

THE DEBATES

— OF THE —

SENATE OF CANADA

— IN THE —

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS
9TH FEBRUARY, 1882, IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, Feb. 9th 1882.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

NEW SENATORS.

THE SPEAKER presented to the House, a Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate,—

THOMAS MCKAY, Esq., of Colchester, Nova Scotia ;

ALEXANDER W. OGILVIE, Esq., of the City of Montreal, for the Alma Division, Quebec ;

JAMES SKEAD, Esq., of the City of Ottawa, Ontario ;

DONALD MCINNES, Esq., of Hamilton, Ontario,—and

THOMAS ROBERT MCINNES, Esq., of New Westminster, British Columbia.

The following members were then introduced, and having taken the oath prescribed by law, took their seats :—

HON. JAMES SKEAD ;

HON. A. W. OGILVIE ;

HON. T. MCKAY ;

HON. D. MCINNES, (Hamilton.)

The House was then adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At 3 p.m., HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber, and took His Seat upon the Throne. The Members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to open the FOURTH SESSION of the FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, with the following Speech :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The hope I expressed at the close of the last session, that on the re-assembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized.

Canada has been favored with a year of great prosperity.

Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices.

Her manufacturing and other industries have been and continue to be developed under favorable auspices.

Her trade and commerce have been steadily increasing, and peace and order prevail within her borders.

For these various blessings we cannot be sufficiently thankful to the Giver of all good things.

The Chief Magistrate of the United States has been cut off by the hand of an assassin, and it is fitting that the sorrow of our people for a loss which was not that of our friends and neighbours alone, should be here adverted to as another instance of the sympathy which unites in brother-