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FIFTH SESSION, THIRD PARLIAMENT, 1878.

Thursday, 7th February, 1878.

This being the day on which Parliament is convoked by Proclamation (hereunto annexed) for the Despatch of Business, and the Members of the House being assembled,

A Message was delivered by *R. E. Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

GENTLEMEN:—

Sir *William Buell Richards*, Knight, Deputy Governor, desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly the House went to the Senate Chamber.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Sir *William Buell Richards*, Knight, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but To-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the causes of calling this Parliament will be declared,

And the Members having returned;

The Clerk of the House, standing on the step in front of the Speaker's Chair, announced that he had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following copies of Warrants showing vacancies which have occurred in the representation of the Electoral Districts of *Gloucester, Drummond and Arthabaska, Quebec Centre, Quebec East, Nicolet, Restigouche, Digby, Halifax, Northumberland, N.B., and New*