

The Honourable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honourable Mr. McSweeney, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honourable Mr. Mills moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Vidal,

That pursuant to Rule 79, the following Senators be appointed a Committee of Selection, to nominate the Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees, namely :—The Honourable Messieurs Scott, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, DeBoucherville, Lougheed, Miller, King, Macdonald (Victoria), Power, and the mover ; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Senate resumed the further Debate on the Honourable Mr. Kerr's motion.

After further Debate.

It being Six o'clock, His Honour the Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past Seven o'clock.

7.30 P.M.

The Senate resumed the further Debate on the Honourable Mr. Kerr's motion, viz. :—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Gilbert John Elliot Murray-Kynningmond, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

After further Debate.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this House as are members of the Privy Council.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate,—The Report of the Clerk respecting the absence for two consecutive Sessions of the Honourable John Sutherland. The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

THE SENATE,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

WEDNESDAY, 22nd March, 1899.

In conformity with the 99th Rule of the Senate, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Senate, that the Honourable John Sutherland, member of the