

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the Recess, he had received communications from several Members, notifying him that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz. :—

Of Honourable Louis Philippe Pelletier, Member for the Electoral District of Quebec County, by resignation;

Of Pierre Edouard Blondin, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Champlain, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument, to wit: Minister of Inland Revenue;

Of Honourable Wilfrid Bruno Nantel, Member for the Electoral District of Terrebonne, consequent upon his appointment as a Member and Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Board of Railway Commissioners;

Of James McKay, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Prince Albert, consequent upon his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan;

Of Thomas Beattie, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of London, by decease; and

Of Honourable George A. Clare, Member for the Electoral District of South Waterloo, by decease.

And that he had issued his several Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new Writs of Election for the said Electoral Districts respectively.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that, during the Recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members, viz. :—

Of Honourable Pierre Edouard Blondin, for the Electoral District of Champlain;

Of Honourable Thomas Chase Casgrain, for the Electoral District of Quebec County;

Of William Gray, Esq., for the Electoral District of London;

Of Frank Stewart Scott, Esq., for the Electoral District of South Waterloo;

Of Joseph A. Descarries, Esq., for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier; and

Of Arthur Bliss Copp, Esq., for the Electoral District of Westmorland.

The following members, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House:—

Honourable Thomas Chase Casgrain, for the Electoral District of Quebec County;

Honourable Pierre Edouard Blondin, for the Electoral District of Champlain; and

Frank Stewart Scott, Esq., for the Electoral District of South Waterloo.

Sir George Foster, for Sir Robert Borden, introduced a Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported His Royal Highness' Speech from the Throne, and read a copy thereof to the House, which is as follows:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

During the months which have elapsed since the outbreak of war, the people of Canada have given most abundant and convincing evidence of their firm loyalty to our Sovereign and of their profound devotion to the institutions of the British Empire.

Since I last addressed you, a Canadian Expeditionary Force of more than thirty thousand men has been safely despatched across the Atlantic, and after arriving in the British Islands has been engaged in completing the necessary training before pro-