

House of Commons Debates

SIXTH SESSION—SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 2nd January, 1896.

The Parliament, which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 2nd day of January, 1896, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at fifteen minutes before Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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,

VACANCIES.

MR. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that during the recess I have received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz. :

Of Josiah Wood, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Westmoreland, by being summoned to the Senate.

Of Robert S. White, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Cardwell, by resignation.

Of Frank Madill, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Ontario, by decease.

Of Hon. James Colebrooke Patterson, Member for the Electoral District of West Huron, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Of Désiré Girouard, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Of Hon. John Joseph Curran, Member for the Electoral District of Montreal Centre, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of a Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec.

Of Henry Simard, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Charlevoix, by decease ; and

Of Edward Gawler Prior, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Victoria, B.C., by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

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 also the honour to inform the House that during the recess the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return

Of Henry A. Powell, for the Electoral District of Westmoreland ; and

Of John A. McGillivray, for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Ontario.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

John A. McGillivray, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of North Ontario, introduced by Hon. Mr. Montague and Mr. Hughes.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—(Mr. Foster.)

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. To prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy, which is as follows :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In accordance with the announcement made during the last Session, Parliament has been