

# House of Commons Debates

## FOURTH SESSION—TENTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, November 28, 1907.

The Parliament, which had been prorogued from time to time to the 28th day of November, 1907, met this day for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication from the secretary of His Excellency the Governor General, as follows :

OTTAWA, November 26, 1907.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Fourth Session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada on Thursday the 28th instant at three o'clock p.m.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

J. HANBURY-WILLIAMS, Col.,  
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows :

Mr. Speaker. His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of your honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly the House went 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,' certificates and reports relating to the elections:

- For the Electoral District of Winnipeg
- For the Electoral District of Brandon.
- For the Electoral District of Provencher.
- For the Electoral District of Portage la Prairie.
- For the Electoral District of Selkirk.
- For the Electoral District of Macdonald.
- For the Electoral District of Lisgar.
- For the Electoral District of Marquette.
- For the Electoral District of Souris.

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—by which the said election petitions were severally dismissed and the sitting members declared duly elected.

### VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have 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 A. A. Stockton, Esq., member for the Electoral District of St. John City and County, by decease.

Of Daniel Derbyshire, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Brockville, by resignation.

Of Thomas Martin, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Wellington, by decease.

Of Edward Cochrane, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland, Ontario, by decease.

Of Charles Devlin, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Nicolet, by resignation.

Of Henri Bourassa, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Labelle, by resignation.

Of Frederick A. Laurence, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Colchester, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Of Honourable Antoine Napoléon Belcourt, member for the Electoral District of Ottawa, by resignation.

Of Archibald Campbell, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the Centre Riding of the County of York, Ontario, by resignation.

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.

### NEW MEMBERS.

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

Of Honourable William Pugsley, for the Electoral District of St. John City and County.

Of Honourable George Perry Graham, for the Electoral District of Brockville.