

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

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

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 6th February, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that Sir *W. Richards*, Kt., in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday the 7th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
E. G. P. LITTLETON,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN
IN CHANCERY, CANADA.

OTTAWA, 2nd February, 1878.

To *Robert Le Moine*, Esquire,
Clerk of the Senate.

This is to certify that His Excellency the Governor General has summoned to the Senate *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the fourth day of January last, and appointed him for the *Rigaud* Electoral Division, in the Province of *Quebec*, in the room of the late Honorable *Charles Wilson*, deceased.

R. POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that there was a Member without-ready to be introduced, when the Honorable *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Scott* and *Pelletier*.

The Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* presented Her Majesty's Writ summoning him to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and
Ordered to be put upon the Journal, and is as follows :—

CANADA.

Dufferin.

[L.S.]

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, of Our Province of *Quebec*,
in Our Dominion of *Canada*.

GREETING :—

KNOW YE, that as well for the special trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of our Dominion of *Canada* concern,