

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. King 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 his seat accordingly.

The Honourable 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 Honourable Mr. King, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

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

OTTAWA, 19th March, 1897.

SIR.—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN SINCLAIR,

*Acting Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen ; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland ; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom ; Baron of Nova Scotia ; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated 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 welcoming you on your attendance at the Second Session of the present Parliament, I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidence which prevail throughout the Dominion, of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen and of the desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in a manner worthy the joyous event. And I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial Government, arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the Capital of the Empire.

Immediately after the last Session, the Government of Manitoba was invited to hold a Conference with my Ministers on the subject of the grievances arising out of the Act of that Province relating to Education passed in the year 1890. In response to that