

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE OF CANADA

FOR THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION
OF CANADA, CALLED FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THE
TWELFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1880.

SENATE CHAMBER,

Thursday, February 12th, 1880.

The Members of the Senate having assembled, were informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing the Hon. David Lewis Macpherson to be the Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The hon. the Speaker then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by the Hon. Sir Alex. Campbell and the Hon. Mr. Aikins, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

The Mace (which before lay under the Table) was then laid upon the Table, and it was

Ordered—That the said Mace be carried before His Honor.

NEW SENATORS.

The Speaker presented to the House returns from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor-General had summoned to the Senate,—

Hugh Nelson, of Burrard Inlet, Esq., in the room of the Hon. Robert W. W. Carrall, deceased.

Jedediah Slason Carvell, of Prince Edward Island, Esq., in the room of the Hon. Thomas Heath Haviland, resigned, and

John Boyd, of the city of St. Johns, in the Province of New Brunswick, Esq., in the room of the Hon. Robert D. Wilmot, resigned.

Mr. Carvell, one of the newly-appointed members, then took the oath prescribed by law, and was conducted to his seat.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and shortly afterwards resumed.

His Excellency the Governor-General being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who, being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate;

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have great pleasure in meeting you again for the despatch of the business of the country.

The abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed Canada is a cause for the