

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Béchard came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by Edouard Joseph Langevin, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honourable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honourable Mr. Béchard, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

OTTAWA, 18th August, 1896.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in his capacity as Deputy Governor will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at three o'clock.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN SINCLAIR,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.
After some time the House was resumed.

The Honourable Sir Henry Strong, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated at the foot of the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House,—“It is the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who being come,
The Honourable the Speaker said,

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have it in command to let you know, that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law ; but, to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

The Honourable Sir Henry Strong, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Scott, That when the Senate adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.