

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

SENATE OF CANADA

OF THE

FOR THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION
OF CANADA, CALLED FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THE
NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1880.

SENATE CHAMBER,

Thursday, December 9th, 1880.

The members assembled in the Senate Chamber.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR.

Hon. JOSEPH NORTHWOOD, of the town of Chatham, Ontario, summoned to the Senate in the room of Hon. George Brown, deceased, was introduced and, having taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, took his seat.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

SPEECH FROM 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 Third Session of the Fourth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech from the Throne:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate;

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In opening this, the Third Session of the present Parliament, I have to offer you my sincere congratulations on the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed,

as well as on the undoubted return of her commercial prosperity, and the substantial development of her various industries.

During the recess my advisers thought the time opportune for making another attempt to carry out the declared preference of Parliament for the construction and operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway by means of an Incorporated Company, aided by grants of money and land, rather than by the direct action of the Government.

Three of my Ministers therefore proceeded to England for the purpose of carrying on negotiations to that end.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that their efforts were so far successful that a contract has been entered into, subject to the approval of Parliament, with men of high financial standing in Europe, the United States and Canada, for the speedy construction and permanent working of this great national enterprise.

The contract and the papers connected therewith, will be submitted to you without delay, and I invoke for them your early and earnest consideration.

With this view I have summoned you before the usual period, as no action can be taken by the contractors to prosecute the work, and no permanent arrangement for the organization of a systematic emigration from Europe to the North-West Territories, can be