

25 votes cast, of which the Hon. Spencer C. Jones received 18 votes, and the Hon. Henry M. McCullough, 7 votes.

The Hon. Spencer C. Jones having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected President of the Senate.

The President *pro tem* appointed Messrs. Lewis and Roe to conduct the Hon. Spencer C. Jones to the Chair.

Upon taking the Chair, after prayer by the Rev. John J. Heenan,

The President-elect delivered the following

ADDRESS :

SENATORS:—In assuming, through your kindness, the position of President of this body, I desire first to proffer you my heartfelt thanks for this confidence. I shall endeavor to be thoroughly impartial in the administration of the office, and shall rely upon the generosity of the Senators upon the floor to aid me in the proper discharge of the duties of the Chair. My experience with a majority of you in a former session of the Senate and my personal knowledge of the others are guarantees that I shall have your fullest sympathy and support in my effort to preside over your deliberations with perfect fairness to each of you.

With the increased representation in both the Senate and House of Delegates, it was evident that the old legislative chambers were entirely too small to properly accommodate the representatives of the people, and at the session of the General Assembly of 1902, an Act was passed for the building of an annex to contain suitable halls for the legislative bodies and space for the public. The commission appointed by that Act has not yet completed the work; nor was the appropriation sufficient to meet the requirements of the State, but so much has been done that both branches of the Legislature of 1904 are now organizing within their new chambers, and have ample committee rooms in which to transact the business of the public. It remains for this General Assembly to say in what manner this building shall be completed.