

appoint you for the Gulf Electoral Division of Our Province of Quebec, and We do command you, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, John J. McGee, Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Entirely Beloved Cousin, the Most Honorable Sir HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Caln and Calnstone, in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor General of Canada, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, in Our Dominion of Canada, this Twenty-ninth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five, and in the Forty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

By Command,

R. POPE,

*Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.*

Whereupon the said Honorable Messieurs McDonald, Bolduc and Robitaille came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by law, which was administered by Edouard Joseph Langevin, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and took their seats accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker then acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honorable Messieurs McDonald, Bolduc and Robitaille, Members of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

OTTAWA, 24th January, 1885.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MELGUND,

*Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honorable the Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time, the House was resumed

His Excellency the Most Honorable Sir HENRY CHARLES KEITH PETTY-FITZMAURICE, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset, Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping

Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, Viscount Caln and Calstone in the County of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping-Wycombe, in the County of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelburne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw and Dunkerron, in the Peerage of Ireland; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor General of Canada, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint the House,—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who, being come with their Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

In again meeting you for the despatch of business I have to congratulate you on the abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed our country, and upon the general condition of the Dominion. Its commercial prosperity, although it has to some extent shared in the depression which has prevailed in Great Britain and in the neighbouring Republic, rests upon foundations which no temporary or partial disturbance can remove.

I trust that the present year will be one of peace and progress.

The flow of population into Manitoba and the North-West Territories, although impeded by various and unexpected causes, has been substantial, and the testimony of the members of the British Association and other visitors of the North-West last summer as to the well-being, contentment, and hopefulness of the settlers, is most gratifying.

A Bill introducing into those Territories a more simple and economical system for the transfer of land will be laid before you.

The Report of the Commission for the consolidation of the Statutes affecting the Dominion has been completed and will be submitted to you for legislative action.

You are again invited to consider a measure relating to the representation of the people in Parliament and for the assimilation of the Electoral Franchises in the several Provinces.

A provisional arrangement of matters for some time under discussion with the Government of Manitoba has been entered into, and a measure confirming the same will be submitted to you so soon as it has been accepted by the Provincial Legislature.

I deemed it expedient to issue during the recess a Commission to consider and report upon the whole subject of Chinese immigration with reference to its trade relations, as well as to those social and moral objections which have been taken to the influx of the Chinese people into Canada.

The Report of the Commissioners is very nearly completed, and will be laid before you during the present Session.

The necessity of encouraging the speedy construction of lines of Railway through the North-West Territories has pressed itself on my Government, and you will be asked to aid Railway enterprise by liberal grants of land.

Urgent representations have been made by the Boards of Trade of the chief towns in Canada, as well as by some of the Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain, of the necessity that exists for the adoption of some system of Bankruptcy or Insolvency giving adequate protection against undue preferences, and your attention to this important subject is earnestly invited.

In pursuance of the vote of last Session I caused a vessel to be fitted out and dispatched to Davis' Straits and Hudson's Bay, in order to obtain more accurate information as to the navigation of those waters, and test the practicability of the route for commercial purposes.

A report of the progress of the expedition during the last season will be laid before you.

An International Exhibition will be opened at Antwerp during the present year, and a Colonial and Indian Exhibition is to be held in London in 1886. Canada should, I think, be represented in her various manufactures and natural productions on both occasions, and I invoke your consideration of the best means of aiding in these important objects.

Several other measures of importance will be submitted to you; among them will be Bills to amend the Insurance Act of 1877, the Civil Service Act, and the law relating to contagious diseases among cattle, as well as measures for taking, at an early period, a census of the population of the North-West Territories, and one relating to the North-West Mounted Police.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the past fiscal year will be laid before you. You will find that notwithstanding the very considerable reduction in the prices and volume of many of the leading imports, the income has exceeded the expenditure chargeable to Consolidated Revenue.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will also be submitted. They will be found, I trust, to have been prepared with due regard to economy.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I am sure that your earnest consideration will be given to the subjects I have mentioned, as well as to every matter which may affect the prosperity and good government of Canada.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell presented to the House, a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, seconded by the Honorable Sir David Lewis Macpherson, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, seconded by the Honorable Sir David Lewis Macpherson, it was

Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—The Report of the Acting Librarian on the state of the Library of Parliament.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—