

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**Thursday, January 14, 1937**  
**SECOND SESSION—EIGHTEENTH**  
**PARLIAMENT—OPENING**

The parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 14th day of January, 1937, met this day at Ottawa, for the dispatch of business.

The house met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

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

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

### VACANCIES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess I received communications from several members, notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz:

Of Fizalam William Perras, member for the electoral district of Wright, by decease;

Of Hon. Peter John Veniot, member for the electoral district of Gloucester, by decease;

Of Edgar Rodolphe Eugene Chevrier, member for the electoral district of Ottawa East, consequent upon the acceptance of an office of emolument under the crown.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts, respectively.

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### NEW MEMBERS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the clerk of the house has received from the chief electoral officer certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz:

Of Hon. Simon Fraser Tolmie, for the electoral district of Victoria (B.C.).

Of Rodolphe Leduc, for the electoral district of Wright.

Of Clarence Joseph Veniot, for the electoral district of Gloucester.

Of Joseph Albert Pinard, for the electoral district of Ottawa East.

### NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Rodolphe Leduc, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Wright, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Fernand Rinfret.

Clarence Joseph Veniot, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Gloucester, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. J. E. Michaud.

Joseph Albert Pinard, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Ottawa East, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. J. C. Elliott.

Hon. Simon Fraser Tolmie, member for the electoral district of Victoria (B.C.), introduced by Right Hon. Sir George Perley and Hon. H. A. Stewart.

### ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD VIII

MESSAGE FROM HIS FORMER MAJESTY DATED  
DECEMBER 10, 1936, AND INSTRUMENT OF  
ABDICATION

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I have received from His Excellency the Governor General a message from His former Majesty, King Edward VIII, dated December 10, 1936, and the instrument of abdication of Edward VIII, of the same date.