

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 Thursday, the 8th instant, at three o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. DEWINTON, LT-COL. R. A.,
Governor-General's Secretary.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the Senate.

OTTAWA, 6th February, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that His Excellency the Governor-General will proceed to the Senate Chamber, to formally open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Friday, the 9th instant, at three o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. DEWINTON, LT-COL. R. A.,
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, Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

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 Canada until a 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.

The Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Senate adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, February, 9th, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 2.30 p. m.

PRAYERS.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

Hon. W O'DONOHUE was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the oath of office and made and subscribed the declaration of qualification, took his seat.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, being seated on the Chair on the Throne, was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons.

The members of that body preceded by their Speaker, the Honorable George Airey Kirkpatrick, appeared at the Bar. The Honorable George Airey Kirkpatrick then informed His Excellency that the choice of the House of Commons had fallen upon him to be their Speaker ; and he prayed for the Members thereof the customary Parliamentary privileges.

HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to open the FIRST SESSION of the FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, with the following Speech :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is my pleasing duty on the opening of a new Parliament to congratulate you on the auspicious circumstances under which you will begin your labours.

Canada is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and all her industries, agricultural, manufacturing and commercial, are in a healthy and improving condition.