

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE
SECOND SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR
THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF
MARCH, IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 8, 1906.

The Senate met at 2 p.m.

Prayers.

NEW SENATOR.

The following newly-appointed senator was introduced :

Hon. Peter Talbot, of Lacombe, Alta.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. 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 that—"It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate."

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 again summoning you to meet for the despatch of business, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the prosperity prevailing throughout the Dominion.

The severe bereavement which Queen Alexandra has sustained through the death of her father, the King of Denmark, has occasioned much sorrow throughout the empire, and I am satisfied that the warm sympathy of the people of Canada will be readily extended to Her Majesty.

It afforded me much pleasure as the representative of His Majesty to take part in the inauguration of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan as constituent members of the confederation. The universal rejoicing on the assumption of provincial autonomy everywhere visible was gratifying to witness, and I venture to say that in no part of the world could a more contented population be found. The universal sentiment was one of abounding confidence in the future.

The bountiful harvest with which we have been blessed in the past season, together with the continued development of our industries and transportation facilities, have so stimulated business in all parts of Canada and have given such an impetus to our exports and imports that the trade both with the United Kingdom and foreign countries for the current