

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. McMullen came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by Samuel Edmour St. Onge Chapleau, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honourable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honourable Mr. McMullen, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker, and it is as follows:—

OTTAWA, 11th February, 1902.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber, to open the Second Session of the ninth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, on Thursday, the 13th instant, at Three o'clock, P.M.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. S. MAUDE, Major,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated on the Throne,

The Honourable the 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 with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by the following Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In meeting you again at the commencement of another session of Parliament, it is my first duty to express the deep sense of our gratitude to Divine Providence for the many blessings which Canada has received during the past year, and particularly for the exceptionally bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the North-west Territories.

It was very gratifying to note the cordial reception tendered by all classes of the people, to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit in September and October last, the only regrettable feature being the limited time at their disposal, which prevented their visiting many important centres of population. It is however a great satisfaction to know that their Royal Highnesses enjoyed their tour through Canada and carried away the most pleasant recollections of their visit to this part of the Empire.