

# House of Commons Debates.

## FOURTH SESSION—EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

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THURSDAY, 16th March, 1899.

The Parliament which had been prorogued from time to time, was now commanded to assemble on the 16th day of March, 1899, for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### PRAYERS.

A Message was delivered by René Edouard Kimber, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned,

#### CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Mathieu, one of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to "the Dominion Controverted Elections Act," a certificate relating to the election petition for the electoral district of St. Anne's Division of Montreal, by which the said petition was dismissed and the sitting member declared duly elected.

I have also the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada a certified copy of the judgment and decision of the said court in the matter of the election appeal for the electoral district of Nicolet, by which the said appeal was allowed and the judgment of the judge of the lower court on the preliminary objections reversed and set aside, and the record of the said appeal transmitted to the proper officer of the lower court in order that the said cause might be proceeded with according to law.

I have further the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received from two of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to "the Dominion Controverted Elections Act," a certificate and report relating to the election for the electoral district of Nicolet, by which the election petition was dismissed and the sitting member declared duly elected.

#### VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have also the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz. :—

Of James Frederick Lister, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Lambton, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown (a judgeship) ;

Of Philippe Auguste Choquette, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Montmagny, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown (a judgeship) ;

Of John Yeo, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Prince, P.E.I., by being summoned to the Senate ; and

Of Pierre Malcolm Guay, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Lévis, by decease.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

#### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have further the honour to inform the House that during the recess the Clerk of the House received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz. :—

Of Pierre Raymond Leonard Martineau, Esq., for the Electoral District of Montmagny ;

Of Leighton Goldie McCarthy, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Simcoe ;

Of Thomas George Johnston, Esq., for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Lambton ;