

the North-West Territories; Of the Hon. RODOLPHE LAFLAMME, Member for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown; Of the Hon. JOHN HILLYARD CAMERON, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Cardwell, by decess, and Of the Hon. C. A. P. PELLETIER, Member for the Electoral District of Kamouraska, by acceptance of the office of Minister of Agriculture; and 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 places respectively.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House, that during the Recess the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members, viz:—

Of ROBERT COLIN SCATHERD, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex; Of the Hon. THOMAS NICHOLSON GIBBS, for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario; Of WILLIAM HENRY GIBBS, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario; Of DONALD GUTHRIE, Esq., for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington; Of ARCHIBALD McNAB, Esq., for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry; Of CHARLES J. CAMPBELL, Esq., for the Electoral District of Victoria, N.S.; Of JOSEPH BOLDDUC, Esq., for the Electoral District of Beauce; Of the Hon. DAVID MILLS, for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell; Of the Hon. JAMES COLLEGE POPE, for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P.E.I.; Of the Hon. RODOLPHE LAFLAMME, for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier; and of DALTON MCCARTHY, Esq., for the Electoral District of the County of Cardwell.

NEW 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, viz:—

ROBERT COLIN SCATHERD, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex:—Hon. THOMAS NICHOLSON GIBBS, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario.—WILLIAM HENRY GIBBS, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario.—DONALD GUTHRIE, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington.—ARCHIBALD McNAB, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry.—CHARLES J. CAMPBELL, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria, N.S.—JOSEPH BOLDDUC, Esq., Member for

the Electoral District of Beauce.—Hon. DAVID MILLS, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell.—Hon. JAMES COLLEGE POPE, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P.E.I.—and Hon. RODOLPHE LAFLAMME, Member for the electoral District of Jacques Cartier.

OATHS OF OFFICE BILL.

Mr. MACKENZIE introduced a Bill (No. 1.) respecting the administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER reported His Excellency's Speech, and read a copy thereof to the House; which is as follows:—

“ Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

“ I am glad to be again enabled to summon you to meet for the despatch of business at the time which has been considered best suited to the convenience of members.

“ During the recess, I visited the Province of British Columbia, and had much satisfaction in becoming acquainted with the people of that interesting part of the Dominion, and with the climate and resources of their Province.

“ The surveys of the Pacific Railway have been prosecuted with the utmost vigour and at a larger cost during the past than in any previous year, but it has not been found possible, as yet, to complete the location of the line, and I have consequently been obliged to postpone the inviting of tenders for its construction on the terms indicated by the Act of 1874.

“ A further correspondence on the subjects at issue between my Government and British Columbia will be laid before you.

“ During the recent suspension of the Extradition arrangements with the United States, I took care that the importance to Canada of a speedy resumption of these arrangements should be represented to Her Majesty's Government, whose attention has been further invited to the expediency of largely extending the provisions of the existing treaty.

“ I am glad to be able to state that, while the operation of the Treaty has been resumed, negotiations are in progress for a convention, more liberal, and better suited to the circumstances of the two countries.

“ The attention of my Government having been directed to some anomalies in the Royal Commission and Royal Instructions to the Governor General, particularly with regard to the exercise of the Prerogative of Pardon, steps have been taken towards the amendment of these instruments.

“ Papers on this subject, as well as on that of the Extradition question, will be laid before you.

Mr. SPEAKER.