

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following Communication from the Governor General's Secretary :—

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY,  
OTTAWA, 9th March, 1904.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

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

F. S. MAUDE, *Major,*  
*Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the Senate resumed.

The Honourable the Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, being seated at the foot of 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 the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate.”

Who being come,

The Honourable the Speaker said,

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but, to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of the calling of this Parliament.

The Honourable the Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honourable Sir Alphonse Pelletier,

The Senate adjourned.

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