

THE DEBATES

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SENATE OF CANADA

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FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THE 8th OF FEBRUARY, 1883, IN THE FORTY-SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, Feb. 8th, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

THE CLERK OF THE SENATE.

The SPEAKER informed the House that a Commission under the Great Seal had been granted to EDOUARD JOSEPH LANGEVIN, appointing him the Clerk of the Senate.

The Commission was then read, and the Clerk took and subscribed the oath of office.

MASTERS IN CHANCERY.

The SPEAKER reported to the Senate that Commissions under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing JAMES ADAMSON, JAMES GEORGE AYLWIN CREIGHTON and EDOUARD JOSEPH LANGEVIN, Masters in Chancery, and the said Commissions were read and ordered to be put upon the Journal.

COMMISSIONERS UNDER THE GREAT SEAL.

The SPEAKER informed the House, that EDOUARD JOSEPH LANGEVIN and JAMES ADAMSON, Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the Senate, had been appointed Commissioners under the Great Seal, to administer Oaths to Members of the Senate of Canada.

Commissions were then read.

NEW SENATORS.

The SPEAKER presented to the House, a Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor-General had summoned to the Senate,—

JOHN O'DONOHUE, Q.C., of the City of Toronto ;

JOHN SCHULTZ, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba ;

LOUIS R. MASSON, of the Province of Quebec ;

JOSIAH BURR PLUMB, of the Town of Niagara, in the Province of Ontario, and

LOUIS ROBITAILLE, of New Carlisle, in the Province of Quebec.

Hon. Messrs. MASSON, PLUMB and ROBITAILLE were then introduced and, having taken and subscribed the oath of office, and made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, took their seats.

THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

The SPEAKER presented to the House the following communications :—

OTTAWA, 6th FEBRUARY, 1883.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the