

in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; Knight Grand Cross of The Most Honorable Order of the Bath. Governor General of Canada. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Tenth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, and in the Fifty-third Year of Our Reign.

By Command.

SAML. E. ST. O. CHAPLEAU,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

Whereupon the Honorable Messieurs Prowse, Boulton and Loughheed came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by Edouard Joseph Langevin, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took their seats accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honorable Messieurs Prowse, Boulton and Loughheed, Members of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honorable Mr. Abbott presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith, it was

Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—The Report of the Joint Librarians on the state of the Library of Parliament, for the year 1889.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

#### TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honor to report as follows for the year 1889.

The Librarians have great pleasure in acknowledging the valuable donations made to the Library by His Imperial Highness Prince Roland Bonaparte, who devotes his leisure and fortune to promoting the progress of science, himself taking a leading and earnest part in scientific studies. These donations consist of the Prince's contributions to anthropology, and various monographs on the countries visited by His Highness, and bear the following titles:—

Les habitants de Surinam, Folio, Paris, 1884.

Les premiers voyages des Néerlandais dans l'Insulinde.

Les derniers voyages de Néerlandais à la Nouvelle Guinée.

Note on the Lapps of Finmark; la Nouvelle Guinée N° III; le fleuve Augusta; la Nouvelle Guinée N° IV; le Golfe Huon.

Les recents voyages de Néerlandais à la Nouvelle Guinée.

F. Escard, le Prince Roland Bonaparte en Laponie.

The special grant placed at the disposal of the Librarians to enable them to complete the American and Canadian section has been made use of to purchase since last session several important works, amongst others:—