

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, January 26, 1928

**SECOND SESSION—SIXTEENTH
PARLIAMENT—OPENING**

The parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 26th day of January, 1928, met this day at Ottawa, for the despatch 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 p.m. on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the Dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, 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 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 received communications from several members, notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz.:

Of the Hon. James Kidd Flemming, member for the electoral district of Victoria-Carleton, by decease, and of George Spence, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Maple Creek, by resignation.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts, respectively.

NEW MEMBERS

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the Clerk of the house

has received from the Chief Electoral Officer certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz.:

Of Albion Roudolph Foster, Esquire, for the electoral district of Victoria-Carleton.

Of George Spotton, Esquire, for the electoral district of North Huron.

Of William George Bock, Esquire, for the electoral district of Maple Creek.

INTRODUCTION

Albion Roudolph Foster, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Victoria-Carleton, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. P. J. Veniot.

George Spotton, Esquire, member for the electoral district of North Huron, introduced by Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. Hugh Guthrie.

William George Bock, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Maple Creek, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. W. R. Motherwell.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (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.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

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:

It affords me much pleasure to meet you at the commencement of another session of parliament and to be able to congratulate you upon the marked prosperity of the country. The volume of trade and of building construction, the growth in employment, the increased railway receipts, the expanding revenues, and business conditions generally, all bear testimony to a sound economic development which promises much in the way of substantial progress.