

# House of Commons Debates

SECOND SESSION—NINTH PARLIAMENT

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THURSDAY, February 13, 1902.

The Parliament, which had been pro-rogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 13th day of February, 1902, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

A Message was delivered by Molyneux St. John, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. SPEAKER,—I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General desires and awaits the attendance of your honourable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly the House went into the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned.

## CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received from the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to 'The Dominion Controverted Elections Act,' certificates and reports relating to the elections :—

For the electoral district of the West Riding of the county of Durham ;

For the electoral district of York, N.B.; and

For the electoral district of Lisgar ;

in all of which electoral districts the elections were declared void.

In conformity with chapter 9, section 46, of the Revised Statutes, I issued my several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

I have also the honour to inform the House that I have received from two of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to the 'Dominion Controverted Elections Act,' a certificate and report relating to the election for the electoral district of Victoria, B.C., by which the election of Hon. Edward Gawler Prior was declared void, and the petition against the election of Thos. Earle, Esq., was dismissed.

In conformity with chapter 9, section 46, of the Revised Statutes, I issued my war-

rant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district in the room of Hon. Edward Gawler Prior.

I have also the honour to inform the House that I have received from the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to 'The Dominion Controverted Elections Act,' certificates and reports relating to the election :—

For the electoral district of Ottawa City ;

For the electoral district of Cornwall and Stormont ;

For the electoral district of Charlotte ;

For the electoral district of the South Riding of the county of Ontario ; and

For the electoral district of the North Riding of the county of Bruce ;

by which the said election petitions were severally dismissed and the sitting members declared duly elected.

I have also the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, certified copies of the judgments and decisions of the said court in the matter of the appeals from the decisions of the trial judges in the lower courts, relating to the elections :—

For the electoral district of Beauharnois ;

For the electoral district of Burrard ;

For the electoral district of Victoria, B.C. ;

For the electoral district of Two Mountains ; and

For the electoral district of Terrebonne ;

in all of which the said appeals were dismissed.

## VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have also to inform the House that, during the recess, I received communications from several members, notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz. :—

Of Joseph Godbout, Esq., member for the electoral district of Beauce, by being summoned to the Senate ;

Of Arthur M. Dechene, Esq., member for the electoral district of L'Islet, by being summoned to the Senate ;

Of John W. Bell, Esq., member for the electoral district of Addington, by decease ;

Of Odilon G. Desmarais, Esq., member for the electoral district of Montreal (St. James), by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.