for the construction of a new Parliament House at Ottawa included a residence for a Librarian, but it now appears that this arrangement has, for some unexplained reason, been either postponed or abandoned. Your Librarian, however, taking into account the necessity which exists for the same, earnestly recommends your Honorable House to direct that provision shall be made for the accommodation of a Librarian, in or adjacent to the new Parliament Buildings."

Extract from a Report from the joint Library Committee to both Houses ; presented on May 3rd, 1861 :—

"The satisfactory accounts received of the progress of the Public Buildings now erected in Ottawa, for the reception of the Legislature, have induced the Committee to bestow their serious attention upon the question of the accommodation required for the Library. The great and increasing value of the collection, and the importance of securing adequate space and judicious arrangements for its permanent preservation, led to the adoption of a Resolution, in 1859, by which the Committee declared their opinion 'that in all arrangements to be entered into by the Government, with a view to providing accommodation for the Library, whether temporarily at Quebec, or permanently at Ottawa, the Librarian should be consulted, in regard to the plans for the construction and internal management of the Library Buildings.'" (See the Minutes of the Library Committee, of 13th April, 1859.) "A copy of this Resolution was communicated to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, on the 10th May, 1859, and shortly afterwards a Memorandum, prepared by Mr. Todd, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly, specifying in detail the particulars necessary to be embraced in any design for the construction of this portion of the Parliament Buildings, was sent in to the Board. The Committee have pleasure in stating that the Board of Works approved of these suggestions, and directed the plans of every Architect competing for the work to be prepared in conformity therewith. The result promises to be highly satisfactory, and there is every reason to believe that the structure destined to receive the library will be admirably adapted to the purpose, as well as of considerable beauty, in an architectural point of view.

"The Committee, however, regret to state, that, in one important particular, the Board of Works have failed to carry out the recommendations submitted to them, in that they have made no provision for the residence within the precincts of the Parliamentary Buildings, of a custodian of the Library. This, in the opinion of the Committee, is a defect in the existing plan, which should be immediately remedied. When the value and extent of the Library is considered, and the responsibility attending its care and oversight, it will be at once apparent that no adequate arrangements could be made to protect it from loss, to ensure its being available at all times to those who may require instant reference to the books, and to prevent disastrous consequences in the event of fire occurring in the Buildings, without the presence on the spot of a responsible officer in charge. The Committee have accordingly unanimously agreed to recommend to both Houses that a representation should be addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that he will be pleased to direct that suitable accommodation be provided for the residence of a Librarian, in or adjacent to the New Parliament Buildings now in course of erection at Ottawa."

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,  
Librarian of Parliament.

Library of Parliament,  
23rd October, 1873.

Mr. Mills, from the Select Committee on the *Jacques Cartier* Election Petition, reported the absence of Mr. Prévost, a Member of the said Committee from their meetings on Friday and Saturday last, and on this day, in consequence of which, the meeting of the Committee was adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock noon.

On motion of Mr. Mills, Mr. Prévost was ordered to attend in his place in this House at its next sitting.

Mr. Scatcherd, from the Select Committee on the Town of Brockville Election Petition, presented the following as their final determination :—

1. Resolved, That *Jacob D. Buell, Esq.*, the sitting Member, is duly elected to represent the Electoral District of the Town of Brookville, with the Township of Elizabethtown thereto attached.

2. Resolved, That the Petition of *R. Metcalfe* and *R. Earl*, and also the Petition of *H. Abbott* against the Election and Return of the said sitting Member, are not frivolous or vexatious.

3. Resolved, That the defence of the said sitting Member against the said Petitions is not frivolous or vexatious.

Mr. Chisholm, from the Select Committee of the N. R., County of Huron Election Petition, reported the absence of Mr. Joly, Chairman, from the meeting of the Committee on Friday last. He further reported the absence of Mr. Joly, Chairman, and that of Mr. Flesher, a Member of the said Committee, from the meeting this day, in consequence of which the Committee was adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Chisholm, Messrs. Joly and Flesher were ordered to attend in their places in this House, at its next sitting.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Huntington, from the Select Committee on the E. R. of Northumberland Election Petition reported, that at the request of the Petitioner, the sitting Member consenting thereto, all matters connected with the Petition herein, including the consideration of the delivery of the lists of objected votes, be adjourned until this day fortnight at 11 a.m., without prejudice to the rights of either party, and that the Committee do ask leave from The House to adjourn until that day.—Leave granted accordingly.

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Witton moved, seconded by Mr. Baby,

1. 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 ; and further, to assure His Excellency—

2. That we thank His Excellency for his statement that, in accordance with the intimation given by him at the close of last Session, he has caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners, appointed by His Excellency to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

3. That we also thank His Excellency, for the intimation that the evidence obtained under the Commission deserves careful consideration, and that having the Report before us, it will be for us to determine whether it can be of any assistance to us.

4. That we learn with satisfaction that a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the laws in force in the several Provinces, relating to the representation of the people in Parliament will again be submitted to us ; and that we shall willingly avail ourselves of the advantage which the postponement of this measure from last Session affords us of including in its provisions the Province of Prince Edward Island, now happily united to Canada.

