

House of Commons Debates

THIRD SESSION, FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, 9th December, 1880.

THE PARLIAMENT, which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 9th day of December, 1880, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at a quarter before Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

A Message was delivered by René Édouard Kimber, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

“ Mr. SPEAKER,—

“ His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber.”

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned,

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

APPEALS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, certified copies of the judgments and decisions of the Supreme Court in the following election causes:—

In the appeal of George Wheeler *vs.* William Henry Gibbs, in the matter of the North Ontario Election, by which the said appeal was allowed, and the finding of the Hon. Mr. Justice Armour in so far as it declares the said George Wheeler guilty of bribery within Sub-section 3 of Section 92 of the Dominion Elections Act, 1874, was reversed; no question being raised to that part of the judgment of Hon. Mr. Justice Armour voiding the said election.

And in the appeal of David Young and Archibald Wright, appellants, and Donald Alexander Smith, respondent, in the matter of the Selkirk election, by which the said appeal was allowed, and the judgment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Beaurivage, that the said election was valid, was reversed, and the election declared void.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that, in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Cap. 10, Sec. 36, he had issued his warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said Electoral Districts.

VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that he had received the following notifications of vacancies which had occurred in the representation:—

Of the Hon. JOHN BEVERLY ROBINSON, Member for the Electoral District of West Toronto, by acceptance of the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Of EDMUND LEAVENS CHANDLER, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Brome, by decease.

Of ADOLPHE P. CARON, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Quebec, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of JOSEPH A. MOUSSEAU, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Bagot, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of THOMAS OLIVER, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Oxford, by decease.

Of the Hon. A. R. ANGERS, Member for the Electoral District of Montmery, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown; and

Of the Hon. LOUIS F. G. BABY, Member for the Electoral District of Joliette, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that he had issued his several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new writs of election for the said Electoral Districts respectively.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following Members:—

Of JAS. BEATY, Esquire, jun., for the Electoral District of West Toronto.

Of GEORGE WHEELER, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario.

Of THOMAS SCOTT, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Selkirk.

Of DAVID AMES-MANSON, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Brome.

Of the Hon. JOSEPH PHILIPPE RENÉ ADOLPHE CARON, for the Electoral District of the County of Quebec; and

Of the Hon. JOSEPH ALFRED MOUSSEAU, for the Electoral District of Bagot.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

The following Members, having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took their seats in the House:—

The Hon. ADOLPHE P. CARON, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Quebec, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Langevin.

The Hon. JOSEPH A. MOUSSEAU, Member for the Electoral District of Bagot, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. Langevin.

JAMES BEATY, Esq., jun., Member for the Electoral District of West Toronto, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Leonard Tilley.

DAVID A. MANSON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Brome, introduced by Mr. Pope (Compton) and Mr. White (Cardwell).

GEORGE WHEELER, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario, introduced by Mr. Blake and Mr. Mackenzie.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD introduced a Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

Bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honor to inform this House that when the House attended His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and, to prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy of the Speech, which is as follows:—

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.