

THE DEBATES
OF THE
SENATE OF CANADA

IN THE

THIRD SESSION OF THE TENTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA, APPOINTED TO MEET FOR
THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND
DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF

HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 22nd, 1906.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., and adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

At Three o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. The Senators 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 Third Session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following speech :

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In opening the third session of the Tenth Parliament of Canada, I avail myself of the opportunity to offer you my congratulations on the unparalleled prosperity prevailing in all parts of the Dominion. The harvest has been abundant, and the trade with both British and foreign nations continues to expand in annually increasing volume, with every prospect of continued growth for many years to come.

The number of immigrants seeking homes in Canada continues yearly to increase, and it is

very satisfactory to observe that a larger proportion than in any former year has in the past season come from the British Isles.

During the recess following the last session, I visited the four western provinces, and was much gratified to note the great advance that is being made in the development of the vast resources of those highly favoured sections of the Dominion. I found the people of the west rejoicing in their prosperity, and full of hope and confidence in the future growth of its agricultural and industrial wealth.

The quinquennial census recently taken in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan shows that those provinces are now entitled to an increase in their representation in the House of Commons. A Bill giving effect to that provision will be submitted for your approval.

In accordance with the announcement made in a previous session, you will be asked to consider a Bill for the revision of the Customs tariff.

The sanction of parliament will be required to give legal effect to the treaty made with the Empire of Japan. A Bill for that purpose will be submitted for your approval.

The products and manufactures of Canada shown at the recent International Exhibition held in the city of Milan proved a great attraction, and as a result it is confidently believed our trade with central and southern Europe can be materially increased.