

Edward Lloyd having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected as President of the Senate.

The Chairman *pro tem.* appointed Messrs. Dawson and Coffin to conduct the Hon. Edward Lloyd to the Chair.

Upon taking the Chair, the President-elect delivered the following

ADDRESS :

SENATORS:—In accepting the distinguished honor which you have just conferred, in calling me to preside over your deliberations, permit me to return you my sincere thanks.

While it is not without some misgivings that I assume the duties of the Chair, and feel that I shall need at times your kind indulgence, yet, by extending to each Senator due courtesy and impartiality, which shall ever be my aim, I hope that I shall not only merit your cordial support, but receive as well your continued confidence and approval.

We will have before us during the Session upon which we are just entering, important legislation. Let me, Senators, impress upon you now at the beginning, the necessity of preparing early the bills you may desire to lay before this body, so that each Senator may have ample time in which to consider well the matters presented for his approval.

Too often, bills of the greatest importance to the people and to the interest of the State, are put off until the last moment, when it is impossible for members to give, in the hurry and confusion incident to the closing hours of the Session, that consideration which such legislation oftentimes requires.

While I see before me a few faces, yet most of you are experienced in the duties required at your hands, and I am sure, will gladly co-operate with me in pushing forward the business which has brought us hither.

By acting promptly in this matter, we will not only save ourselves much annoyance and labor, but we will the better subserve the interest of those it is our present privilege to represent.

Again thanking you, Senators, for the compliment you have paid me in selecting me as your presiding