

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE
SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET
FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH-
DAY OF MARCH, IN THE SIXTIETH YEAR OF THE
REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, March 25th, 1897.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

NEW SENATORS.

The following newly appointed Senators were introduced and took their seats:—

HON. DAVID MILLS.

HON. GEORGE ALBERTUS COX.

HON. GEORGE GERALD KING.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baron of Nova Scotia; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated on the Throne.

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House,—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious speech to both Houses.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In welcoming you on your attendance at the second session of the present parliament, I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidences which prevail throughout the Dominion, of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen and of the desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in a manner worthy the joyous event. And I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial government, arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the Capital of the Empire.

Immediately after the last session the government of Manitoba was invited to hold a conference with my ministers on the subject of the grievances arising out of the Act of that province relating to education passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation, three members of the Manitoba government came to Ottawa, and, after many and protracted discussions, a settlement was reached between the two Governments, which was the best arrangement obtain-