

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, Secretary of State, presented to The House the Eleventh Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries being for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, Receiver-General, informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his Sign-Manual which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

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The Governor General transmits to the Senate copies of Letters-Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the office of the Governor General of the Dominion of *Canada*, and of the Royal Instructions accompanying the same,—also of Her Majesty's Commission appointing him to be Governor General of the said Dominion.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 19th February, 1879.

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CANADA.

DRAFT OF LETTERS-PATENT passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.

Letters Patent, }
Dated 5th October, 1878. }

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India; To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS We did, by certain Letters-Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-second day of May, 1872, in the Thirty-fifth Year of Our Reign, constitute and appoint Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Frederick Temple*, Earl of Dufferin, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath (now Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael and Saint George*), to be Our Governor General in and over Our Dominion of Canada for and during Our will and pleasure: And whereas by the 12th section of "The British North America Act, 1867," certain powers, authorities, and functions were declared to be vested in the Governor General: and whereas We are desirous of making effectual and permanent provision for the office of Governor General in and over Our said Dominion of Canada, without making new Letters-

Preamble.

Recites Governor-General's Commission, 22nd May, 1872.

Imperial Act, 29th March, 1867, cap. III.