

May 16, 1873

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 16, 1873

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers

THE LIBRARY

Hon. Mr. BLANCHET presented a report of the Joint Library Committee of both Houses. The Committee recommended the appointment of a grant for an increase of the salaries for the clerks of the library and also recommended that some abatement with regard to superannuation be granted to the library clerks as to the other officers of the Government.

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NORTHUMBERLAND EAST ELECTION

Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON presented the report of the Select Committee appointed to try the Northumberland East election case. The Committee recommend that they have power to adjourn till the 2nd of September next, in order to enable the petitioner and the sitting member to bring forward evidence.

On motion of **Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON**, leave was granted.

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COLONEL BOUCHETTE'S PETITION

Mr. FORTIN presented the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of the late Colonel Joseph Bouchette.

On motion of **Mr. FORTIN**, the report was referred to the Committee on Printing.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Hon. Mr. TILLEY presented a message from His Excellency, signed by his own hand, transmitting resolutions in relation to the union with Prince Edward Island. He trusted the terms would be found satisfactory to the House, and to complete the Confederation of the British North American provinces. (*Applause.*)

Hon. Mr. DORION (Napierville) enquired if the resolutions would be printed.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY hoped to have them printed by Monday next, when he would move the House into Committee on this subject.

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LOSS OF THE ATLANTIC

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL presented a message from His Excellency, signed by his own hand, in relation to the loss of the steamer *Atlantic*. The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons copies of all Orders in Council and minutes of proceedings of the court of enquiry into the circumstances connected with the loss of the steamer *Atlantic*.

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THE NORTHERN RAILWAY

Hon. Mr. TILLEY transmitted a report of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario with respect to the Northern Railway Company.

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DOMINION DOCK AND WAREHOUSING COMPANY

On motion of **Mr. CURRIER** the amendments made by the Senate to the bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Dominion Dock and Warehousing Company were read a first and second time.

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FARRAN'S POINT POSTMASTER

Hon. Mr. TUPPER presented all papers relating to the dismissal of the postmaster at Farran's Point.

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MAIL SERVICE TO WEST INDIES

Hon. Mr. TUPPER laid on the table correspondence on the subject of the West India mail service.

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PACIFIC RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. CAMERON (Cardwell) moved that the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Pacific Railway negotiations have leave to sit, although the House be not sitting at the time the said Committee meets. He said our rules provided that