

Captain Hamilton, R.N.

Captain Lee, G.G. Foot Guards.

His Excellency then preceded to the room of the Hon. Speaker of the Senate, and afterwards to the Senate Chamber, where, being seated, he ordered the attendance of the members of the Commons.

The Countess of Dufferin had meanwhile entered the Chamber, accompanied by Lady Harriot Fletcher, Lady Helen Blackwood, Mrs. Rathey and Mrs. Pattison, Lord Clandeboye, Lord Talbot and Captain Ward, R.N.

On the floor of the House there were, besides the following ladies:

Lady Macdonald, Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Aikins, Mrs. Tupper, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. W.E. Ogilvie, Misses Himsworth, Mrs. & Misses Skead, Mrs. & Misses Fellowes, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Chauveau, Mrs. & Miss LeMoine, Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. James Adamson, Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. Garneau, Mrs. & Misses McLean, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. & Misses Lewis, Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Rochester, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Eddie, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. McKay Wright, Mrs. Scott & Misses Richards.

Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. & Miss Patrick, Mrs. Bourinot, Mrs. Macdonell, Mrs. G. Wicksteed & Misses, Mrs. Hartney, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. & Miss Leprohon, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Drinkwater, Mrs. R. Bouchette, Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. A. Brunet, Mrs. Rubridge, Mrs. Rowan, Mrs. P. Patrick, Mrs. Robert Lindsay, Mrs. & Miss Powell, Mrs. & Miss Dennis, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. & Miss Anderson, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Bowie, Mrs. & Miss Eddy, Mrs. O'Meara, Miss Bury, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Germain, Mrs. Finden, Mrs. Perley, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. H. Cotton & Miss, Mrs. & Misses Derbshire.

Mrs. Starke, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. & Miss Carrier, Mrs. & Misses Taylor, Mrs. Lapierre, Mrs. & Misses Laing, Mrs. McNab, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. & Misses Dorion, Mrs. Chas Smith, Mrs. & Miss Slater, Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Scott, Mr. & Miss Poetter, Miss Gingras, Mrs. Vaux, Mrs. Wm. Hume, Mrs. Taller, Mrs. & Misses Peachy, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. P. Simpson, Mrs. Corbett, Misses Chesley, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. & Misses Gough, Mrs. G. Gray.

Mrs. Suttle, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Halters, Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Heron, Mrs. & Miss Kingsford, Mrs. & Misses Ashworth, Miss Lafontaine, Mrs. Haycock, Mrs. R. Haycock, Mrs. & Miss Wetherly, Mrs. White, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. & Miss Cruice, Mrs. Col. Macpherson, Mrs. & Miss Willis, Mrs. Friel, Mrs. & Miss Seymour, Mrs. J.G. Haggart, Miss Higginson, Mrs. Capt. Chambers, Miss Coutlee, Mrs. Col. Chamberlin, Miss A. Fitzgibbon, Miss Vickers, Miss Grover.

Mrs. & Miss Keeler, Mrs. King, Mrs. W. Wickstead & the Misses Wickstead. Mrs. W. Ross (Prince Edward), Mrs. James T.

Pennock, Mrs. Wm. Hall, Mrs. A. Russell, Miss Benson, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. & Miss Carling, Mrs. H.C. Himsworth, Mrs. & the Misses Johnson, Mrs. & Miss Thompson, Mrs. L. Ross (East Durham), Mrs. Dr. Chapman (Picton), Miss Dumble (Cobourg), Mrs. M.H. Goridge, Mrs. Futvoye, Miss Hazzard, Miss Davies, Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. D.W. MacDonald, Mrs. Penny, Mrs. Stelle, Mrs. E. & Miss Walter Powell, Mrs. & the Misses Meredith, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Griffin, Mrs. Molson, Mrs. Noel, Miss Florence Slater, Miss Clegg, Mrs. H. Bate, Miss N. Bate, Mrs. Dempsey.

The throne was, as usual, surrounded by the staff, besides the Hon. Messrs. Campbell and Mitchell, in Windsor uniforms, and Lieutenant Governor Wilmot of New Brunswick.

The members of the Commons having appeared at the Bar of the House, His Excellency delivered the following:

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate,

Gentlemen of the House of Commons

In accordance with the intimation given by me at the close of last Session, I have caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by me to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The evidence obtained under the Commission deserves careful consideration. The Report will be laid before Parliament, and it will be for you then to determine whether it can be of any assistance to you.

A Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws in force in the several Provinces relating to the representation of the people in Parliament will again be submitted to you. By the postponement of this measure from last Session you will have the advantage of including in its provisions the Province of Prince Edward Island, now happily united to Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to whom a Royal Charter was granted have, I regret to say, been unable to make the financial arrangements necessary for the construction of that great undertaking. They have therefore executed a surrender of their Charter which has been accepted by me.

You will, I trust, feel yourselves called upon to take steps to secure the early commencement and vigorous prosecution of the construction of that Railway, and thus to carry out, in good faith, the arrangement made with the Province of British Columbia. A measure for this purpose will be submitted for your consideration.