

# THE DEBATES

# OF THE

# SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF  
CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS  
ON WEDNESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF APRIL,  
IN THE FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

## THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Wednesday, April 13th, 1887.*

The Senate met at 2:30 p.m.

## THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

The CLERK informed the House that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing the Hon. JOSIAH BURR PLUMB to be the Speaker of the Senate.

The Commission was then read, after which the Honorable the Speaker was conducted to the Chair at the foot of the Throne by the Hon. Messrs. Smith and Kobitaille.

## 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,—

SAMUEL MERNER, of the village of New Hamburg, in the Province of Ontario.

CHARLES EUSEBE CASGRAIN, of the Town of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario.

LOUIS ADELARD SENECAI, of Mon-

treal, for the electoral division of Mille Isles, in the Province of Quebec, in the room of the Hon. Louis R. Masson, resigned.

LACHLIN MACCALLUM, of Stromness, Province of Ontario.

WILLIAM E. SANFORD, of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, in the room of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, K. C. M. G., resigned.

The Honorable Mr. CASGRAIN, the Honorable Mr. SENECAI, the Honorable Mr. MACCALLUM, and the Honorable Mr. SANFORD, 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, 9th April, 1887.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor-General to inform you that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open