

# PARLIAMENT CONVENED, FORMAL OPENING TODAY

### Dr. Sevigny elected Speaker and Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Minister of Inland Revenue, introduced at opening session.

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Formal Opening Today.

Ottawa, Jan. 13. (Via leased wire)—With due ceremony as befitting an occasion which has come only four times since Confederation, Dr. Albert Sevigny, M. P. for Dorchester, was this afternoon elected speaker of the House of Commons. Although the formal opening of parliament does not take place until tomorrow, both chambers convened for the very necessary business of selecting a presiding dignitary for the Lower House and the reception of new members of both the commons and the senate.

His Royal Highness the Governor-General, was not present for today's ceremony, being represented, as is customary, by his deputy, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. Sir Robert Borden, who is suffering from grippe, was also unable to attend, and Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, another victim of this malady, was also absent. However, it is expected the governor-general will be able to open parliament tomorrow, as usual, while the prime minister will be in his place on Monday.

The senate convened at 2.30 today, half an hour earlier than the commons, and received the four new members who have been summoned since last session. They are: Hon. T. S. Sproule, ex-speaker of the commons; Hon. C. P. Beaulieu, of Montreal; Hon. John Milne, of Hamilton; Hon. John McLean, of Prince Edward Island. The upper house then adjourned until the arrival of the deputy of the governor-general.

Several Vacancies. The commons assembled, as usual, at 3 o'clock, the clerk of the house, Dr. Flint, presiding in the absence of a speaker. There was a very satisfactory attendance of members, with a sprinkling of khaki, those who wore uniforms being Gerald White, of North Renfrew; Dr. Stewart, of Lunenburg; H. B. Tremaine, of Hants;

G. H. Bradbury, of Selkirk, and G. W. Fowler, of Kings-Albert. The members of the lower house were summoned with the usual ceremony to the senate chamber by Black Rod, Lt. Col. Ernest Chambers. On arrival there they were instructed, according to the usual practice, to return to their own house and elect a speaker to represent them in their intercourse with the crown. They proceeded to do so, but on their return to the commons first received official intimation of various vacancies which have occurred in the lower house since last session, including that of the speaker's chair. The list was a long one, including Messrs. Dewitt Foster, of Kings; W. P. Gerland, of Carleton; W. H. Sharpe, of Lisgar; Sir James Aikins, of Brandon; Samuel Barker, of Hamilton; James W. Richards, of Prince; Hon. Louis Codrara, of Hochelaga; James Reid, of Restigouche; E. A. Lancaster, of Lincoln, and Hon. T. S. Sproule, the retiring speaker, member for East Grey.

Sir Geo. Foster, acting premier, then moved the election of Dr. Albert Sevigny, of Dorchester, to the speaker's chair. Sir George stated that, with the exception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he was the oldest member of the house in point of service, if not of age. He had served under eight different speakers, four belonging to one political party and four to the other. In thirty-four years of service, he continued, the speakers of the House of Commons had worthily upheld the traditions which clustered around the speaker's chair, and under their guidance the balance had been fairly held between the two parties, and equal justice meted out to all. In submitting Dr. Sevigny's name he referred to him as one of the youngest members of the house. Although so young in years, however, his pleasing personality, culture, affability and capacity had won a place in the respect and esteem of both sides of the house. He had every hope and confidence that the honorable gentleman would uphold, as speaker, the honor and dignity of that great office.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that to those who followed the labors of the house during the last session it had become apparent that the health of the late speaker was failing, and the house had therefore not been surprised to learn that he had been summoned to the higher sphere of the upper chamber. Sir Wilfrid then referred to the selection of Dr. Sevigny. "Dr. Sproule, when he ascended the chair, was an ardent Tory," he stated, "Dr. Sevigny, when he came to this house,

was an ardent Nationalist. Therefore an extreme mood, it is fitting that Dr. Sevigny had, in 1911, carried on a campaign of sulphur and bromine, not only against the Liberal but also against the Conservative policy, and had denounced the notorious policy of Borden, as well as the notorious policy of Laurier. He had deprecated every form of participation by Canada in the affairs of Great Britain.