5. That we observe that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to whom a Royal Charter was granted, have been unable to make the financial arrangements necessary for the construction of that great undertaking ; and that we learn with much interest that they have therefore executed a surrender of their Charter, which has been accepted by His Excellency.

6. That we shall certainly feel ourselves called upon to take steps to secure the early commencement and vigorous prosecution of the construction of that Railway, and thus to carry out, in good faith, the arrangement made with the Province of British Columbia, and that any measure for this purpose which may be submitted to us shall receive our most earnest consideration.

7. That we are aware that the extension of the bounds of the Dominion must have caused a corresponding increase in the work of administration, and may call for additional assistance in Parliament as well as in Executive Government, and that we shall give our best attention to any Bill on this subject which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us ; as well as to any Bill for the establishment of a General Court of Appeal.

8. That we shall carefully consider any measures relating to our navigable waters and to the Inspection Laws, or for the establishment of a Dominion Board of Agriculture, which may be submitted to us : and that the subject of the Law relating to Insolvency will necessarily engage our attention.

9. That we learn with much pleasure that the efforts made by the several Provinces, as well as by the Dominion, to encourage Immigration, have met with success, and that a large number of valuable settlers has been added to our population : and that His Excellency need not doubt that we shall continue to give liberal aid to this important object.

10. That we thank His Excellency for having directed that the accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before us, and are happy to learn that the prosperous condition of our finances continues, and that the revenue has been sufficient to meet all charges upon it.

11. That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year, which will be laid before us ; that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that they have been prepared with due regard to economy as well as to the efficiency of the public service ; and that we trust that we shall find that the supplies which are necessary, may be granted without inconvenience to the people.

12. That His Excellency may rest assured that our best attention will be devoted to the important interests committed to our charge ; and that we feel deeply grateful to him for the expression of his confidence that our deliberations will redound to the advantage and prosperity of the country.

The first paragraph of the said proposed Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second paragraph thereof being read a second time,

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to add to the paragraph the words following : " and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House ;"

And a debate arising thereon, and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight.

TUESDAY, 28th October, 1873.

And the Debate continuing :—

The said Debate was, on motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 1.25, A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.



## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

**Mr. Lantier**—On Monday next—The following Resolutions:—

1.—That the interests of the Dominion of Canada require that there should be tranquility and content in the various Provinces which compose the Confederation.

2.—That, in consequence of the disturbances that occurred in the Province of Manitoba before its reception into the Dominion, and the acts of violence which were then committed, there exists in that Province a sense of uneasiness and disquiet which would be dissipated, and would give place to a general feeling of peace and satisfaction if Her Gracious Majesty would exercise her Royal Prerogative, and grant a full and complete pardon and amnesty for all acts, crimes and offences that may have been committed in the Province of Manitoba previous to its union with Canada.

3.—That an humble address based on these Resolutions be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying Her Majesty to exercise her Royal Prerogative by granting such pardon and amnesty.

**Mr. Taschereau**—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all papers relating to the proceedings and finding of the Court of Enquiry ordered to assemble at the Militia Office at Quebec, on the tenth of June last, to investigate and report fully upon certain charges made by Lieutenant-Colonel *Panet* (Ninth Battalion Active Militia) against the Brigade of Garrison Artillery of Quebec, such papers to comprise all the evidence adduced and all the correspondence had on the subject.

**Mr. Young** (Waterloo)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return shewing the number of money letters which have been lost, or are alleged to have been lost in the Public Mails and Post Offices during the years of 1870, '71 and '73, with the names of the senders, the persons to whom addressed and the amounts of money known or alleged to have been enclosed, so far as known to the Post Office Department.

**Mr. Young** (Waterloo)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a statement shewing in detail for each month since the 1st of January, 1872, the amount of Public Money deposited in the Merchants' Bank of Canada, distinguishing between the portion bearing interest and that without interest, together with a statement of any Bills of Exchange which may have been bought from or sold to the said Bank, with the rate of exchange, paid or received, and also a statement of any other transactions with the said Institution during the period in question.

**Mr. Schultz**—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence with and communications to the Dominion Government, the Minister of Justice or any Member of the Government, from any and all persons in Manitoba or elsewhere, respecting the conduct of the Officers of Justice or any one connected with the administration of Justice in Manitoba or the North West Territories, in connection with the kidnapping case of Gordon Gordon and his subsequent arrest in the North West Territories.

**Mr. Schultz**—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the distribution of the Half-breeds' Lands, and the adjustment of the Honorary Privilege in Manitoba at once.

**Mr. Schultz**—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to increase the annuity received at present by the Salteaur and Cree Indians of the Province of Manitoba.

**Mr. Pelletier**—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is by direction of the Dominion Government, that the Hon. Mr. Justice *H. E. Taschereau*, in place of establishing his residence at St. Louis de Kamouraska, *chef lieu* of the District of Kamouraska has taken up his residence at Riviere-du-Loup.

JAMES COOKBURN

Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1873.

No. 2.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1873.

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1873.

