

the petition in the said matter was dismissed.

VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have also 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 representations, viz.:—

Of Walter Scott, Esq., member for the electoral district of Assiniboia West, by resignation;

Of John Henderson Lamont, Esq., member for the electoral district of Saskatchewan, by resignation;

Of the Hon. Sir William Mulock, K.C.M.G., member for the electoral district of North York, Ontario, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown;

Of Colin F. McIsaac, Esq., member for the electoral district of Antigonish, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown;

Of Thomas George Johnston, Esq., member for the electoral district of West Lambton, by decease;

Of the Hon. J. Raymond Prefontaine, member for the electoral district of Maisonneuve, by decease;

Of Geo. Riley, Esq., member for the electoral district of Victoria City, British Columbia, by resignation;

Of Daniel D. McKenzie, Esq., member for the electoral district of North Cape Breton and Victoria, 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.

I have also received to-day the resignation of Peter Talbot, Esq., member for the electoral district of Strathcona.

I have accordingly issued my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have further the honour to inform the House that, during the recess, the Clerk of the House received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz.:—

Of William Chisholm, Esq., for the electoral district of Antigonish;

Of Fred. F. Pardee, Esq., for the electoral district of Lambton West;

Of Ernest D. Smith, Esq., for the electoral district of Wentworth;

Of the Hon. Allen Bristol Aylesworth, for the electoral district of North York, Ontario;

Of Aylmer Byron Hunt, Esq., for the electoral district of Compton;

Of Arthur Norreys Worthington, Esq., for the electoral district of Sherbrooke;

Of George Ewan McCraney, Esq., for the electoral district of Saskatchewan;

Of William Erskine Knowles, Esq., for the electoral district of Assiniboia West;

Mr. SPEAKER.

Of Alphonse Verville, Esq., for the electoral district of Maisonneuve.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Hon. Allen Bristol Aylesworth, member for the electoral district of North York, Ont., introduced by Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Paterson.

William Chisholm, Esq., member for the electoral district of Antigonish, introduced by Hon. Sir Frederick Borden and Mr. Sinclair.

Ernest D. Smith, Esq., member for the electoral division of Wentworth, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Henderson.

Frederick F. Pardee, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of West Lambton, introduced by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) and Hon. C. S. Hyman (Minister of Public Works).

Aylmer Byron Hunt, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of Compton, introduced by Hon. Sydney Fisher (Minister of Agriculture) and Mr. Henri Beland.

William Erskine Knowles, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of West Assiniboia, introduced by Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) and Hon. Frank Oliver (Minister of the Interior).

Arthur Norreys Worthington, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of Sherbrooke, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden, and Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron.

George Ewan McCraney, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of Saskatchewan, introduced by Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister) and Hon. Frank Oliver (Minister of the Interior).

Alphonse Verville, Esq., member elect for the electoral district of Maisonneuve, introduced by Mr. J. E. Leonard and Mr. Armand Lavergne.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, (Prime Minister).

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, a copy of which is as follows:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again summoning you to meet for the despatch of business, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity prevailing throughout the Dominion.

The severe bereavement which Queen Alexandra has sustained through the death of her father, the King of Denmark, has occasioned much sorrow throughout the empire, and I am satisfied that the warm sympathy of the people of Canada will be readily extended to Her Majesty.