

*Governor General's Speech*

J'aurai toujours à cœur de maintenir les privilèges, les libertés, les us et coutumes, en un mot toutes ces glorieuses traditions parlementaires dont les origines remontent très loin dans l'histoire et qui constituent le legs le plus précieux que l'Angleterre, notre métropole, ait fait à la civilisation moderne.

## DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Sergeant-at-Arms, with my approval, has appointed Edouard Taschereau, Esquire, to be his deputy during the present session of parliament.

## ADJOURNMENT

## MARITIME CLAIMS COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. MACKENZIE KING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Before you put the motion, Mr. Speaker, may I ask my right hon. friend to be good enough to lay on the table of the House the report of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan in connection with maritime matters. I understand that the report is ready for distribution, and while I know that it is not customary to lay documents on the table until the speech from the throne has been delivered, if to-morrow the Prime Minister will kindly table that report it will very much oblige us on this side.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It was the intention of the government to table the report to-morrow.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

**Friday, December 10, 1926**

The House met at three o'clock.

## OPENING OF THE SESSION

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary announcing that His Excellency 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.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Then the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker-elect, said:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Commons have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me. If in the performance of these 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.

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate, addressing the Honourable the Speaker of the House, then said:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open parliament by a speech from the throne.

And the House being returned to the Commons chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to state that the House having attended on His Excellency the Governor General in the Senate chamber, I informed His Excellency that the choice of Speaker had fallen upon me, and, in your names and on your behalf, I made the usual claim for your privileges, which His Excellency was pleased to confirm to you.

## 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:

I desire on this occasion to assure you of the great satisfaction it affords me to be associated with you in the important tasks upon which you are about to enter at this, the first session of the Sixteenth Parliament of Canada, and to avail myself of your assistance and advice in discharging the duties which His Majesty the King has entrusted to me as his representative.

Once again we have cause to be thankful for a bountiful harvest and other assurances of continued prosperity. It is gratifying to note that during the year the foreign trade of Canada has shown further marked improvement and that immigration has substantially increased.