

When the Honourable Mr. Prince was introduced between the Honourable Mr. Dandurand and the Honourable Mr. Douglas.

The Honourable Mr. Prince presented His Majesty's Writ summoning him to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk; and
Ordered, To be put upon the Journals, and it is as follows:—



CANADA.

C. Fitzpatrick, Deputy Governor General of Canada.

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EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Benjamin Prince, Esquire, of Battleford, in Our Province of Saskatchewan, in Our Dominion of Canada.

GREETING:

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of Our Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion; 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: Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Councillor the Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Chief Justice of Canada, and Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor, the Right Honourable Sir Albert Henry George, Earl Grey, Viscount Howick, Baron Grey of Howick, in the County of Northumberland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, and a Baronet; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, &c., &c., Governor General, and Commander in Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, this twenty-ninth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine, and in the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

By Command,
CHAS. MURPHY,
Secretary of State.

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Prince came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by Samuel Edmor St.

Onge Chapleau, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose; and took his seat accordingly.

The Honourable the Speaker then acquainted the Senate that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the Certificate of one of the Commissioners setting forth that the Honourable Mr. Prince, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

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

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA,
OTTAWA, 10th November, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour 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 11th instant, at Three o'clock.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. HANBURY-WILLIAMS, Colonel,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The Senate was adjourned during pleasure.

His Excellency the Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada, being seated on the Throne.

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

Who being come, with their Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious Speech to both Houses :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you at a season most convenient for the despatch of business, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the country.

The present year, which is now rapidly drawing to a close, has been a period of steady and progressive growth. Immigration has poured into the new settlements of the north and of the west, in a copious and well ordered stream, drawn from the best elements of the British Isles, the United States and Continental Europe. Trade and commerce have made rapid advances in all directions. The revenue has almost completely regained what it had lost in the recent period of depression. Most remarkable has been the rapid recovery from the financial embarrassment which for a short time was the cause of anxiety amongst business men. In nearly every branch of business there has been a revival of activity which gave assurance of continued progress and prosperity.

Two members of my Government attended the Imperial Conference called by His Majesty's Government, on the question of defence. A plan was adopted after consultation with the Admiralty, for the organization of a Canadian Naval Service, on the lines of the resolution of the House of Commons of the 29th of March last. The papers will be immediately brought down and a Bill introduced accordingly.

The new Convention between His Majesty and the President of the French Republic, respecting the commercial relations between France and Canada, having been approved by the French Legislative Chambers, you will also be asked to confirm it.

The construction of the Transcontinental Railway has made substantial advance during the year. The western division has been extended 66 miles beyond Edmonton, completing a total distance of 861 miles west of Winnipeg. Contracts have been let for 399 miles in the Mountain division; good progress was made on this work. The Eastern division is now open for traffic from Winnipeg to Lake Superior Junction, and thence, by the Grand Trunk Pacific branch, to the lake itself. The whole of the work between Winnipeg and Moncton is now under contract.

The board of engineers entrusted with the preparation of plans for the reconstruction of the Quebec bridge has sufficiently advanced its work to permit of tenders being invited for the substructure.

The exploration surveys for a railway from the western wheat fields to Hudson Bay were pushed energetically during the whole of last summer. It is hoped that a report of the operations will be placed before you at an early date.

In order to improve the facilities already afforded the public by the Government railways, and to enhance their value as part of the great transportation system of Canada, a Bill will be submitted to you for the purpose of enabling the Minister of Railways, on the recommendation of the Government Railways Managing Board, and subject to the approval of Parliament, to lease any line or lines connecting with the Intercolonial Railway.

A measure will be submitted to you for the purpose of rendering more effective the present legislation respecting combinations which unduly enhance prices.

Bills will also be introduced respecting banks and banking, insurance, navigable waters, and other matters.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the last year will be laid before you.

The estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted for your approval at an early date.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I pray the Almighty Lord that He may guide and bless your deliberations, and that they may bear fruit in a further increase of our country's prosperity and well-being.

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

After some time the Senate was resumed.

The Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright presented to the Senate a Bill, intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The Bill was read a first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of His Excellency's Speech had been left in his hands.

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.