

### First Reading.

Hon. Mr. ARMAND, introduced a bill to amend the Agricultural act of Lower Canada, for the purpose of removing certain abuses prejudicial to agriculture; second reading on Monday next.

### Explanations.

Hon. Mr. LE TELLIER again inquired whether the Government intended to give explanations regarding the changes which had taken place in the personnel. In his opinion, it was highly necessary these explanations should be given at the earliest moment, for it might be that some hon. members who supported the Government would not accept them as sufficient.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU replied that the circumstances to-day were the same as yesterday. The Government had always been ready to give full explanations, but had deemed it but courteous to await the coming of Hon. Mr. Brown, who they were now informed was actually on the road, and who would have been here already but for an accident which detained him. The explanations would therefore be given to-morrow.

### Presenting the Address.

Pursuant to order, the members, attended by the Speaker and the officers, proceeded to His Excellency's Chamber to present the reply to His Excellency's speech from the throne.

On their return the Speaker stated that he had presented the address, to which His Excellency had replied in the following terms:

HON. GENTLEMEN—

I receive your address with much satisfaction. I am confident that you will now proceed to the despatch of the public business with a sincere desire to promote the interests of the country.

On motion of Sir N. F. BELLEAU, His Excellency's reply was ordered to be printed in both languages for the use of members.

### First Reading.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL introduced a Bill to enable the Indians of Caughnawaga to regulate the sale of wood on their reserves." Second reading on Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned.

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1866.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

Several petitions were brought up, among them one by Mr. Street from the Bank of Upper Canada, praying for amendments to their charter; one by Mr. Morris from the University of Queen College Kingston, praying for the usual grant to that institution.

Twenty eight petitions were received and read.

Mr. WHITE reported from the Niagara Election Committee that Mr. Angus Morrison had been duly returned for that constituency.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time. Second reading ordered for to-morrow.

Mr. BELLEROSE—To extend the provisions of the Lower Canada act respecting the building and repair of Churches.

Hon. A. A. DORION—To amend the act respecting elections of members of the Legislature.

Hon. A. A. DORION—To amend the act containing special provisions respecting both Houses of Parliament.

Mr. GEOFFRION—To amend the Lower Canada agricultural act.

Mr. GEOFFRION—To amend the Municipal Law of Lower Canada.

Mr. STREET—To amend the Municipal Law Fund act as to the distribution of monies arising from Clergy Reserves.

Hon. Attorney General MACDONADD then rose to move the adjournment of the House as a mark of respect to the memory of the late members whose decease had occurred since the last session of the House, the late member for North Westworth, Mr. Notman, and the late member for North Oxford, Mr. Hepe F. McKenzie. He would not undertake to make any lengthened remarks on the merits and virtues of the deceased gentlemen, for that duty could be better discharged by other members, who from personal intimacy and association, had perhaps better means of doing them justice. He would only say that they had been respected and useful members of this House, and he asked now that this House should pay the respect due to their memory by adjourning for to-day.

Hon. J. S. MACDONALD seconded the motion, which he said had been so appropriately introduced by the Attorney General West. From personal and political acquaintance of long standing with the late member for North Westworth, Mr. Notman, he (Mr. Macdonald) was able to speak to the excellence of his character both in public and private life. Mr. Notman was born in

1805, in Scotland, came to Canada in 1821, and in 1837, he (Mr. M.) knew him as an active and efficient volunteer in defence of the institutions of our country. He had through life been a man of thorough loyalty, and had organized and for many years kept up at his own expense an efficient company of artillery at Dundas, in the county he had so long represented. He was returned to Parliament in 1847, and there, as perhaps the Attorney-General West might remember, had taken an active part in the debates of the Oxford election case, and ably vindicated the purity of election. In 1854 he was defeated, but was again returned in 1857, and though he did not take frequent part in the debates of the House, he was a good speaker, his enunciation being clear and forcible. As a politician, he had been consistent throughout his career, and though he respected the old adage which declared that we should say nothing but good of the dead, yet he did not think there was a member of this House, or a man in the country, who could justly cast a reproach upon the character, public or private of the late Mr. Notman. (Hear, hear.) Now that the Constitution was to be torn away under which they had so long worked, when a new era was to dawn upon us, and a new Constitution was to replace the old, he might be pardoned if he referred briefly to the members that had composed the several Parliaments. Since the Union, of the 84 elected to the first Parliament in 1841-43 were dead, 41 alive, but none of them now in this House—of those returned in 1844, there were three members now present, who had since that date continued to sit in the House, the Hon. Attorney General West, the member for Montmorenci (Mr. Cauchon,) and himself (Mr. J. S. Macdonald.) Of the Parliament returned at the general election in 1847 there were now in the House the three members already named, and the hon. member for Peel (Hon. J. H. Cameron,) and towards the close of that Parliament the Hon. Attorney General East and the Hon. Finance Minister were returned to the House. Of those returned at the general election, in 1851, there were ten members now present. (Mr. McDonald also gave the figures as to how many were alive of those returned at each general election since the union.) During the long period in which the Attorney General West, the member for Montmorenci and himself, with the other old members of the House had taken part in the legislation of the country, there had been many angry discussions and many pleasing incidents—many things upon which they could all look back with pleasure, and he wished they might all have a long and happy career under whatever Constitution may be substituted for the one they were about to give up. With the new Legislature would come new men and new measures; but looking back upon the past he thought this Legislature had little to regret, it had done much good service to the country, and the country had made very great progress under it. Of the other deceased member (Mr. McKenzie, though not so intimately acquainted with him, he could bear testimony to his careful application to his duties which he appeared to have comprehended at once on his first entrance into the House. He sincerely joined therefore with his friend the Attorney General in supporting the adjournment of the House as a mark of respect eminently due to the memory of the deceased. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. McKELLAR deemed it proper, as an old personal and political friend of the late Mr. Hope McKenzie to say a few words on the motion. In relation to the late member for North Westworth, he could only endorse the remarks of the member for Cornwall; but Mr. McKenzie had been one of his oldest and most valued private and political friends. In 1860 he was elected for Lambton, and in 1863 for North Oxford, by an overwhelming majority. Had he lived to offer himself again to the same constituency, he (Mr. McK.) had been assured he would have been returned without opposition. He was sure that all would agree that the House had lost a valuable member, and the country one of its best citizens.

