

## VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that during the recess, he received communications from several members notifying him that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz. :—

Of Darby Bergin, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cornwall and Stormont, by decease ;

Of William LeBouthillier Fauvel, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Bonaventure, by decease ; and

Of Charles Ramsay Devlin, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Wright, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House, that during the recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the elections and return of the following members, viz. :—

Of Thomas Osborne Davis, Esq., for the Electoral District of Saskatchewan ;

Of the Hon. Clifford Sifton, for the Electoral District of Brandon ;

Of John Goodall Snetsinger, Esq., for the Electoral District of Cornwall and Stormont ;

Of Charles Bernhard Heyd, Esq., for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Brant ;

Of Duncan Graham, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario ; and

Of William H. Bennett, Esq., for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Simcoe.

## MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Member for the Electoral District of Brandon, introduced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Laurier) and Mr. Sutherland.

William H. Bennett, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Simcoe, introduced by Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Haggart.

John Goodall Snetsinger, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cornwall and Stormont, introduced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Laurier) and Mr. Sutherland.

Duncan Graham, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario, introduced by the Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock) and Mr. Douglas.

Charles Bernhard Heyd, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Brant, introduced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Laurier) and the Controller of Customs (Mr. Paterson).

Thomas Osborne Davis, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Saskatchewan, introduced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Laurier) and Mr. Sutherland.

Mr. SPEAKER.

## FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 1) respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—(The Prime Minister, Mr. Laurier.)

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament. To prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy which is as follows :—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons .*

In welcoming you on your attendance at the Second session of the present Parliament, I desire to express the gratification I feel at the evidences which prevail throughout the Dominion, of the loyalty and affection entertained by the Canadian people for Her Majesty the Queen and of the desire to join with their fellow-subjects in all parts of the Empire in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in a manner worthy the joyous event. And I am pleased to be able also to announce that in accordance with an invitation from the Imperial Government, arrangements are being made for an effective representation of the Dominion in connection with the commemoration of this historic occasion at the Capital of the Empire.

Immediately after the last session, the Government of Manitoba was invited to hold a Conference with my Ministers on the subject of the grievances arising out of the Act of that Province relating to Education passed in the year 1890. In response to that invitation, three members of the Manitoba Government came to Ottawa, and after many and protracted discussions, a settlement was reached between the two Governments, which was the best arrangement obtainable under the existing conditions of this disturbing question. I confidently hope that this settlement will put an end to the agitation which has marred the harmony and impeded the development of our country, and will prove the beginning of a new era to be characterized by generous treatment of one another, mutual concessions and reciprocal good-will.

A measure will be submitted to you for the revision of the tariff, which it is believed will provide the necessary revenue, and, while having due regard to industrial interests, will make our fiscal system more satisfactory to the masses of the people.

You will be asked to give your support to a Bill abolishing the present expensive and unsatisfactory Franchise Act and adopting, for the