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Detail for Prime Minister:

Opening of the 19th Parliament

Informal Opening

at 12 noon, Thursday, May 16, 1940

Dress: Morning Dress

- 11.30 a.m. Leave Laurier House
- 11.45 a.m. Arrive Parliament Buildings: Central Entrance
Proceed to Room 212 to leave hat and coat
- 11.50 a.m. Leave Room 212 for Senate Entrance
- 12.00 noon Deputy Administrator, Hon. Mr. Justice O.S. Crocket,
arrives at Senate Entrance, and is met by
Prime Minister,
Leader of the Senate,
Black Rod

Procession to Senate Chamber, as follows:

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod
Commander Edson Sherwood, R.C.N., A.D.C.
The Deputy Administrator
The Prime Minister
The Leader of the Senate

In the Senate Chamber

For the Informal Opening, the Deputy Administrator sits on the Speaker's Chair which is moved in front of the throne.

The Prime Minister stands on floor level on Deputy Administrator's right hand.

The Commons are summoned

Members of the House of Commons arrive at the bar without a Speaker.

Speaker of the Senate, speaking for the Deputy Administrator says that the Administrator does not see fit to declare causes of summoning Parliament until a Speaker of Commons has been chosen.

Commons withdraw

Black Rod bows to Deputy Administrator.

Procession reforms in same order as above, and returns to Senate entrance where Prime Minister says good-bye to Deputy Administrator.

Prime Minister returns to room 212.

Prime Minister enters Commons Chamber.
There being no Speaker, Prime Minister does not bow to Speaker's Chair.