

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE
FOURTH SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO
MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-
EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF
THE REIGN OF
HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 28, 1907.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED.

Hon. Mr. Belcourt, Hon. Mr. Campbell,
Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

At Three o'clock, p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The senators being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons and, that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the Fourth Session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following speech to both Houses :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you at a period of the year most convenient for the despatch of busi-

ness, it gives me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the remarkable expansion of the trade of Canada with other countries, the total trade of the past year far exceeding that of any of its predecessors. A gratifying result of this expansion was that the revenue of the last fiscal period of nine months was more than sufficient to meet expenses on Consolidated Fund, National Transcontinental Railway, Capital and Special outlays, all expenses of the Dominion of every kind, and leave a balance of more than three million dollars to be applied in reduction of the public debt.

The stream of immigrants coming to Canada continues to increase in volume, the year now drawing to a close showing a larger number than any preceding year, and it is gratifying to observe the many coming from the British Isles.

The Dominion has been blessed by a long series of prosperous years, and, though at the present moment its business is being restricted by the financial stringency which prevails throughout the world, I feel assured that this unfavourable condition will be temporary and that the illimitable resources of Canada and the world-wide recognition of them give us ample guarantee of continued material progress.

The conference held in London in the months of April and May last between the govern-