

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SENATE OF CANADA

—FOR THE—

FIFTH SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, CALLED FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1878.

CHAMBER OF THE SENATE.

Ottawa, 7th February, 1878.

This day, at Three o'clock, p.m., the Honorable SIR WILLIAM BUELL RICHARDS Knight, Deputy Governor, proceeded to the Chamber of the Senate, in the Parliament Buildings. The Members of the Senate being assembled, the Deputy Governor was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, the Speaker of the Senate said on behalf of the Deputy Governor that he did not think fit to declare the causes for which the present Parliament had been summoned until a Speaker of the House of Commons had been elected according to law. After which the Members of the House of Commons retired to their own Chamber. The Deputy Governor then withdrew.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Ottawa, Friday, 8th February, 1878.

This day, at Three o'clock, p.m., His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, in the Parliament Buildings, 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

The Speech.

House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the Fifth Session of the Third Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following Speech from the Throne :—

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In again summoning you for the despatch of business, I am gl'd to be able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires your attendance.

It afforded me great pleasure to have had an opportunity before my departure from Canada of visiting the Province of Manitoba and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit I accomplished during last Autumn. I have now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of my Government of Canada.

I am happy to be able to say that the arbitration on the Fishery claims, under the terms of the Washington Treaty, has been concluded. An award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to Canada and Newfoundland for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present treaty. This amount is much less than that claimed by my Government, but having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.