

CANADA

Debates of the Senate

Wednesday, November 6, 1867

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION FIRST PARLIAMENT

The Members present having taken and subscribed the Oath, and made and signed the Declaration of Qualification required by Law, before John Fennings Taylor, Esquire, the Elder, one of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, took their seats.

The Members of the Senate were then informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been issued, appointing the Honourable Joseph Edouard Cauchon, to be the Speaker of the Senate.

A Commission under the Great Seal, appointing Rene Kimber, Esquire, to be Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was then reported by the Honourable the Speaker.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Stanley, Viscount Monck, Baron Monck, of Ballytrammon, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of Ireland, and Baron Monck, of Ballytrammon, in the County of Wexford, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Governor General of Canada, etc., etc., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House." Who being come,

The Honourable the Speaker said:

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate,

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to Law; but to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Hamilton (Kingston), seconded by the Honourable Mr. Campbell.

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.