

Of Joseph H. Legris, Esq., member for the electoral district of Maskinongé, by resignation.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have further the honour to inform the House that, during the recess, the Clerk of the House received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members:—

Of Thomas Christie, Esq., for the electoral district of Argenteuil;

Of Bowman Brown Law, Esq., for the electoral district of Yarmouth;

Of the Hon. Joseph Raymond Préfontaine, for the electoral district of Maisonneuve;

Of James Hamilton Ross, Esq., for the electoral district of the Yukon Territory;

Of Hormisdas Mayrand, Esq., for the electoral district of Maskinongé;

Of Thomas Inkerman Thomson, Esq., for the electoral district of the North Riding of the county of Grey;

Of Robert George Macpherson, Esq., for the electoral district of Burrard; and

Of Joseph Arthur Calixte Ethier, Esq., for the electoral district of Two Mountains.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Hon. Joseph Raymond Préfontaine, member for the electoral district of Maisonneuve, introduced by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Fielding).

Robert George Macpherson, Esq., member for the electoral district of Burrard, introduced by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and Mr. Galliher.

Thomas Inkerman Thomson, Esq., member for the electoral district of the North Riding of the county of Grey, introduced by Mr. Borden (Halifax) and Mr. Blain.

Joseph Arthur Calixte Ethier, Esq., member for the electoral district of Two Mountains, introduced by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Hon. Mr. Préfontaine).

Hormisdas Mayrand, Esq., member for the electoral district of Maskinongé, introduced by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Hon. Mr. Préfontaine).

Thomas Christie, Esq., member for the electoral district of Argenteuil, introduced by the Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and the Minister of Inland Revenue (Hon. Mr. Bernier).

Bowman Brown Law, Esq., member for the electoral district of Yarmouth, introduced by the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Fielding) and Mr. Fraser.

Mr. SPEAKER.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—The Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier).

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament, a copy of which is as follows:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity that prevails throughout the Dominion. Canada has received many blessings during the past year which call for the expression of our heartfelt gratitude to a kind Providence.

I had the pleasure of visiting London last summer in anticipation of the Coronation of His Majesty, and to meet on that occasion representatives from all parts of the Empire bringing with them assurances of the loyalty and contentment that prevails throughout His Majesty's widely extended possessions; and though, at one time, fears were entertained that the King's illness would have involved a further postponement of the ceremony, it was a source of much joy and happiness to His Majesty's subjects that his health was so speedily and perfectly restored.

Representatives of this government participated in the important Colonial Conference which was called by His Majesty's Government in connection with the Coronation. The report of the proceedings of the conference, including the documents submitted by the Canadian representatives, has already been given to the public, by His Majesty's Government in London. I feel assured that much good will result from the bringing the leading public men of the great self-governing colonies into direct contact with each other and with the statesmen of the motherland.

The great influx of population into our North-western territories and the very large additional areas of fertile land which are being brought under cultivation combine to further press upon us the need for increased transportation facilities for the forwarding of our grain and other products to the markets of the world, through Canadian channels. The whole question of transportation and terminal facilities continues to occupy much attention, and my government will immediately appoint a commission of experienced men to report on the subject.

A treaty has been entered into between His Majesty and the government of the United States, under which the proper delimitation of the boundaries between Canada and Alaska is to be judicially determined by a tribunal of six impartial jurists of repute.

As a result of the recent decennial census, the representation of the different provinces must be re-adjusted, as required by the British North America Act, and a Bill will be introduced for that purpose.

Bills with respect to the creation of a Railway Commission, the amendment of the Patent Laws, the Militia Act, Chinese immigration,