

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENATE OF CANADA,

IN THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA WHICH WAS CALLED TO MEET, FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, ON THURSDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, A. D., 1874, IN THE 36TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, March 26th, 1874.

The members of the Senate having assembled in the chamber at the hour of 2.20 o'clock, the Senate met, and after prayer by the Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the Clerk read the Commission appointing the Hon. Mr. Christie to the position of Speaker.

NEW SENATORS.

The SPEAKER took the chair and announced that Senators were waiting to be introduced. The Hon. Mr. LeTellier de St. Just and the Hon. Mr. Wilnot then escorted the Hon. R. W. Scott to the Clerk's table, where the oath was administered to him. The Hon. Mr. Penny was then introduced by the Hon. Mr. LeTellier and the Hon. Mr. Wilson. He also took the necessary oath, after which the Speaker left the chair, and the old members came forward to exchange congratulations with the Speaker and the new Senators on their appointments.

After prayers, the House adjourned during pleasure, and when it was resumed, His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of

Canada and Prince Edward, &c., being seated in the chair on the Throne,

The Hon. Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come, Hon. Speaker said:—Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada, until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law: but to-morrow at the hour of three o'clock, in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

FRIDAY, March 27th, 1874.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL, at three o'clock p. m., this day, proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, and having taken his seat upon the Throne, His Excellency commanded the attendance of the House of Commons. The members of that body, preceded by their Speaker, the Honorable Timothy Warren Anglin, appeared at the Bar. The