

3.00 o'clock p.m.

The sitting resumed.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

16th May, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government will arrive at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 3.00 p.m. on this day Thursday the 16th May, 1963, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate to open formally the Twenty-sixth Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ESMOND BUTLER,

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

A Message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber, and Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Commons have elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable construction.