

House of Commons Debates

FOURTH SESSION, FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, 9th February, 1882.

THE PARLIAMENT, which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 9th day of February, 1882, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at fifteen minutes before Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

A Message was delivered by René Edouard Kimber, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

"Mr. SPEAKER,—

"His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Senate Chamber."

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned,

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Bélanger, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, a Judgment relating to the Election for the Electoral District of Argenteuil, declaring the election of the respondent, Hon J. J. C. Abbott, null and void.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that, in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Cap. 10, Sec. 36, he had issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said Electoral District.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House that he had received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Angers, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, a Certificate and Judgment in the matter of the Election for the Electoral District of Bellechasse, sustaining G. Amyot, Esq., in his seat.

VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that he had received the following notifications of vacancies which had occurred in the representation:—

Of THOMAS MCKAY, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Colchester, by resignation.

Of the Hon. JAMES McDONALD, Member for the Electoral District of Pictou, by acceptance of the Office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Of the Hon. JAMES COCKBURN, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Northumberland, by resignation.

Of THOMAS ROBERT MCINNES, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of New Westminster, by being summoned to the Senate; and

Of WILLIAM CARRUTHERS LITTLE, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Simcoe, by decease.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that he had issued his several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new writs of election for the said Electoral Districts respectively.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following Members:—

Of JAMES REID, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Cariboo.

Of DARIUS CROUTER, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.

Of DAVID IRVINE, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Carleton, N.B.

Of SIMON XAVIER CIMON, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Charlevoix.

Of GUILLAUME AMYOT, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Bellechasse.

Of the Hon. A. W. McLELAN, for the Electoral District of Colchester.

Of JOHN McDONALD, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Pictou.

Of the Hon. J. J. C. ABBOTT, for the Electoral District of Argenteuil, and

Of GEORGE GUILLET, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Northumberland.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

The following Members having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took their seats in the House:—

HON. A. W. McLELAN, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Colchester, N.S., introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper.

GEORGE GUILLET, Member for the Electoral District of the County of West Northumberland, introduced by Sir Leonard Tilley and Mr. White (Cardwell).

SIMON XAVIER CIMON, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Charlevoix, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Hector Langevin.

JAMES REID, Member for the Electoral District of Cariboo, B.C., introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper.

G. AMYOT, Member for the Electoral District of Bellechasse, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Hector Langevin.

JOHN McDONALD, Member for the Electoral District of Pictou, N.S., introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper.

DARIUS CROUTER, Member for the Electoral District of East Northumberland, introduced by Mr. Blake and Mr. Paterson (Brant).

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD introduced a Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

Bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honor to inform this House that when the House attended 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 of the Speech, which is as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The hope I expressed at the close of the last Session, that on the re-assembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized.

Canada has been favored with a year of great prosperity.

Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices.

Her manufacturing and other industries have been and continue to be developed under favorable auspices.