

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO
MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-
NINTH DAY OF APRIL, IN THE FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR OF
THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 29th April, 1891.

The Senate met at 2:30 p. m.

Prayers.

The members of the Senate were informed that a commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing Hon. ALEX. LACOSTE to be the Speaker of the Senate.

The said commission was then read by the Clerk, and the Speaker took the Chair.

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—

JOSEPH TASSÉ, of the City of Montreal, for the Division of De Salaberry.

HIPPOLYTE MONTPLAISIR, of Cap de la Magdeleine, for the Division of Shawinigan.

Hon. JOHN CARLING, of the City of London, Ont.

The Hon. Messrs. TASSÉ, MONTPLAISIR and CARLING were then introduced and took their seats.

THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

A Message was received from the Governor General's secretary, announcing that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in

his capacity as Deputy Governor, would open the Session of Parliament at 3 p. m.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed. The Hon. W. J. RITCHIE, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

THE SPEAKER commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons, and acquaint that House "It is the desire of the Honourable William Johnstone Ritchie, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, they attend him immediately in this House."

Who, being come,

THE SPEAKER said :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The Hon. William Johnstone Ritchie, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of Canada until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency the Governor General will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

The Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 p. m.