

The Members of the Senate were informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing the Honorable *Robert Duncan Wilmot* to be the Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

CANADA.



P. L. MacDougall.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable *Robert Duncan Wilmot*, a Senator of *Canada*.

GREETING :—

Z. A. Lash,
Deputy of the Minister of } Know You, that reposing trust and confidence in
Justice, *Canada*. } the loyalty, integrity and ability of you, the said *Robert*
the said *Robert Duncan Wilmot*, to be the Speaker of the Senate of Our Dominion } *Duncan Wilmot*, We do hereby nominate and appoint you,
of *Canada*, in the room and stead of the Honorable *David Christie*, who has resigned }
the said office ;

To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office of Speaker of the Senate of *Canada*, unto you, the said *Robert Duncan Wilmot*, with all and every the powers, rights, authority, privileges, profits, emoluments and advantages unto the said office of right and by law appertaining during pleasure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved General Sir PATRICK LEONARD MACDOUGALL, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael and Saint George*, Administrator of the Government of *Canada*, and Commander of Our Forces therein, &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Ottawa*, this Seventh day of November, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight, and in the Forty-second Year of Our Reign.

By Command.

J. C. AIKINS,
Secretary of State.

The Honorable the Speaker then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by the Honorable Messieurs *Campbell* and *Aikins*, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

The Mace (which before lay under the Table) was then laid upon the Table, and it was

Ordered, That the said Mace be carried before His Honor.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House, the Returns from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate,—

William Henry Brouse, Esquire, of *Prescott*, in the Province of *Ontario*, in the room of the Honorable *James Shaw*, deceased ;