Mr. Speaker reported to The House, that the Recognizances to the following Election Petitions are *unobjectionable*, viz. :—

Of *John C. Schliehauf*, against the Election and Return of *George E. Casey*, Esq., for the Electoral Division of the W. R. County of Elgin.

Of *Louis A. Sénécal*, against the Election and Return of *Joseph Duguay*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Yamaska.

Of *John Laird*, against the Election and Return of the Hon. *John B. Robinson*, for the Electoral District of Algoma; and

Of *Henry E. Ritter* and others, against the Election and Return of *Michel Mathieu*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Richelieu.

Also, that the securities to the following Election Petitions are *unobjectionable*, viz. :—

Of *Alexis C. Pelletier* and *Magloire Chouinard*, against the Election and Return of *Philippe B. Casgrain*, Esq., for the Electoral District of L'Islet.

Of *Malcolm B. McIntyre* and others, against the Election and Return for the Electoral District of the S.R. County of Renfrew.

Of *James Thomson*, against the Election and Return of the Hon. *J. J. C. Abbott* for the Electoral District of Argenteuil.

Of *Joseph Acheson* and an other, against the Election and Return of *M. C. Cameron*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the S. R. County of Huron; and

Of *D'Arcy Boulton*, against the Election and Return of *A. P. Cockburn*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Muskoka.

Mr. *Mills*, from the Select Committee on the Jacques Cartier Election Petition, again reported the absence of Mr. *Prévost*, a Member of the said Committee, from the meeting this day; in consequence of which the Committee was adjourned until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Mackenzie's* amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. *Witton's* proposed Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session;—and which

amendment was, to add to the paragraph the words following:—"and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House."

And a further Debate arising,

Mr. Speaker informed The House that the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate of the Election and Return of *Louis Riel*, Esq., Member to represent the Electoral District of Provencher, in the room of the Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, deceased.

Mr. *Chisholm*, from the Select Committee on the N. R. County of Huron Election Petition, again reported the absence of Mr. *Joly*, Chairman, and Mr. *Flesher*, both Members of the said Committee, from the meeting this day, in consequence of which the Committee was adjourned until 11 a.m., to-morrow.

And the said Debate continuing:—

The Hon. Mr. *McDonald* (Pictou) moved, in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

And a Debate arising thereon;—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Wood*, adjourned until to-morrow. The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blain*—on Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—What instructions have been given to the Customs Officers at Railway Stations where such officers are located; and particularly what instructions have been given to the officers at the Port of Windsor as to the time within which they shall attend to inspect travellers' luggage?

Mr. *Schultz*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why answer has not been made to the Address of 26th March, 1873, for copies of the following documents, viz.: The Draft Surrender from the Hudson Bay Company to Her Majesty, approved by the Governor General of Canada on 5th July, 1869; the Report of the Committee of the Privy Council on said Draft of the said Order in Council; the Order in Council approving of said Draft; all correspondence between the Hudson Bay Company and the Government of Canada in reference to any claim or application by said Company of 500 acres of land around Upper Fort Garry; all Orders in Council relative to said lands; all Patents granting the whole or any portion of said lands to the Hudson Bay Company; and if any reason exists for these papers not being laid before the House, what reason?

Mr. *Almon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Postmaster General has, in reference to the Montreal Post Office affair, given strict orders to the officials of the House of Commons Post Office that each Member's letters, broken or otherwise, be put into his own box?

No. 3.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1873.

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1873.

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Mr. Speaker informed The House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate of the Election and Return of *Joseph Aldéric Ouimet*, Esq., Member to represent the Electoral District of Laval, in the room of the Hon. *J. H. Bellerose*, called to the Senate.

*J. A. Ouimet*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Laval, having previously taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *J. A. Simmers* and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the London and Canada Bank.

Of *Charles J. Coursolles* and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of Société Permanente de Construction Royale.

Of the Religious Society of Friends, constituting Canada yearly meeting, in conference convened ; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Great Western Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to construct a branch line, from some point at or near the Town of Clifton, to a point at or near the Village of Allanburgh, in the County of Welland.

*Mr. Pelletier*, from the Select Committee on the Rimouski Election Petition, reported that, at the request of the Petitioner, the sitting Member consenting thereto, all matters connected with the Petition herein be adjourned until Thursday, the 6th day of November, at 11 a.m., without prejudice to the rights of either party, and the Committee to ask leave from The House to adjourn until that day.—Leave granted accordingly.

*Mr. Brooks*, from the Select Committee on the Portneuf Election Petition, reported the following as their final determination :—

1. *Resolved*, That *Esdras A. De St. Georges*, Esq., the Sitting Member, is duly elected to represent the Electoral District of Portneuf.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *J. D. Brousseau*, against the Election and Return of the said sitting Member is not frivolous nor vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the said sitting Member against the said Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Dorion* (Napierville), the Order of The House referring to the General Committee of Elections the Petition of *Thomas Babb* against the Election and Return of *James Trow*, M.P., for the Electoral District of the S. R. of Perth, and of *John W. Loucks* and *Jacob Weagant* against the Election and Return of *William Gibson*, M.P. for the Electoral District of Dundas, was discharged.

