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Invitations to Attend Opening of Parliament The Senate Chamber

Major Drew Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, suggests, for approval, the following arrangements:

1. The Floor of the Senate

No change is necessary, as invitations to occupy seats on the floor of the Senate Chamber are always restricted to ladies and gentlemen on the official list.

2. South Gallery and ante Chamber of the Senate

No change is proposed in the arrangements already made to provide reserved places for persons from out of town who are officially sponsored by Cabinet Ministers, Senators, and Members of Parliament. In addition to the aforementioned persons, members of Legation staffs, the Governor General's staff and his guests, and the Press are given reserved seats here.

3. North Gallery

This Gallery has, by tradition, always been occupied by the general public, - persons who have not, and are unable to attend the, formal dress. It is not proposed to make any change.

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