Hon. Mr. MACDOUGALL regretted the absence of the Hon. Mr. Brown on this occasion, who, had he been in his place, might have been expected to do justice to the memory of the deceased members. Mr. McD. alluded briefly to the high and important duties devolving upon members of the Legislature, and from which these gentlemen had been summoned by death, and concluded by saying that from personal acquaintance with both members he could fully endorse the sentiments of the members for Cornwall and Kent.

The House then adjourned until 3 p. m. on Thursday.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th, 1866.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock. After routine.

### Accommodation for Members in the Gallery of the Assembly.

The SPEAKER begged to inform the House that in regard to the complaint of being unable to hear from the place assigned to them in the gallery of the Legislative Assembly, that another portion of said gallery on one of the sides had been set apart by the Speaker of that House for their accommodation, where it was hoped they would be enabled better to hear what was going on.

### Private Bill Committee.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN, Chairman of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reported certain Bills as in-order. The Report also recommended that the quorum be reduced to five members.

The Report was received, and on motion of the same hon. member the quorum was reduced as recommended.

### Joint Library Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the Library Committee be authorized to act with the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly as a Joint Committee, and that a message with the names of the said Committee be sent to that House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST the name of Hon. Mr. Olivier was added to the said Committee.

### First Readings.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU introduced a Bill to incorporate the St. Lawrence Navigation Company. Second reading on Tuesday next.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Bill to authorize Pierson Harris to obtain a patent for a machine for deodorizing Petroleum mines. Second reading Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN—Bill to provide means for serving legal process on Corporations having no office or place of business. Second reading on Monday.

The SAME HON MEMBER—Bill to amend the Commissioners Court act of Lower Canada. Second reading Tuesday.

### Indemnity for Losses by Fenian Raid.

Hon. Mr. MOORE gave notice that on Wednesday next he would inquire from the government whether it was their intention to afford any indemnity to the people of the Missisquoi for the losses they had sustained by the invasion of a horde of ruffians calling themselves Fenians; and also whether they proposed to organize a military force in that part of the country to prevent the recurrence of such outrages.

### Printing.

The SPEAKER announced a message from the Legislative Assembly asking the House to name a Committee on Printing to act with the Committee of that House as a Joint Printing Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the Printing Committee of this House appointed on 12th inst., be instructed to act on behalf of this House with the Printing Committee of the Legislative Assembly as a Joint Committee.

### Explanations.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU said he had the honor yesterday to ask the House to allow him to postpone the explanations in relation to the resignation of the Hon. Geo. Brown until to-day. He had seen Mr. Brown and that gentleman had desired the communication of certain papers before he gave his explanations, which papers were furnished him, but as he desired to have until to-morrow to examine them, he (Mr. Belleau) begged to be allowed to defer the explanation until then.

Hon. Mr. LE TELLIER DE ST. JUST. (Hear, hear, and Laughter.) The House then adjourned.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th, 1866.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

A number of petitions were received and read.

Mr. MORRIS presented the first report of the standing Committee on private bills—on motion the quorum of said Committee was reduced to seven members.

The Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY presented the following returns.

Return to an Address 13th Sept. 1865, for copy of a report of F. Johnson Esq. Commissioner in the Inquiry held in the matter of the Officer of the Clerk of the Crown and of the Peace for the District of Montreal.

Return to Address, Sept. 13th, 1865 for copy of correspondence relative to the appointment of a Deputy Clerk of the Crown and of