The Order for the attendance of Mr. *Prévost* in his place, to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the Jacques Cartier Election Committee, being read, Mr. *Mills* read an affidavit of Mr. *Prévost*, stating that he had been unable to attend the meetings of the said Committee, holden between the 23rd and 28th inst., on account of severe illness, keeping him under the Doctor's charge. On motion of Mr. *Mills*, the excuse of Mr. *Prévost*, verified on oath, was deemed sufficient.

The Order for the attendance of Mr. *Joly* in his place, to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the N. R. Huron Election Committee, being read, Mr. *Chisholm* read an affidavit of Mr. *Joly*, stating that he was in Europe when he received the first intimation that The House was to meet on the 23rd inst; that his passage was then engaged for the 16th inst, and all his arrangements made to leave on that date, which he did; and that immediately after landing he came up to Ottawa. On motion of Mr. *Chisholm*, the excuse of Mr. *Joly*, verified on oath, was deemed sufficient.

The Order for the attendance of Mr. *Flesher* in his place, to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the N. R. Huron Election Committee, being read, Mr. *Chisholm* read an affidavit of Mr. *Flesher*, stating that his absence from the sittings of the said Committee was caused by a misapprehension of the Law and requirements in the premises, that is to say, under the belief the said Committee would not sit, or proceed to business until the Report of the absence of the Chairman of the said Committee had been dealt with by The House, or the return of the said Chairman had enabled the Committee to proceed; and that his said absence was not caused by any intentional neglect. On motion of Mr. *Chisholm*, the excuse of Mr. *Flesher*, verified on oath, was deemed sufficient.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Mackenzie's* motion of amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. *Witton's* motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session;—and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following: "and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House;" and of Hon. Mr. *McDonald's* (Pictou) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

And a further Debate arising thereon;—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Palmer*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

# NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

**Mr. Schultz**—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make Grants of Land to the Half-breed Heads of Families in Manitoba, who have been excluded from participation in the 1,400,000 acre grant, by the recent interpretation of Sec. 81 of the Manitoba Act?

**Mr. Mailloux**—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government, in view of the pressing necessity therefor, to appropriate during the present Session a sum of money for the extension of the wharf at Riviere du Loup, in the County of Temiscouata?

The Order for the attendance of Mr. Weston in his place to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the House of Commons on the 15th inst. and all his arrangements made to leave on that date which he did not do so, was deemed sufficient. The Order for the attendance of Mr. Weston in his place to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the House of Commons on the 15th inst. and all his arrangements made to leave on that date which he did not do so, was deemed sufficient. The Order for the attendance of Mr. Weston in his place to answer for his non-attendance at the sittings of the House of Commons on the 15th inst. and all his arrangements made to leave on that date which he did not do so, was deemed sufficient.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. Mackenzie's motion of amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. Wilson's motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session:—and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following: "and we have to acquit Mr. Mackenzie in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. Mackenzie, in the place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House"; and of Hon. Mr. McDonald's (Pilot) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we at the same time beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

JAMES COCKBURN  
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 4.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1873.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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1873.

The Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada  
 We the undersigned duly qualified Electors who have contested the Election of *James Thomson* for the County of *Yamaska*, hereby notify you and give notice to all whom it may concern, that we retire from our said contestation of the said Election, and that we dissent from all proceedings instituted by us or in our name with a view to secure the annulling of the said Election, and for all purposes whatsoever.

Given under my hand at *Hawkesbury*, the 27th day of October, 1873.

And I hereby withdraw and discontinue the said Election Petition.

*James Thomson*, in the County of *Yamaska*, in the Province of *Quebec*, *Jeweller* and *Watchmaker*, now residing at the Village of *Hawkesbury*, in the Province of *Quebec*, the Petitioner in the said matter, do not intend to contend with the Election Petition filed by me in this matter against the Election and Return of the said Member.—And I hereby withdraw and discontinue the said Election Petition.

Please take notice that *James Thomson*, petitioner of the Parish of *St. Andrew*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, in the District of *Torbonne*, in the Province of *Quebec*, *Jeweller* and *Watchmaker*, now residing in the Village of *Hawkesbury*, in the Province of *Quebec*, the Petitioner in the said matter, do not intend to contend with the Election Petition filed by me in this matter against the Election and Return of the said Member.—And I hereby withdraw and discontinue the said Election Petition.

To the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, and to the Hon. A. V. C. Abbot, sitting in the matter of the Controverted Elections for the County of *Argenteuil*.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of October, 1873.

JAMES THOMSON

In the presence of  
 WILLIAM EARL HAYES  
 THOMAS H. WYMAN

L. A. SÉNÉCAL  
P. GILDA

Printed in presence of  
J. H. M. GILDA  
P. H. GILDA



No. 5

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF  
**THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1873.

Mr. Speaker acquainted The House, that he had received the following notices, intimating that it is not intended to proceed with the Petitions complaining of the undue Elections and Returns for the Electoral Districts of Argenteuil and Yamaska.

In the matter of the Controverted Elections for the County of Argenteuil.

To the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, and to the Hon. *J. J. C. Abbott*, sitting Member for the County of Argenteuil.

