

House of Commons Debates

FOURTH SESSION—SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 15th March, 1894.

The Parliament, which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 15th day of March, 1894, 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,

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, certificates and reports relating to the elections for the Electoral District of Soulanges, for the Electoral District of L'Islet, and for the Electoral District of Vaudreuil, wherein the said petitions were severally dismissed and the sitting members declared duly elected.

VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that during the recess he had received notification of vacancies which have occurred in the representation, as follows :—

Of DAVID WILLIAM GORDON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Vancouver, by decease.

Of HUGH JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Winnipeg, by resignation.

Of CHARLES HERBERT MACKINTOSH, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the City of Ottawa, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

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.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that 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 ANDREW HASLAM, Esq., for the Electoral District of Vancouver.

Of HENRY STANISLAUS HARWOOD, Esq., for the Electoral District of Soulanges.

Of JOSEPH MARTIN, Esq., for the Electoral District of Winnipeg.

Of Sir JAMES A. GRANT, K.C.M.G., for the Electoral District of Ottawa City.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Sir JAMES A. GRANT, K.C.M.G., Member for the Electoral District of Ottawa City, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Robillard.

HENRY STANISLAUS HARWOOD, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Vaudreuil, introduced by Mr. Laurier and Mr. Tarte.

JOSEPH MARTIN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Winnipeg, introduced by Mr. Laurier and Mr. Davies (P.E.I.)

ANDREW HASLAM, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Vancouver, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Mara.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—(Sir John Thompson.)

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER laid on the Table a copy of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament in the Senate Chamber this day, which is as follows :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In the Queen's name I greet you, for the first time since assuming the high functions intrusted to me by Her Majesty ; and it is with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction that I thus meet you assembled for the labours of another session of Parliament.