

# CANADA.

## DEBATES OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

FOR THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE 3RD PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION  
OF CANADA CALLED FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS  
ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1876.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, February 10.

The Parliament which had been prorogued from the 8th day of April, 1875, and thence from time to time to the 10th day of February, 1876, met this day for the despatch of business at three p.m.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by R. E. Kimber, Jr., Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was received commanding this honourable House to attend immediately in the Chamber of the Senate. Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went up to His Excellency, and having returned,

#### REPORTS RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER read certificates from Judges relating to Elections in the following constituencies:—

For the Electoral District of Gaspé; for the Electoral District of Centre Toronto; for the Electoral District of Hamilton; for the Electoral District of the County of Monk; for the Electoral District of Napierville; for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of York; for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Perth; for the Electoral District of Dorchester; for the Electoral District of Montreal West; for the Electoral District of Montreal Centre; for the Electoral District of Argenteuil; for the Electoral District of Chambly; for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Renfrew.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER then referred to the practice inaugurated at the opening of the present Parliament with regard to the introduction of members. He thought at the time that at ensuing Sessions that practice would create unnecessary confusion, and, as all were aware, very serious inconvenience had arisen from its adoption. Nothing had been done in regard to the matter, but he presumed there would be no difficulty in determining what ought to be done. His own impression was that it would be better to revert to the old practice; at all events hon. gentlemen who had been a Session out of the House must be introduced. Hon. gentlemen who were members during the last Session, and who had since been unseated and re-elected might take their seats without the formality of an introduction. But any gentleman who had been one Session out of the House must be regarded as a new member and ought to be introduced. It would be better, however, to revert to the old practice and have everybody introduced.

The new members were then introduced and took their seats.

#### THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER reported that the House had this day attended his Excellency the Governor General in the Chamber of the Senate, when His