

DOMINION PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

IN THE

*THIRD SESSION OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION
OF CANADA WHICH WAS CALLED TO MEET, FOR THE DESPATCH
OF BUSINESS, ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH FEBRUARY, A. D., 1870
IN THE 33RD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN
VICTORIA.*

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

SIR JOHN YOUNG, BARONET, &c., &c.,

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 15, 1870.

His Excellency having taken his seat on the Throne in the Senate Chamber (a seat on the right of the Throne having been provided for His Royal Highness, PRINCE ARTHUR who was present), the Members of the House of Commons were summoned, and His Excellency delivered the following Speech from the Throne :

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :
Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I recur with confidence to your advice, and have much satisfaction in being enabled on the present occasion to summon you to the discharge of your public duties at

the period of the year most convenient to yourselves.

The circumstances under which we meet are in many respects auspicious. The bounty of Providence crowned the harvest with abundance, and made the Fisheries unusually productive; in many districts existing industries have been enlarged, and new enterprises have started into activity; furnishing fresh avenues for commerce, and additional employment for our people; whilst every day new sections of the country are being opened to the labours of the husbandman. The trade and wealth of the Dominion are on the increase, and the equal administration of the laws, maintains, as heretofore, the enjoyment of a general sense of security.