

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable W. Ross Macdonald

Thursday, February 28, 1952

SIXTH SESSION—TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued on the twenty-ninth day of December, 1951, met this day at Ottawa for the dispatch of business.

The house met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three o'clock on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General 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 the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

VACANCIES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess I have received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation:

Of Hon. Gabriel Edouard Rinfret, member for the electoral district of Outremont-St. Jean, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the crown.

Of Louis Orville Breithaupt, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Waterloo North, by resignation.

I accordingly issued my warrants to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

Carl Olof Nickle, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Calgary West, introduced by Mr. George A. Drew and Mr. D. S. Harkness.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that when the house did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both houses of parliament. To prevent mistakes I have obtained a copy, which is as follows:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I meet you at a time when the people of Canada, in common with the other peoples of the commonwealth, mourn the loss of our late sovereign, King George VI. His late Majesty was greatly loved by all his subjects in Canada who have vivid recollections of his visit to this country and of his many associations with his Canadian people. In no part of the commonwealth has the sense of personal loss been more deeply felt than in our country. I join with you in extending deepest sympathy in their bereavement to Her Majesty the Queen, to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, to Queen Mary, to Princess Margaret and all the members of the royal family.

The people of Canada have already had an opportunity of meeting their new sovereign. In the course of her visit to our country a few months ago Her Majesty made a deep and lasting impression on her Canadian subjects. As the queen assumes her heavy responsibilities she is assured of the loyalty and devotion of the Canadian people in full measure.