

House of Commons Debates

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 29th January, 1885.

THE PARLIAMENT, which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 29th day of January, 1885, 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 Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber. And the House being returned,

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Armour, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, a certificate relating to the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of Lennox, declaring the election of the respondent, David Wright Allison, null and void.

Also, from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, a copy of the judgment and decision of the said Court in the election appeal relating to the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of Soulanges, declaring the election of the respondent, James William Bain, null and void.

Also, from the Hon. Mr. Justice Osler, a judgment relating to the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of West Middlesex, declaring the sitting member, Donald M. Cameron, 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 WILLIAM McDONALD, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Cape Breton, by being summoned to the Senate;

Of the Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER, K.C.M.G., Member for the Electoral District of Cumberland, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown;

Of GEORGE WHEELER, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Ontario, by resignation;

Of FREDERICK DE ST. CROIX BROCKEN, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P.E.I., by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown; and

Of JOSEPH BOLDUO, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of of Beauce, by being summoned to the Senate.

He also informed the House that 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 also informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a copy of a Warrant, showing a vacancy which had taken place in the representation of the Electoral District of Maskinongé, by the decease of Frédéric Houde, Esq., and that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery had, by virtue of the Act 41 Victoria, Chapter 5, Section 14, Sub-section 2, issued a new Writ of Election for the said Electoral District.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House that, during the Recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members :—

Of ATHANASE GAUDET, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Nicolet ;
Of FRANÇOIS LANGELIER, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Megantic.
Of CHARLES JAMES TOWNSEND, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Cumberland ;

Of HECTOR F. McDOUGALL, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Cape Breton ;

Of JOHN THEOPHILUS JENKINS, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P.E.I. ;

Of JAMES DAVID EDGAR, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Ontario ;

Of THOMAS LINIÈRE TASCHEREAU, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Beauce ;

Of ALEXIS LESIEUR DESAULNIERS, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Maskinongé, and

Of MATTHEW WILLIAM PRUYN, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the County of Lennox.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

The following Members, having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took their seats in the House :—

ATHANASE GAUDET, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Nicolet, introduced by Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mr. Caron.

CHARLES JAMES TOWNSEND, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cumberland, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. McLellan.

THOMAS LINIÈRE TASCHEREAU, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Beauce, introduced by Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mr. Caron.

MATTHEW WILLIAM PRUYN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the County of Lennox, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Mackintosh.

ALEXIS LESIEUR DESAULNIERS, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Maskinongé, introduced by Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mr. Caron.

FRANÇOIS LANGELIER, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Megantic, introduced by Hon. Mr. Laurier and Hon. Mr. Blake.

JOHN THEOPHILUS JENKINS, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P. E. I., introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Leonard Tilley.

JAMES DAVID EDGAR, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Ontario, introduced by Hon. Mr. Blake and Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

REPORT.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Report of the Acting Librarian on the state of the Library of Parliament.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD introduced Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office. Bill read the first time.