Please take notice, that I, *James Thomson*, heretofore of the Parish of St. Andrews, in the County of Argenteuil, in the District of Terrebonne, in the Province of Quebec, Jeweller and Watchmaker, now residing in the Village of Hawkesbury, in the Province of Ontario, the Petitioner in the said matter, do not intend to proceed with the Election Petition fyled by me in this matter against the Election and Return of the said sitting Member.—And I hereby withdraw and discontinue the said Election Petition.

Given under my hand at Hawkesbury, the 27th day of October, 1873.

In the presence of  
 WILLIAM EARL HAYES,  
 THOMAS H. WYMAN.

JAMES THOMSON.

To the Honorable

OTTAWA, 29th October, 1873.

The Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.

We, the undersigned duly qualified Electors, who have contested the Election of *Joseph Dugury*, Esquire, as a Member of the House of Commons of Canada for the County of Yamaska, hereby notify you and give notice to all whom it may concern, that we retire from our said contestation of the said Election, and that we desist from all proceedings instituted by us or in our name with a view to secure the annulling of the said Election, and for all purposes whatsoever.

L. A. SÉNÉCAL  
 V. GLADU.

Signed in presence of  
 L. H. M. GILL,  
 O. H. COVENS.

Mr. *Mills*, from the Select Committee on the Jacques Cartier Election Petition, reported the following as their final determination :—

1. *Resolved*, That *Rodolphe Laflamme*, Esq., the sitting Member, is duly elected to represent the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *Clement Deschamps*, against the Election and Return of the said sitting Member is not frivolous nor vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the said sitting Member against the said Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.

Mr. *Joly*, from the Select Committee on the N. R. of Huron Election Petition, reported that Messrs. *W. H. Walker* and *F. C. Clemow*, the Counsels respectively for the Petitioner and sitting Member, submitted a request for an adjournment of all proceedings in the premises until the 13th of November, without prejudice to rights of either party, and with rights reserved to each to file with the Chairman of the Committee the lists of voters objected to on that day; which adjournment was granted by the Committee,—and, on motion of Mr. *Joly*, leave was granted by The House to the Committee to adjourn until that day at 11 A.M.

Mr. *Baby*, from the Select Committee on the Maskinongé Election Petition reported, that the sitting Member and the Petitioner had, by mutual consent, requested the Committee to adjourn until the 7th of November next, at 10 A.M.—Leave was accordingly granted by The House to the Committee, to adjourn until that day.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the Select Committee on the Quebec Centre Election Petition reported, that the Committee had resolved to adjourn until Tuesday, the 4th November next, at 11 A.M.—This the Committee considered necessary, and they have the consent of the Petitioner and sitting Member thereto; wherefore they ask leave to adjourn until that day.—Leave granted accordingly

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Mackenzie's* motion of amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. *Witton's* motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session;—and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following: "and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House;"—and of Hon. Mr. *McDonald's* (Pictou) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

And a further Debate arising;

Mr. *Pelletier*, from the Select Committee on the Rimouski Election Petition, reported the following as their final determination :—

1. *Resolved*, That *Romuald Fiset*, Esq., the sitting Member, was duly Elected and Returned to represent the Electoral District of Rimouki at the last session.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *George Sylvain*, against the Election and Return of the said sitting Member, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the said sitting Member gainst the said Petition is not frivolous nor vexatious.

And the Debate continuing;—the said Debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. *Tilley*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

**JAMES COCKBURN,**  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Goudge—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any application has been made on behalf of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company of Nova Scotia, for power to increase the tolls or tariff upon their line of Railway extending from Annapolis to Windsor, and the extent of increase ;

Also, whether application extends to that portion of the Government Railroad between Windsor and Halifax and used by the above-named Company ;

Also, whether any change has taken place in the relations of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company and the Government with respect to the management, running, ownership or control of that portion of the Government Railroad extending from Windsor to the Windsor Junction, so called, or from Windsor to Halifax ;

Also, if any increase of tariff has been applied for, whether such increase contemplates a higher rate of tariff than that at present charged upon the Intercolonial and Pictou Railways in Nova Scotia owned and managed by the Government ?

Mr. Charlton—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for any correspondence which may have taken place between the Government of Canada and the United States Government, through the British Minister at Washington, relating to the obstruction of Niagara River, and the impeding of the navigation of the same, by the erection of a crib for the Buffalo City Water Works in mid-channel of said stream and in the track of vessels and rafts passing through the draw of the International Bridge.

Mr. Blain—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for the instructions given to the Customs Officers at the Ports of Entry as to the examination and passing of travellers' luggage, and the time within which they ought to attend to discharge their duties.

Mr. Bergin—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—What action, if any, has been taken by Government with reference to anticipated immigration of Irish Agricultural Labourers to America ; and whether Government has issued instructions to Mr. Larkin, Dominion Emigration Agent at Dublin, directing that official to take steps to inform the people of Ireland of the advantages of Canada as a field for Immigrants ; and whether it is the intention of Government to appoint more efficient and active agents in the South of Ireland than they hitherto have employed ?

