

the Clerk of the House received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members, namely :—

Of David Marshall, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin.

Of Gerald Verner White, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Renfrew.

Of Joseph Demers, Esq., for the Electoral District of St. John and Iberville.

Of Lorenzo Robitaille, Esq., for the Electoral District of Quebec County.

Of Hon. W. S. Fielding, for the Electoral District of Shelburne and Queen's.

Of John Tolmie, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Bruce.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Hon. William Stevens Fielding, member for the Electoral District of Shelburne and Queen's; introduced by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Sir Frederick Borden.

John Tolmie, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Bruce; introduced by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.

Joseph Demers, Esq., member for the Electoral District of St. John and Iberville; introduced by the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

David Marshall, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the East Riding of Elgin; introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Richard Blain.

Gerald V. White, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Renfrew; introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Taylor.

Lorenzo Robitaille, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Quebec County; introduced by Mr. Henri Bourassa and Mr. Armand Lavergne.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Offices.—Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister).

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that when the House did attend 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 which is as follows :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In opening the third session of the Tenth Parliament of Canada, I avail myself of the opportunity to offer you my congratulations on the unparalleled prosperity prevailing in all parts of the Dominion. The harvest has been

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abundant, and the trade with both British and foreign nations continues to expand in annually increasing volume, with every prospect of continued growth for many years to come.

The number of immigrants seeking homes in Canada continues yearly to increase, and it is very satisfactory to observe that a larger proportion than in any former year has in the past season come from the British Isles.

During the recess following the last session, I visited the four western provinces, and was much gratified to note the great advance that is being made in the development of the vast resources of those highly favoured sections of the Dominion. I found the people of the west rejoicing in their prosperity, and full of hope and confidence in the future growth of its agricultural and industrial wealth.

The quinquennial census recently taken in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan shows that those provinces are now entitled to an increase in their representation in the House of Commons. A Bill giving effect to that provision will be submitted for your approval.

In accordance with the announcement made in a previous session, you will be asked to consider a Bill for the revision of the Customs tariff.

The sanction of parliament will be required to give legal effect to the treaty made with the Empire of Japan. A Bill for that purpose will be submitted for your approval.

The products and manufactures of Canada shown at the recent International Exhibition held in the city of Milan proved a great attraction, and as a result it is confidently believed our trade with central and southern Europe can be materially increased.

The Naval authorities having relinquished the use of the dockyard at Halifax, a proposal was made to transfer it to the government of Canada. The offer has been accepted and the dockyard will now be used by the Department of Marine and Fisheries as a base for its operations in connection with aids to navigation.

Many immigrants having in recent years been induced to come to Canada by false representations made in the United Kingdom, at the request of the Minister of Labour a clause has been added to the Merchants Shipping Bill, now before the Imperial parliament, for the punishment of any person who may be found guilty of that offence.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue has shown a large expansion, and has not only provided for ordinary expenditure, but has also, to a great extent, provided for the outlay on capital account.