

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

SENATE OF CANADA,

OF THE

IN THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, WHICH WAS CALLED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE 4TH FEBRUARY, A.D. 1875, IN THE 38TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE,

Thursday, February 4, 1875.

The proceedings of the day were opened by the Hon. Speaker of the Senate taking his seat, at the head of the Clerk's Table, whereupon the usual prayers being read, the Hon. George Brown was introduced to the House by the Hon. Messieurs Letellier de St. Just, and McMaster, and his Commission having been read, he took the usual Oaths of Office, and appended his name to the Roll of the Senators of the Dominion of Canada.

At three o'clock, P.M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, in the Parliament Buildings, and took his seat upon the Throne. The Members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the Second Session of the Third Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech from the Throne:—

SPEECH.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have much satisfaction in meeting you at this early and convenient season.

I have to congratulate you upon the organization of the North-West Police Force, and the success of its operations. It has materially aided in the creation of confidence and good will among the Indian tribes; in the suppression of the liquor traffic; the establishment of legitimate trade; the collection of Customs duties; and, above all, in maintaining security for life and property within the Territory. Another effect of the presence of the police in the North-West has been to enable the Government to largely reduce the strength of the military establishment in that country.

The negotiation of a friendly Treaty with the Crees and Sauteux of the North-West for the cession of territory may be regarded as a further guarantee for the continuation of ami-