

Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Twelfth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

By Command.

R. POPE,  
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

Whereupon the Honorable Messieurs Senecal, McCallum, Sanford and Casgrain came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by Edouard Joseph Langevin, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took their seats accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honorable Messieurs Senecal, McCallum, Sanford and Casgrain, Members of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the following communication from His Excellency the Governor General's Secretary.

OTTAWA, 9th April, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open 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