Mr. Pelletier—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of Quebec since the first of May, 1873, and between the said Government and the Honorable *Henry Elzear Taschereau*, Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, for the District of Kamouraska, in relation to the residence assigned to the said Judge in the said District.

Mr. Tobin—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why the Legislation of last Session with regard to the extension of the Railway from Richmond to Halifax City has not been carried out, and what measures the Government propose with regard to the same in the present Session ?

JAMES COOKBURN,

Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1873.

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JAMES COOPER

Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION  
No. 6.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1873.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Mathieu* introduced a Bill (No. 2) for the prevention of adulteration of Food and Drink, and of Drugs.  
—Second reading on Thursday next.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Mackenzie's* motion of amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. *Witton's* motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session;—and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following: "and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House;"—and of Hon. Mr. *McDonald's* (Pictou) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

And a further Debate arising;—the said Debate was, on motion of the Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Baker—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on the subject of the appointment of Commissioners for the negotiation of a Treaty of Reciprocity or having relation to the re-establishment of reciprocal trade relations between the two countries.

No. 6.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1878.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION.

No. 7

Mr. Baker—On Monday next—Enquiry of Ministry of Marine—Whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on the subject of the appointment of Commissioners for the negotiation of a Treaty of Reciprocity or having relation to the re-establishment of diplomatic trade relations between the two countries.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1873.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *J. B. Lewis*, of Ottawa, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Bank of Ottawa.

Of *William Hartrick*, of the Township of Pickering, in the County of Ontario, Esquire ; complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable *Thomas Nicholson Gibbs* for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario.

*Mr. Cunningham*, Member for the Electoral District of Marquette, rose in his place and read to The House a statement, and laid the same on the Table ; and the said statement is as follows :—

“ On Sunday, being unwell, I left word with the clerk of my hôtel that I was not at home to anybody. At 1-30 P.M., *Mr. Graham*, the proprietor, came to my room and informed me a gentleman wished to see me. I declined ; he mentioned that my visitor's name was Alderman *Heney*, of Ottawa, and that he had been told I was in, and pressed me to admit him. I consented at length, and a person came in, who introduced himself to me as Alderman *Heney*. He immediately referred to my speech of Thursday, suggested that I had not so committed myself as to prevent me from voting either way, and asked me to vote for the Government, told me that he knew all about the situation which the Government wished me to accept, and said that I might have that situation, and that it would be made far better for me than was at first proposed.—He went on to say, that my expenses at last Election must have been great, and that the Government were willing to pay these expenses, and more, that I could name any sum, £1,000, £2,000, £3,000, and it would be at once deposited so, as to be secured to me.

“ I was so astounded at the conversation that I wished for time to consider and consult as to the best mode of exposing the affair, and I asked him to return at seven o'clock, when I would have considered it. As he left my room he met Senator *Sutherland*, who entered immediately, and to whom I at once communicated what had passed. During the afternoon I also stated the facts to two private, and to four Parliamentary friends.

“ About 7 P.M., *Mr. Alderman Heney* returned, and asked me if I had thought over the matter. I replied in the affirmative. He asked me what I meant to do. I inquired for whom he was acting in this matter. He said for the Government, and entered into a lengthy eulogium of the Cabinet. He asked me what my Election expenses were. I named a sum. ‘That is not enough, put it higher. Name any sum, any sum at

all. Vote with the Government, and you will get it.' I asked what guarantee I would have of good faith, supposing I agreed. He said the Government never went back on their word,—that they had been true to him in his wood contracts—and that they would be sure in this matter,—that I would still have the situation mentioned, and could name my terms as to money.

"Though I had been more than once nearly overcome by indignation, and was on the point of ejecting the Alderman from my room, I restrained myself, and determined to see how far he would go. Accordingly I said, suppose I ask that \$5,000 should be put to my credit in a Bank, secured so that I can draw it on my voting with the Government, can that be done? Certainly, he replied, meet me to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at my office. We will go to Mr. Noel, and the whole will be arranged.

"We then parted, and I at once informed Senator *Sutherland* and the other gentlemen of the conversation.

"I did not go to his office, and avoided seeing him since.

"I may state, that this statement contains the more material part of the conversation; although much more was said."

On motion of Mr. *White* (Halton), it was Resolved,—That Mr. *Cunningham*, a Member of this House, having stated in his place that an offer of money and other advantage had been made to him, yesterday, through Alderman *John Heney*, of the City of Ottawa, in order to induce him to vote for the Government on the pending motion on the Address, an Order of the House do issue, directing that the Serjeant-at-Arms do forthwith take the said Alderman *Heney* into custody.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* laid before the House,—Statement of balances in the Merchants' Bank by the Receiver General's books, as compared with the statement of the Bank as published in the "Gazette."

Mr. *Mathieu* introduced a Bill (No. 3) for the repression of crimes and misdemeanors, committed by means of the Press, or by any other mode of publication; and for the punishment of libel.—Second reading on Monday next.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Mackenzie's* motion of amendment to the second paragraph of Mr. *Witton's* motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session;—and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following: "and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. *Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House;"—and of Hon. Mr. *McDonald's* (Pictou) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment:—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

Mr. *Mills*, Member for the Electoral District of Bothwell, in the course of the Debate made reference to the Despatches from His Excellency the Governor-General to the Imperial Government submitted to the House by Message—"as being sent down for a purpose."

