

the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at three o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
HENRY STREATFIELD, Captain,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable WILLIAM JOHNSTONE RITCHIE, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman 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 Honorable the SPEAKER said :

Honorable 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 a 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 Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 2:30 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, April 14th, 1887.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 2 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

The Honorable SAMUEL MERNER was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the oath of office and made and subscribed the declaration of qualification, took his seat.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, being seated on the Chair on the Throne, was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons.

The members of that body, preceded by their Speaker, the Honorable Joseph Alderic Ouimet, appeared at the Bar. The Honorable Joseph Alderic Ouimet then informed His Excellency that the choice of the House of Commons had fallen upon him to be their Speaker; and he prayed for the members thereof the customary Parliamentary privileges.

HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to open the FIRST SESSION of the SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, with the following Speech :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is my pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the country and on the prospect of a coming season of peace and progress.

You will, I am sure, gladly join with the rest of the loyal subjects of the Queen in offering Her Majesty your sincere congratulations on her having reached the fiftieth anniversary of Her accession to the Throne, and in giving ex-