

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1896.

The House having met ;

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received :—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY,
OTTAWA, 31st December, 1895.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber, to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at Three o'clock, P.M.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR GORDON,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Senate Chamber :—

The House attended accordingly ; and being returned,

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

Of Josiah Wood, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Westmoreland, by being summoned to the Senate ;

Of Robert S. White, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cardwell, by resignation ;

Of Frank Madill, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Ontario, by decease ;

Of Hon. James Colebrooke Patterson, Member for the Electoral District of West Huron, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba ;

Of Désiré Girouard, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada ;

Of Hon. John Joseph Curran, Member for the Electoral District of Montreal Centre, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit : that of a Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec ;