

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE
SECOND SESSION OF THE NINTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET
FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY
OF FEBRUARY, IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN OF
HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1902.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m.

USHER OF THE BLACK ROD.

The Speaker informed the Senate that he had received an extract from a report of the Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 31st January, 1902, showing that Molyneux St. John, Esquire, had been appointed Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

NEW SENATORS.

The following newly-appointed Senators were introduced :—

Hon. J. E. ROBERTSON, of Montague, Prince Edward Island.

Hon. C. E. CHURCH, of Chester, Nova Scotia.

Hon. F. P. THOMPSON, of Fredericton, N.B.

Hon. F. L. BEIQUÉ, of Montreal, Que.

Hon. W. GIBSON, of Beamsville, Ont.

Hon. J. McMULLEN, of Mount Forest, Ont.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

At Three o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber, and took his seat upon the Throne. The Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the Second Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following speech :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In meeting you again at the commencement of another session of Parliament, it is my first duty to express the deep sense of our gratitude to Divine Providence for the many blessings which Canada has received during the past year, and particularly for the exceptionally bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the North-west Territories.

It was very gratifying to note the cordial reception tendered by all classes of the people to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their visit in September and October last, the only regrettable feature being the limited time at their disposal, which prevented their visiting many important centres of population. It is, however, a great satisfaction to know that their Royal Highnesses enjoyed their tour through Canada and carried away the