

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA,
IN THE

SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT OF THE
DOMINION OF CANADA WHICH WAS CALLED TO MEET, FOR
THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, ON THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER,
A.D., 1873, IN THE 37TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MA-
JESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, 23rd October, 1873.

This day, at three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, in the Parliament Buildings, and took his seat upon the Throne. The members of 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 Second Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech from the Throne :

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,
Gentlemen of the House of Commons.*

In accordance with the intimation given

by me at the close of last Session, I have caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by me to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The evidence obtained under the Commission deserves careful consideration. The Report will be laid before Parliament, and it will be for you then to determine whether it can be of any assistance to you.

A Bill for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws in force in the several Provinces relating to the representation of the people in Parliament will again be submitted to you. By the postponement of this measure from last Session you will have the advantage of including in its provisions the Province of Prince Edward Island, now happily united to Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to whom a Royal Charter was granted, have, I regret to say, been unable to make the financial