

# THE DEBATES

OF THE

## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

IN THE

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA,  
APPOINTED TO MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS 8 FEBRUARY,  
1877, IN THE FORTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

### HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*Thursday, 8th Feb., 1877.*

The Parliament which had been prorogued successively from the twelfth day of April, 1876, and thence from time to time to the eighth day of February, 1877, met this day for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

“Mr. SPEAKER,—

“His Excellency the Governor General commands this Honourable House to attend immediately in the Chamber of the Senate.”

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency;

And having returned;

#### CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to *The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874*, a Certificate relating to the Election for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry.

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Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Chapter 10, Section 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.

#### VACANCIES.

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

Of THOMAS SCATCHERD, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex, by decease; Of DAVID STIRTON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington, by resignation; Of ADAM GORDON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario, by decease; Of the Hon. MALCOLM CAMERON, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario, by decease; Of BARCLAY E. TREMAIN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria, N.S., by acceptance of the office of County Judge in Cape Breton; Of CHRISTIAN HENRY POZER, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Beauce, by resignation; Of the Hon. DAVID MILLS, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell, by acceptance of the office of Minister of the Interior; Of the Hon. DAVID LAIRD, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, P.E.I., by acceptance of the office of Lieutenant Governor of