The Right Hon. Sir John A. *Macdonald* raised a point of Order, on the ground that no Honorable Member had a right to say that the Representative of the Sovereign sent down certain Despatches, "for the purpose of influencing Debate in this House."

Mr. SPEAKER decided:—"There is no doubt an Honorable Member may criticize the subject matter of such Despatches, but he should not say 'they were sent down for a purpose.'"

And the Debate was continued.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1873.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of the Hon. Mr. *Holton*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 2:15 A.M.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.



# NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

**Mr. Bain**—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor-General for a Return of all the papers connected with the recent appointment of a Postmaster at the Village of Greenville, and the removal of the Post Office from that place.

**Mr. Béchard**—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor-General for copies of all communications or correspondence which may have passed, from the year 1860 (inclusively) to the month of January, 1873, between the Government of Canada and the Vermont Central Railway Company, relating to the construction of wharves by the said Company alongside their bridge across the Richelieu River opposite the Town of St. John.

**Mr. Casey**—On Wednesday next—That the papers in reference to Port Stanley Harbor, laid before the House last Session, be referred to a Select Committee having power to send for persons and papers.

**Mr. Schultz**—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the construction of the Bridge over the Red River?

JAMES COCKBURN

Speaker

No. 7.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1873.

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One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Petition of the Rev. *J. J. A. Vinet*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of St. Anicet, County of Huntingdon, was received and read; praying for the assessment of certain damages, caused by the Beauharnois Canal, and for indemnity therefor.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the Select Committee on the Quebec Centre Election Petition, reported the following Resolutions as their final determination:—

1. *Resolved*, That Hon. *J. E. Cauchon* was duly elected to represent the Electoral District of Quebec Centre in the House of Commons, at the last Election.
2. *Resolved*, That the Petition is not frivolous, nor vexatious.
3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the sitting Member is not frivolous, nor vexatious.

The Committee also report, in accordance with the 90th Section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, all the questions on which the Committee divided, with the names of Members voting in the affirmative and in the negative.

Tuesday, 6th May, 1873.

Moved by the sitting Member, that the Committee do adjourn until to-morrow, in order to have time to prepare his arguments against the jurisdiction of the Speaker in regard to the deposit, in the matter of the Quebec Centre Election, and that he be permitted to plead that the deposit has not been made according to the requirements of the law.

The Committee divided.

Yeas:—Hon. Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pâquet*, and Mr. *White* (Halton).

Nays:—Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Masson*.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Saturday, 10th May, 1873.

That the certificate of deposit is not sufficient by reason of the money being stated to have been paid by *Thomas John Reeve*, and that it does not state that it was paid by or on behalf of the other Petitioners.

The Committee divided.

Yeas :—*Mr. White* (Halton) and *Mr. Pâquet*.

Nays :—*Hon. Mr. Ross*, *Mr. Masson*, and *Mr. Kirkpatrick*.

So it was carried in the negative.

That the preliminary objections argued by the sitting Member's council, cannot be entertained by the Committee.

The Committee divided.

Yeas :—*Hon. Mr. Ross*, *Mr. Kirkpatrick*, and *Mr. Masson*.

Nays :—*Mr. White* (Halton) and *Mr. Pâquet*.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Monday, 14th May, 1873.

That the Committee do adjourn until Friday next, the 16th instant.

The Committee divided.

Yeas :—*Hon. Mr. Ross* and *Mr. Pâquet*.

Nays :—*Mr. White* (Halton), *Mr. Masson*, and *Mr. Kirkpatrick*.

So it was carried in the negative.

That the Committee do adjourn until Saturday next, the 17th instant.

The Committee divided.

Yeas : *Mr. White* (Halton), *Mr. Masson* and *Mr. Kirkpatrick*.

Nays :—*Hon. Mr. Ross* and *Mr. Pâquet*.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Monday, 19th May, 1873.

That the Petition be dismissed on the following grounds :—

That no proceedings having been taken by the Petitioners herein, since the presentation of the Election Petition in this matter, to obtain summonses, or to procure the attendance of witnesses to give evidence before this Committee in support of their preliminary case, or of their claim as Electors of and Voters duly registered and entered on the revised and certified List of Voters entitled to vote for a person to represent the said Electoral District of Quebec Centre in the House of Commons, or to give evidence on any matters or allegations set forth in their Petition, except the service of irregular notices of intention to apply for a Commission, and this Committee having been sitting since the second May instant, be it

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Committee the said Petitioners have failed to show reasonable diligence in the prosecution of their said Petition, and that no further time be granted to the said Petitioners, to produce evidence of their said claim, as set out in their said Petition.

That the said motion be rejected,

The Committee divided.

Yeas :—*Mr. Ross*, *Mr. Masson*, *Mr. White* (Halton) and *Mr. Kirkpatrick*.

