

# House of Commons Debates

## THIRD SESSION—EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 3rd February, 1898.

The Parliament which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 3rd day of February, 1898, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 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. I have the honour to inform the House, that I have 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 London ;

For the Electoral District of the County of Brant ;

For the Electoral District of the West Riding of Assinibola ;

For the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Simcoe ;

For the Electoral District of Champlain ;

For the Electoral District of L'Assomption ;

For the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario ;

For the Electoral District of Beauharnois ;

For the Electoral District of King's, P.E.I. ;

For the Electoral District of Richmond, N.S. ;

For the Electoral District of Lunenburg.

By which the said elections were dismissed and the sitting members declared duly elected.

### 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 representation, viz. :—

Of Joseph Lavergne, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Drummond and Arthabaska, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Charles Eugène Pouliot, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Temiscouata, by decease.

Of J. B. Romuald Fiset, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Rimouski, by being summoned to the Senate.

Of William Lount, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Toronto Centre, by resignation.

Of Fabien Boisvert, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Nicolet, by decease.

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.

MR. SPEAKER. I have also the honour to inform the House that the Clerk has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a communication under date of 14th January, 1898, owing to the absence from Canada of the Speaker of the House, that he had received notice that a vacancy had occurred in the representation of the electoral district of Quebec Centre, in consequence of the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown by François Langelier, Esquire, and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, in accordance with subsection 2 of section 8, Chapter 13 of 49 Victoria (Revised Statutes of Canada) issued 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 Crown in Chancery has received certificates of election and return of the following members :—

Louis Lavergne, Esq., for the Electoral District of Drummond and Arthabaska ;

Charles Auguste Gauvreau, Esq., for the Electoral District of Temiscouata ;