

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members:—

Of BENNETT ROSAMOND, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Lanark;

Of ARTHUR AIMÉ BRUNEAU, Esq., for the Electoral District of Richelieu;

Of ROBERICK R. McLENNAN, Esq., for the Electoral District of Glengarry;

Of the Hon. JOSEPH ALDRIC OUMET, for the Electoral District of Laval;

Of JOSEPH A. GILLIES, Esq., for the Electoral District of Richmond, N.S.;

Of DAVID HENDERSON, Esq., for the Electoral District of Halton;

Of JOHN ARCHIBALD McDONALD, Esq., for the Electoral District of Victoria, N.S.;

Of ARTHUR R. DICKEY, Esq., for the Electoral District of Cumberland;

Of WILLIAM GIBSON, Esq., for the Electoral District of Lincoln and Niagara;

Of JAMES HENRY METCALFE, Esq., for the Electoral District of Kingston;

Of JAMES WILLIAM BAIN, Esq., for the Electoral District of Soulanges;

Of URIAH WILSON, Esq., for the Electoral District of Lennox;

Of ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL MILLER, Esq., for the Electoral District of Prince Edward;

Of CHARLES FAIRBAIRN, Esq., for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Victoria, Ont.;

Of HENRY CARGILL, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Bruce;

Of JOSEPH FEATHERSTON, Esq., for the Electoral District of Peel;

Of SAMUEL HUGHES, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Victoria, Ont.;

Of JOSEPH HENRY MARSHALL, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Middlesex;

Of WILLIAM BARTON NORTHROP, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Hastings.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

HON. JOSEPH ALDRIC OUMET, Member for the Electoral District of Laval, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Bowell.

CHAS. FAIRBAIRN, Esq., Member for the South Riding of Victoria, Ont., introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Haggart.

DAVID HENDERSON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Halton, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Bowell.

SAMUEL HUGHES, Esq., Member for the North Riding of Victoria, Ont., introduced by Mr. Haggart and Mr. Wallace.

JAMES HENRY METCALFE, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Kingston, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL MILLER, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Prince Edward, introduced by Mr. Bowell and Mr. Corby.

JAMES WILLIAM BAIN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Soulanges, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Oumet.

URIAH WILSON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Lennox, introduced by Mr. Bowell and Mr. Taylor.

BENNETT ROSAMOND, Esq., Member for the North Riding of Lanark, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Haggart.

WILLIAM GIBSON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Lincoln and Niagara, introduced by Mr. Laurier and Mr. Edgar.

JOSEPH A. GILLIES, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Richmond, N.S., introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Tupper.

Mr. SPEAKER.

JOSEPH FEATHERSTON, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Peel, introduced by Mr. Laurier and Mr. Bain (Wentworth).

ARTHUR AIMÉ BRUNEAU, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Richelieu, introduced by Mr. Laurier and Mr. Edgar.

WILLIAM BARTON NORTHROP, Esq., Member for the East Riding of Hastings, introduced by Sir John Thompson and Mr. Corby.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office. —(Sir John Thompson.)

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER laid on the Table a copy of the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament in the Senate Chamber this day, which is as follows:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It affords me much gratification to meet you at the commencement of the Parliamentary Session, and to be able to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the Dominion, and upon the abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed all parts of the country.

The lamented and untimely death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale has aroused a feeling of profound sorrow. The sympathy with Her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in their bereavement, which has prevailed in the Dominion on this melancholy occasion, has found expression in respectful messages of condolence from my Ministers, from the Provincial Governments, and from many other representative bodies.

The negotiations with respect to seal fishing in Behring Sea have been continued, with a view to the adjustment, by arbitration, of the difficulties which have arisen between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States on that subject. Commissioners have been appointed by both Governments to investigate the circumstances of seal life in Behring Sea; to report thereon; and to suggest the measures, if any, which they may deem necessary for its proper protection and preservation. The Commissioners are proceeding, with their deliberations in Washington, and the results will shortly be communicated to Her Majesty's Government. I trust that their investigations, and the determination of the Arbitrators who are to be appointed, may lead to a just and equitable settlement of this long pending difficulty.

The meeting which had been arranged with the United States Government for a day in October last, for an informal discussion on the extension of trade between the two countries, and on other international matters requiring adjustment, was postponed at their request. But, in compliance with a more recent intimation from that Government, three of my Ministers proceeded to Washington, and conferred with representatives of the Administration of the United States on those subjects. An amicable understanding was arrived at respecting the steps to be taken for the establishment of the boundary of Alaska; and for reciprocity of services in cases of wreck and salvage. Arrangements were also reached for the appointment of an International Commission to report on the regulations which may be adopted by the United States and Canada for the prevention of destructive methods of fishing and the pollution of streams, and for establishing uniformity of close seasons, and other