

# THE DEBATES

—OF THE—

# SENATE OF CANADA,

—IN THE—

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF  
CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS  
ON THE 29TH OF JANUARY, 1885, IN THE FORTY-  
EIGHTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

## THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Thursday, January 29th, 1885.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### NEW SENATORS.

The SPEAKER presented to the House communications from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certifying that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate the Honorable Messrs.

William McDONALD, of Cape Breton, N. S., in the room of the late Hon. Mr. Bourinot,

Joseph BOLDUC, of St. Victor de Tring, Que., in the room of the late Hon. Mr. Pozer,

Hon. Théodore ROBITAILLE, of New Carlisle, Que., in the room of Hon. Louis Robitaille, resigned,

Michael SULLIVAN, of the City of Kingston, Ont., and

Hon. James Robert GOWAN, of the Town of Barrie, Ont.

Hon. Messrs. McDonald, Bolduc and Robitaille were then introduced, and having taken the Oath prescribed by law, took their seats.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

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 THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

In again meeting you for the despatch of business, I have to congratulate you on the abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed our Country, and upon the general condition of the Dominion. Its commercial prosperity, although it has to some extent shared in the depression which has prevailed in Great Britain and in the neighbouring Republic, rests upon foundations which no temporary or partial disturbance can remove.

I trust that the present year will be one of peace and progress.