

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
SENATE OF CANADA,

IN THE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION  
OF CANADA WHICH WAS CALLED TO MEET, FOR THE DESPATCH  
OF BUSINESS, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 5TH MARCH, A. D., 1873, IN  
THE 36TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN  
VICTORIA.

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*THE SENATE.*

Wednesday, March 5th, 1873.

The members of the Senate having assembled in the chamber at the hour of 10 o'clock,

Hon. Messrs. Chauveau, Muirhead and Cochrane presented Her Majesty's Writs, summoning them to the Senate, and subsequently came to the table and subscribed the oath prescribed by law.

The commission of Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau as Speaker was then read, and when he had taken the prescribed oath he took the chair at the foot of the throne.

After prayers, the House adjourned during pleasure, and when it was resumed, His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Francis Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada,

and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of Canada and Prince Edward, &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

Hon. Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come, Hon. Speaker said:—

*Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons.*

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada, until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law; but to-morrow, at the hour of