

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY, CANADA.

OTTAWA, 4th December, 1880.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the eighth day of November last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to *J. C. Bachand*, Registrar, as Returning Officer for the Electoral District of *Bagot*, in the Province of *Quebec*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District in the House of Commons of *Canada*, in the present Parliament, in the room of *Joseph Alfred Mousseau*, who accepted an office of emolument under the Crown; the Honorable *Joseph Alfred Mousseau*, President of the Privy Council, has been duly returned as such representative, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, deposited of Record in my office.

R. POPE, [L.S.]

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

To *J. G. Bourinot*, Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons of Canada.

The Honorable *Joseph Philippe René Adolphe Caron*, Member for the Electoral District of the County of *Quebec*; the Honorable *Joseph Alfred Mousseau*, Member for the Electoral District of *Bagot*; *James Beatty, Jr.*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Toronto* (West Riding); *David Ames Manson*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Brome*; and *George Wheeler*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Ontario* (North Riding), having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of office.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, 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, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In opening this, the Third Session of the present Parliament, I have to offer you my sincere congratulations on the bountiful harvest with which *Canada* has been blessed, as well as on the undoubted return of her commercial prosperity, and the substantial development of her various industries.

During the recess my advisers thought the time opportune for making another attempt to carry out the declared preference of Parliament for the construction and operation of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway by means of an Incorporated Company, aided by grants of money and land, rather than by the direct action of the Government.

Three of my Ministers therefore proceeded to *England* for the purpose of carrying on negotiations to that end.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that their efforts were so far successful that a contract has been entered into, subject to the approval of Parliament, with men of high financial standing in *Europe*, the *United States* and *Canada*, for the speedy construction and permanent working of this great national enterprise.