

THE DEBATES

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SENATE OF CANADA,

—IN THE—

FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF
CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS
ON THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY, 1886, IN THE FORTY-
NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE,

Ottawa, Thursday, February 25th, 1886.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at
2.30 p.m.

Prayers and Routine proceedings.

The SPEAKER presented a communi-
cation from the Governor General's Sec-
retary announcing that he would open
the Session of the Dominion Parliament
at Three o'clock.

The House was adjourned during
pleasure.

After some time the House was re-
sumed.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The GOVERNOR GENERAL being seated
on the Throne, and the House of Com-
mons being in attendance, with their
Speaker, HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to
open the Session with the following gra-
cious speech to both Houses :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

On meeting you again I have the pleasing
duty to perform of congratulating you on the
sufficient harvest of last year and on the pro-
sperity and substantial progress of the country.

Since the suppression of the insurrection in
the North-West Territories, peace and order
have been restored, and now prevail. After so
serious an outbreak some disquiet and appre-
hension of the recurrence of those disorders
may naturally be expected to linger, and it will
be the duty of my Government to make such
precautionary arrangements as will assure the
present inhabitants, as well as intending settlers
of efficient protection against all disturbance.

I warmly congratulate you on the practical
completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway,
and on the announcement that it will be open
for the daily carriage of passengers and freight
from ocean to ocean in the month of June
next. This great work, so important alike to
the Empire and the Dominion, cannot fail to in-
crease the trade between British Columbia and
the other provinces, to ensure the early develop-
ment and settlement of Manitoba and the
North-West, and greatly to add to the com-
mercial prosperity of the whole country.

Should the negotiations between Her Majesty's
Government and that of the United States for
the appointment of a Joint Commission to ad-
just what is known as "The Fishery Question,"
and to consider the best means of developing
our International Commerce, fail to secure any
satisfactory result, you will be asked to make
provision for the protection of our Inshore Fish-
eries by the extension of our present system of
Marine Police.

The measure submitted to you last Session for
the consolidation of the Statutes and for the in-
troduction into the North-West Territories of a
more simple and economical system for the
transfer of land will be again laid before you for
consideration and legislative action. The Act