

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE OF CANADA

FOR THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, CALLED FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1879.

SENATE CHAMBER.

Ottawa, February 13th, 1879.

The members of the Senate having assembled, they were informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing the Honorable ROBERT DUNCAN WILMOT to be the Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The Honorable the SPEAKER then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by the Honorable Messieurs Campbell and Aikins, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

The Mace (which before lay under the Table), was then laid upon the Table, and it was

Ordered, That the said Mace be carried before His Honor.

NEW SENATORS.

The Honorable the SPEAKER presented to the House, the Returns from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate,

New Senators.

William Henry Brouse, Esquire, of Prescott, in the Province of Ontario, in the room of the late Honorable James Shaw, deceased;

And the Honorable Charles Boucher de Boucherville, of Boucherville, for the Electoral Division of Montarville, in the room of the Honorable Louis Lacoste, deceased.

The honorable gentlemen were then introduced in the usual manner, and, having taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, took their seats.

The Hon. the SPEAKER presented a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, informing the House that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, would open the Session of the Dominion Parliament at 3 p. m.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Hon. WILLIAM JOHNSTONE RITCHIE, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the chair on the Throne,