Nay :—*Mr. Pâquet*.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House reported, that in obedience to the Order of The House of yesterday, he had taken into custody *Mr. Alderman Heney*; and that he was now at the Bar of The House.—

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Heney* remain in attendance until called.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on *Mr. Mackenzie's* motion of amendment to the second paragraph of *Mr. Witton's* motion for an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session ;— and which amendment was to add to the paragraph the words following : "and we have to acquaint His Excellency that by their course in reference to the investigation of the charges preferred by *Mr. Huntington*, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House ;"—and of *Hon. Mr. McDonald's* (*Pictou*) motion of amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following be substituted in lieu of the said amendment :—"and we desire to assure His Excellency, that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary Elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs."

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1873.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Daly*, adjourned until the next sitting of The House, this day.

The House then adjourned at 1-30 A.M.

**JAMES COCKBURN,**  
Speaker.

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## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

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Mr. *Oliver*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence to and from the Government, from the 1st of July, 1869, to this date, relative to the Woodstock Post Office, including petitions and letters asking for the appointment of *William Hargrave* to that office.

Mr. *Mathieu*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to afford relief to the land-owners and mill-owners in the Seigniory of Sorel in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec, against exactions of the right of Bonality of mills, long since done away with in all other Seigniories throughout the said Province of Quebec, as injurious to Commerce and Enterprise.

Mr. *Mathieu*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to suffer proceedings to be continued in a suit lately brought in the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, sitting for the District of Richelieu at Sorel, as in the interest of the Crown, in the name of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Attorney General of Canada *pro Regina*, but the true Plaintiff in which suit is a subject who claims to have become subrogated in rights, franchises, privileges and prerogatives of the Crown in the matter, by purchaser against *Louis Hus Cournoyer*, a mill-owner in the Seigniory of Sorel, in the said Province of Quebec, for enforcing in the said Seigniory of Sorel the right of Bonality of mills of the enjoyment of which all individuals generally in the said Province of Quebec have long since been debarred through Legislative enactments, or to stay the same and offer unto the above-named *Louis Hus Cournoyer* such relief as he may be entitled to in the suit instituted against him.

Mr. *Bourassa*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why the Statutes of last Session have not as yet been distributed in the French language ; and whether the Government propose taking any steps towards causing their printing and distribution to be executed for the future in a more speedy manner.

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The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *Isaac Cockburn*, Merchant, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Collins Bay Rafting and Forwarding Company.

Of *Andrew Suffern* and others ; and of the Reverend *G. Dugast*, Curé of St. Boniface, and others, all of the Town of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba ; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Thomas Hicks*, and others, of St. John, New Brunswick ; complaining of the statements issued by certain Agents professing to impart correct information as to the credit and standing of Merchants, Traders, and others ; and praying for the adoption of such measures as will regulate the conduct of the business of Mercantile Agencies, so as to protect the business standing of the Mercantile Community.

On motion of the Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, The House adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

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No. 9.

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No. 10.

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The Petition of the Justices of the City and County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, was received and read ; praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting Procedure in Criminal cases and other matters relating to Criminal Law.

On motion of Mr. *Grefrion*, The House adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

## NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence with the Land Officer in Manitoba, and all persons on the subject of the right of holders of Lots on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in Manitoba, to the fee simple of the Hay Privilege Lots in their rear.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of the Treaty with the Salteaux Indians recently made at the North-West angle of the Lake of the Woods, and for all communications and petitions from the Salteaux and Cree Indians resident at or near the mouth of the Red River, on the subject of an increase of their present annuity.

Hon. Mr. *De Cosmos*—On Monday, November 17th, 1873.—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that he may be pleased to open negotiations with Her Majesty's Imperial Government, for the purpose of learning in what conditions the Dominion of Canada may be admitted to a full and complete share in all the national rights and privileges of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that the result of such negotiations be communicated to Parliament early in the next session.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1873.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that he had received the following letter :—

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

OTTAWA, 7th November, 1872.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that His Excellency the Governor-General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to prorogue the Session of the Dominion Parliament, at 4 o'clock, P.M., to-day.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

H. C. FLETCHER,

Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Commons,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

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Mr. Speaker also laid before The House,—Account Current of the Accountant of the House of Commons of Canada, of the amount received and disbursed by him for contingencies of the said House, from the 30th June, 1872, to the 30th June, 1873.

The Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, That the Serjeant-at-Arms do bring to the Bar of this House Mr. Alderman *Heney*, who is now in his custody;

And a Message being received from His Excellency the Governor-General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with The House went to the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to address the two Houses in the following Speech:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—*

In consequence of the resignation of my late Ministers during the Debate on the Address, I have called a fresh Administration to my Councils.

A large number of seats in the House of Commons having thus become vacant, I have decided, with due regard to the circumstances of the case, that it will be most convenient, in the interests of the public business, to prorogue this Parliament.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued to Wednesday, the 17th of December next.

JAMES COCKBURN,  
Speaker.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. *De Cosmos*—On Monday, November 17th, 1873.—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor-General praying that he may be pleased to open negotiations with Her Majesty's Imperial Government, for the purpose of learning on what conditions the Dominion of Canada may be admitted to a full and complete share in all the national rights, privileges and responsibilities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that the result of such negotiations be communicated to Parliament early in the next session.



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