"The moment he ascends the chair he will be entitled to the honor and respect of both sides of the House, and it will be our duty and pleasure to give him every assistance in maintaining the dignity of his office and the dignity and privileges of the House of Commons."

Hon. Mr. Sevigny returned thanks for his elevation to the position of speaker, and expressed his appreciation of the distinction conferred upon him and of the responsibilities and difficulties of his office. "With your kind indulgence and advice the task which I am called upon to assume will be made lighter," he said, "and for my part I will endeavor to be worthy of the good will you have manifested toward me in electing me unanimously to the chair." Dr. Sevigny declared that the decisions of his predecessors as Speaker of the House of Commons would help him in maintaining the dignity of his office and preside with justice and impartiality over the deliberations of the chamber and in preserving the integrity and honor of the House.

Hon. E. L. Patenaude, minister of inland revenue, was then introduced by Hon. T. C. Casgrain and Sir George Foster as member for Hochelaga, and the House then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

### OBITUARY.

#### John Miller

John Miller, formerly of St. John, died on Monday at his home, 16 Arthur street, Somerville, Mass. He was born in this city eighty-two years ago. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

#### Christianna M. Lordy

The death is announced in Roxbury, Boston, of Christianna M. Lordy, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Lordy, formerly of this city. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Lordy home, 32 Sherman street.

#### Mila Gertrude Knight

Mill Cove, Dec. 24.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight was saddened on Christmas Eve when their bright little daughter, Mila Gertrude, aged 15 months, passed peacefully to sleep, after an illness of four days of pneumonia. She leaves to mourn her parents, a little sister and a brother. Funeral services were conducted by

Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Gagetown. Interment in Church of England cemetery Mill Cove.

Mrs. W. E. Vroom. A telegram received by G. Heber Vroom, yesterday afternoon, announced the death in Montreal of his mother, Mrs. Wm. E. Vroom. For some time past Mrs. Vroom has been living in Montreal with her daughter, Mrs. E. I. Simonds, and since the war her second daughter has also been in Montreal, her husband, Wm. Neilson, being at the front with a Kootenay regiment.

There are three sons, John P. Vroom, of Nelson, B. C.; G. Heber Vroom, of this city, and Ludovic Vroom, New York. Mrs. Vroom was an English lady, Miss Sarah Bond, and has brothers and sisters now resident in California. The news of her death will be heard with great regret by many St. John friends. The body will be brought here for interment at Fernhill.

Mrs. Raymond Gallagher. Mrs. Raymond Gallagher, of the West Side, died on Tuesday suddenly from pneumonia following the birth of her fourth child eight days ago. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Lavery, of Windsor, (N. S.), and is survived by her husband, her mother, four children, one sister, Mrs. Fred, Morris, of Middleton (N. S.), and three brothers, Watson, of Newton (Mass.); Rupert, of Windsor, (N. S.), and Albert, of Methuen, (Mass.).

Dr. Stephen E. Webber. Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Jan. 12.—Dr. Stephen E. Webber, one of the best known physicians in the St. Croix Valley, died this morning at his home in Calais, after a protracted illness of Bright's disease. The deceased was for some years principal of the Calais schools and after entering on the practice of his profession served efficiently for many years as chairman of the school board of that city. He was successful as a physician and was universally esteemed. He was 53 years of age and is survived by two sons and a daughter. His wife who was a daughter of the late Samuel Rideout of Calais, predeceased him a few years.

Benjamin Frazier. Benjamin Frazier, proprietor of a large ship repairing establishment at Gloucester, Mass., is dead at his home in that city. He was born in Amherst, N. S. He is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter.

For Benefit of German People. Berlin, Jan. 12, via wireless to Sayville.—"Despatches from Sofia," says the Overseas News Agency, "report that the Greek government has asked the Entente Powers to withdraw their restrictions upon the trade of the Greek ports."

"M. Tomcheff, the Bulgarian minister of finance, states that the relations between Greece and Bulgaria are excellent and that relations with Romania likewise are good."

