

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE
FIFTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO
MEET FOR DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE FIRST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE SIXTY-THIRD YEAR
OF THE REIGN OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, February 1, 1900.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m.

PRAYERS.

THE CLERK OF THE SENATE.

The SPEAKER informed the Senate that a commission under the Great Seal had been granted to Samuel Edmour St. Onge Chapleau, appointing him the Clerk of the Senate.

The Commission to the Clerk was then read.

Mr. Chapleau, having taken the oath of office, took his place.

NEW SENATORS.

The following newly-appointed Senators were introduced and took their seats:—

HON. GEORGE TAYLOR FULFORD, of Brockville, Ont., *vice* the Hon. W. E. Sanford, deceased.

HON. CHARLES BURPEE, of Sheffield, N.B., *vice* the Hon. Thos. Temple, deceased.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

This day, at Three o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state in the Senate Chamber in the Parliament Buildings, and took his seat upon the Throne. The Members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the Fifth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following speech:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons

It is again my pleasing duty to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Dominion and on the remarkable increase in the general volume of the revenue and of the exports and imports of the country.

Hostilities having unfortunately broken out during the recess between Great Britain and the South African Republic, it appeared to my ministers expedient to anticipate the action of parliament by equipping and forwarding two contingents of volunteers to the seat of war as a practical evidence of the profound devotion and loyalty of the entire people of Canada to the Sovereign and institutions of the British Empire.

In this connection it is a matter of pride and gratification to the people of this Dominion that,