

## CANADA

# The Debates of the Senate

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### THE SENATE

Thursday, January 12, 1939.

The Parliament of Canada having been summoned by Proclamation of the Governor General to meet this day for the dispatch of business:

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

#### OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the session of the Dominion Parliament this day at three o'clock.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF THE SENATE

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that a commission under the Great Seal had been granted to Leslie Clare Moyer, Esquire, D.S.O., K.C., appointing him the Clerk of the Senate of Canada to be known and designated as the Clerk of the Parliament and Master in Chancery.

The commission was read, and His Honour the Speaker administered the oath of office to the Clerk.

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that Leslie Clare Moyer, Esquire, D.S.O., K.C., had been appointed Commissioner under the Great Seal, to administer oaths to members of the Senate of Canada.

The commission making this appointment was read.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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#### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At three o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Fourth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The announcement that Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth have graciously decided to visit Canada in the months of May and June has been received with rejoicing throughout the Dominion. The honour of welcoming their King and Queen, in person, on their own soil, is a privilege which will be shared with enthusiasm and pride by all His Majesty's Canadian subjects. The visit will be the first paid by the reigning Sovereign to any of his self-governing Dominions. It will be the first time a British King and Queen have been in North America. It is deeply gratifying that Their Majesties' tour will embrace all the provinces of Canada.

The official visit paid Canada in August last by the President of the United States was the occasion of unusually warm demonstrations of friendship and understanding upon both sides of our common border. It is particularly pleasing to the citizens of our country that the King and Queen have found it possible to accept the invitation of the President to visit the United States before the conclusion of their Canadian tour.

My Ministers have found it necessary to give anxious and continuous consideration to developments in the international situation and their effects upon Canada. Our own relations with other countries continue friendly, but the aggressive policies actively pursued in other continents have inevitably had a disturbing effect upon every part of the world.

The Government shared in the general sense of relief that the appalling disaster of war, which threatened Europe during the month of September last, was averted, and in the recognition which that crisis manifested of the widespread will of the peoples for peace. They are hopeful that the efforts now being made to find a solution for the specific differences which are causing friction will meet with success. They recognize, nevertheless, that time is required for these forces to work, and that