# BANQUET FOR LT.-COL. MELVILLE HOME FROM FRONT

### Florenceville does honor to officer, back from fighting line to recuperate.

Special to The Standard  
Florenceville, N. B., Jan. 12.—Upwards of 150 people gathered in the Exchange Hotel here tonight to participate in the banquet prepared to do honor to Lt.-Col. T. W. Melville, who after a year of vigorous fighting in Europe, returned on Tuesday to visit his family and friends, as well as to recuperate in preparation for a return to the conflict. The new proprietor of the hotel, Mr. C. M. Dow, spread an excellent feast.

Col. Melville was listened to with rapt attention as he told, as far as permissible, of the progress of the campaign and his experiences on the fighting line. As he explained there were many things of which he could not speak, but of the Canadians he assured his hearers there was the utmost praise from the English and French officers for their fighting ability, bravery under fire and general good conduct as soldiers. The great need of the Empire is more men and quickly in order that a decisive blow may be struck at the enemy and so bring the war to an end in short order. Canada had done nobly and his home county of Carleton had shown up well in the recruiting, but there was a great work yet to do and the more of our young able-bodied men who offered themselves on the altar of the Empire the sooner this work would be completed and peace once more restored to the world with the British Empire standing out prominently as the champion of justice and the avenger of those who have suffered at the oppressors' hands. There was a round of toasts which were responded to by several speakers and the gathering broke up in the wee hours after singing the national anthem.

The following toasts were honored: The King; Our Guest, responded to by Col. Melville; Britain, Rev. W. J. Hurlow; Our Allies, Rev. E. C. Jenkins; Canada, Rev. G. A. Ross; Our Militia, Major Kennedy, 115th; Our Province, Rev. H. M. Manuel; Home Defence, Major C. H. Taylor; The Ladies, A. D. McCain and C. E. Gallagher.

Before the banquet a public meeting was held at which Col. Melville was presented with a gold headed

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cane by Rev. G. A. Ross on behalf of the gathering. The committee in charge were: W. D. Atkinson, Mr. Morris of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tompkins. Telegrams were read from B. F. Smith, Donald Munro and J. K. Flemming. Col. Melville leaves tonight for Ottawa to report for duty.

### MARRIED.

MULLIN-SULLIVAN—On Wednesday the 12th inst., at Holy Trinity church, by the Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G., David J. Mullin, to Josephine G. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sullivan.

MACLAUCHLAN-FRINK. — At St. Paul's church, on the 12th inst., by Captain (Rev.) C. Gordon Lawrence assisted by the Rev. H. G. Alder, Marlon Kenny, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. W. Frink, to Captain Roderick French MacLauchlan, of the 104th Overseas Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

### DIED.

JORDAN—Suddenly, in this city, on the 11th inst., Luther Jordan, aged 69 years. Funeral will take place on Thursday from his late residence, 90 Main

street. Service commences at 2.30. Interment at Fernhill.

MACDONALD—At Cambridge, Queens County, on Tuesday afternoon, January 11, Dr. Malcolm MacDonald, aged seventy-eight years, leaving his wife and a brother to mourn. Funeral on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at the Narrows.

ROOM—At Montreal on January twelfth, Sarah Gertrude, widow of the late William E. Vroom, aged seventy-seven, leaving three sons and two daughters. Funeral at Trinity church at three o'clock on Thursday the thirteenth.

EATON—Entered into rest at her late residence 37 Mechenburg street, January 11th, Samantha Eaton, daughter of the late Aaron Eaton. Funeral private.

PERKINS—At his residence, 193 Sydney street, on the 11th inst., after a short illness, Thomas Edgar Perkins, leaving a loving wife and one daughter to mourn. Funeral on Thursday from his late residence. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

Afternoon Court Session. In the police court yesterday afternoon two drunks were allowed to see under suspended sentence on their taking the pledge to abstain from liquor for a period. Paul Pedro, the Italian charged with a serious crime was again remanded to jail.

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