The Honorable Mr. Vidal then presented Her Majesty's Writ, summoning him to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk, ordered to be put upon the Journal, and it is as follows :--

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Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.,

To Our Trusty and Well Beloved the Honorable Alexander Vidal, of Our Province of Ontario, in Our Dominion of Canada. GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of our Dominion of *Canada*, concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do command you, the said Honorable *Alexander Vidal*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, OUR Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable SIR FREDERICK TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye* of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down* in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye* of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh* in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of *Prince Edward*.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this fifteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-three, and in the Thirty-sixth year of Our Reign. By Command.

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Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Vidal* took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker 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 Honorable *Alexander Vidal*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North American* Act, 1867.

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The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, and Knight Commander of her Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of Canada and Prince Edward, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,