

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE SEVENTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO
MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-
SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR OF
THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, January 26th, 1893.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 2.30 o'clock.

Prayers.

NEW SENATORS.

The following newly appointed senators were introduced, and having taken the oath prescribed by law, and signed the roll, took their seats:—

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell.
Hon. Auguste Réal Angers.
Hon. John Ferguson.
Hon. Alphonse Desjardins.
Hon. Thomas A. Bernier.
Hon. John Nesbitt Kirchhoffer.
Hon. Clarence Primrose.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley, Baron Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada, being seated in the Chair on the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House,—“It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In meeting you at the commencement of another session of Parliament, it affords me pleasure to congratulate you on the continued progress which the history of the past year unfolds with regard to Canada.

The increase in trade, as illustrated by the exports and imports during the period for which the official returns have been prepared, has been most gratifying, and that increase has continued down to the present time, with promise that the volume of trade during the current year will exceed that of any year in the history of the Dominion.

The revenues of the country have likewise provided for all the services for which Parliament has made appropriation, and the operation of the Government railways has been less burdensome, as regards the difference between income and expenditure, than has been the case for a long term of years previously.

In Manitoba and the North-west Territories the increase in immigration has been decidedly encouraging, both as regards the number of persons who have come from other countries and as regards the number of homestead entries made by settlers of all nationalities.

Measures have been taken to carry into effect the agreements arrived at with the United States on the subjects of the boundary of Alaska, the boundary line in Passamaquoddy Bay, and the prevention of destructive methods of fishing, and the preservation and increase of fish life. With regard to reciprocity in wrecking and towing, a correspondence has taken place which indicates that privileges are demanded for United States vessels in Canadian canals, which were not anticipated, but it is not impossible that a satisfactory conclusion of the discussion may yet be reached.

During the recess a friendly conference took place between delegates from my Government and from the Government of Newfoundland on the questions which were pending between the two countries. It is hoped and expected that the interchange of views which then took place will be productive of beneficial results and lead to an amicable adjustment of those questions.