

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had received certain reports from Judges appointed for the trial of election petitions in various constituencies, and that warrants had been issued to elect representatives in certain constituencies declared vacant by the Judges.

The Clerk laid on the table the certificates of election of new members elected at such elections.

The Speaker also informed the House that he has received from the Registrar of the Court of Appeal the certificate of the decision of the court in the matter of the election of a member for the electoral district of South Perth.

#### New Members Presented.

The interesting ceremony of presenting the new members then commenced, the sponsor in each case intimating that the member had been duly elected, had taken the oath and signed the roll, and now claimed the seat. Premier Hardy and Mr. Pattullo escorted Hon. John Dryden, the Minister of Agriculture, to the front, and he, as did all who followed, shook hands with the Speaker. Hon. J. T. Garrow, West Huron, was presented by Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Mr. F. Pardee, West Lambton; Mr. John Barber, Halton, by Hon. R. Harcourt and Mr. T. L. Pardo, West Kent; Mr. B. E. Aylesworth, Lennox, by Hon. Wm. Harty and Mr. Samuel Russell, East Hastings; Mr. John H. Douglas, East Northumberland, by Hon. E. J. Davis and Mr. Geo. P. Graham, Brockville; Mr. Donald Macnish, West Elgin, by Hon. R. Harcourt and Mr. James Conmee, West Algoma; Mr. John

Loughrin, Nipissing, by Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Mr. James Conmee; Mr. William John Allen, North Hastings, by Col. Matheson and Mr. W. H. Reid, Addington.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a copy of the speech just delivered by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Attorney-General, in accordance with usage, ignored for the time being the intimation of Mr. Speaker, and moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Ross,

that leave be given to introduce a bill entitled an act to provide for the administration of oaths of office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace, and that the same be now read a first time.

The bill was read, and the prerogatives and independence of the Legislature having been thus asserted, the Attorney-General moved that the speech of his Honor be taken into consideration "to-morrow."

The Attorney-General introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of the usual standing committees, which was adopted.

#### Hon. Mr. Gibson's Health.

Before adjournment Mr. Whitney, calling attention to the absence of the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, said he desired to say that members of the House, in common with all others who have had the pleasure of acquaintance with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, regretted exceedingly his absence, through illness.

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He hoped that his absence would not be prolonged, and suggested that the Attorney-General might be prepared to state, in view of some statements relating to the matter which have appeared in the press, whether his hon. friend is expected to be absent for any lengthened period.

The Attorney-General, in reply, stated that he most heartily appreciated the courtesy of his hon. friend the leader of the Opposition in alluding in the kindly terms which he had used to his hon. friend the Commissioner of Crown Lands. He was happy to say that the illness of the hon. gentleman is only temporary, and was brought on by his efforts in a certain part of the country where he thought the hon. Commissioner had the pleasure of meeting his hon. friend the leader of the Opposition upon certain occasions, which he need not particularize. It is hoped that the trip to a warmer climate will restore the hon. gentleman quite to his wonted vigor. The members of the House will be pleased to learn that there is nothing serious the matter with the hon. member for East Wellington.

The House then adjourned.

#### Appointments Made.

It is understood that Mr. William Speers, barrister, has been appointed Police Magistrate at Lindsay, and that Mr. Elias Bowes has been appointed Division Court Clerk for the Fifth Division Court of the County of Victoria in the place of Mr. O. J. McKibbin, resigned.