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Tuesday, November 24, 1998.

9.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Election Returns

Hon. Mr. McKay, pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, laid upon the table of the House the returns of votes polled in the electoral districts of Kent, Moncton East, and Fredericton South in the by-election held October 19, 1998.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Thériault, seconded by Hon. Mr. Byrne,

RESOLVED, that the returns be entered in the *Journals of the House*.

And they are as follows:

**RETURNS OF THE ELECTION FOR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1998**

KENT

Shawn Graham (Liberal) 4,045
Everett Sanipass (PC) 753
Amelia (Millie) Augustine (NDP) 1,460
ARNOLD DAIGLE
Returning Officer

MONCTON EAST

Charlie Bourgeois (Liberal) 2,548
Bernard Lord (PC) 3,266
Beth McLaughlin (NDP) 599
JIM BELLIVEAU
Returning Officer

FREDERICTON SOUTH

Lorraine Silliphant (Liberal) 2,105
Brad Green (PC) 2,295
Dick Grant (NDP) 690
NORM RALSTON
Returning Officer

Mr. Shawn Graham, member-elect for the electoral district of Kent, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by the Honourable the Premier and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Bernard Lord, member-elect for the electoral district of Moncton East, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by the Mr. Dale Graham and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Brad Green, member-elect for the electoral district of Kent, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by Mr. Bernard Lord and took his seat in the House.

Prorogation

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is a privilege for me to preside over this ceremony.

I am honoured to preside over the closing of the Third Session of the Fifty-third Legislature.

I thank each and every one of you for your devotion to this House and the public interests of our citizens.

I am constantly impressed by the determination of each member to represent her or his constituents well and to work untiringly for the betterment of our life here in this province. I know you receive much recognition from your respective ridings for your sincere efforts and I would like, at this time, to add my own words of appreciation to each of you for your devotion to duty.

You have given your support to important legislation. Your emphasis on fiscal responsibility, job creation, and social concerns will benefit New Brunswickers.

I commend you for continuing to make New Brunswick a model for the world of linguistic and cultural harmony. It is also clear to me that our children and our youth have been and will continue to be a priority for all members in this House.

All New Brunswickers look to you with hopes for a better life. You must always protect the most vulnerable: children, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

It is therefore an honour for me to give Royal Assent to your work, bringing all your efforts to fruition. With the completion of the business of this session, it is my privilege and responsibility to issue the command of Her Majesty that this Legislature stand prorogued.

May divine guidance continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

God bless you.

I await the ceremonies this afternoon and the events of our new session.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Loredana Catalli Sonier, then said:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 3 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 10 o'clock a.m.