

Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Yale, by resignation; Of Harvey W. Burk, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Durham, by resignation; Of Joseph Dubuc, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Provencher, by the acceptance of an Office of emolument under the Crown; and Of Daniel Galbraith, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Lanark, by decease.

He also informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery copies of Warrants showing vacancies which had taken place in the representation, viz:—

Of Hugh McLeod Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cape Breton, by decease; and Of the Hon. Theodore Robitaille, Member for the Electoral District of Bonaventure, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit, the Office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.

NEW MEMBERS.

MR. SPEAKER also informed the House that, during the Recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members:—

Of Fabien Vanasse, Esq., for the Electoral District of Yamaska; Of Francis Jones Barnard, Esq., for the Electoral District of Yale; Of P. C. Beauchesne, Esq., for the Electoral District of Bonaventure; Of William Mackenzie McLeod, Esq., for the Electoral District of Cape Breton; Of the Hon. Edward Blake, for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Durham; Of Joseph Royal, Esq., for the Electoral District of Provencher; Of Donald G. Macdonell, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Lanark; and Of Darby Bergin, Esq., for the Electoral District of the Town and Township of Cornwall.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

The following Members, having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House:—

Francis Jones Barnard, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Yale; P. C. Beauchesne, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Bonaventure; Hon. Edward Blake, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Durham; Darby Bergin, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cornwall; Donald G. Macdonell, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North

Riding of the County of Lanark; William Mackenzie McLeod, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Cape Breton; Joseph Royal, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Provencher; and Fabien Vanasse, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Yamaska.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE BILL.

(*Sir John A. Macdonald.*)

FIRST READING.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD introduced a Bill (No. 1) Respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.

Bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

MR. SPEAKER reported His Excellency's Speech, and read a copy thereof to the House, which is as follows:—

"Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"I have great pleasure in meeting you again for the despatch of the business of the country.

"The abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed Canada is a cause for the deepest thankfulness; and I heartily congratulate you on the evidences which surround us of a recovery from the commercial and industrial depression which has so long weighed down the energies of the people.

"Our returning prosperity should, I think, direct our attention to the less fortunate circumstances of our fellow subjects in Ireland, where so much destitution prevails, and I invite your consideration of the best means of showing our practical sympathy with their distress.

"We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the number of settlers who have, during the past year, come into our North-West from Great Britain and the United States, as well as from the older Provinces of the Dominion. The visit of two members of the Royal Commission on the agricultural distress in the Mother Country, and the favourable report of the tenant farmers who, at the instance of my Government, have examined into the farming capabilities of the Dominion will, it is believed, largely increase the number of immigrants during the present year. Preparations must be made for their

MR. SPEAKER.