

THE DEBATES

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

IN THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS 12 FEBRUARY, 1880, IN THE FORTY-THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, 12th February, 1880.

THE PARLIAMENT, which had been prorogued in the usual form, from the 15th day of May to the 24th day of June, 1879, and thence from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 12th day of February, 1880, for the Despatch of Business.

The Speaker took the Chair at a quarter before Three o'clock.

A Message was delivered by René Edouard Kimber, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

“MR. SPEAKER,

“His Excellency the Governor-General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber.”

Accordingly, the House went up to the Senate Chamber;

And the House being returned,

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

JUDGES' REPORTS.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Peti-

tions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, certificates and reports relating to the elections,—for the Electoral District of the Town and Township of Cornwall, for the Electoral District of Argenteuil, and for the Electoral District of Montmorency, and that, in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Chapter 10, Section 36, 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. He further informed the House that he had received from the Judge selected for the trial of the Election Petition relating to the Election for the Electoral District of St. Hyacinthe, a certificate declaring the sitting member to be duly elected.

VACANCIES.

MR. SPEAKER also 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 :—

Of Charles Gill, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Yamaska, by the acceptance of the Office of Judge of the Superior Court, of the Province of Quebec; Of Edgar Dewdney,