

North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

At 10.45 a.m. the Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 11 a.m. the sitting was resumed, and was then adjourned, pending the arrival of the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General.

Hon. Robert Taschereau, P.C., Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated,

The Hon. 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 desire of the Honourable the Deputy Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

Who being come,

The Hon. the Speaker said:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members 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 a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law; but this afternoon, at the hour of three o'clock, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling Parliament.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR
GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

January 18, 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 3.00 p.m. on this day Tuesday the 18th January, 1966, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the chamber of

the Senate to open formally the First Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler,
Secretary to the
Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate

On motion of Hon. Mr. Leonard, seconded by Hon. Mr. Beaubien (Provencher), the Senate adjourned until 2.55 p.m.

SECOND SITTING

The Senate met at 2.55 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At three o'clock **His Excellency the Governor General** having come and being seated upon the Throne,

The Hon. the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that it is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

Their Speaker, The Hon. Lucien Lamoureux, said:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Commons has elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable construction.

The Hon. the Speaker of the Senate answered:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of