

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, October 6, 1932

FOURTH SESSION—SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 6th day of October, 1932, met this day at Ottawa, for the despatch 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:

VACANCY

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

Of Thomas McMillan, member for the electoral district of South Huron, by decease.

I accordingly issued my warrant to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral district.

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. George Burpee Jones, for the electoral district of Royal.

Of Joseph Jean, Esquire, for the electoral district of Maisonneuve.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Hon. George Burpee Jones, member for the electoral district of Royal, introduced by Right Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. Murray MacLaren.

Joseph Jean, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Maisonneuve, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Fernand Rinfret.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (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 welcome you to your duties at this season for my ministers deem it expedient that you should consider, without delay, the agreements made at the Imperial Economic Conference recently held in this city of Ottawa, between Canada and the other countries of the empire. My government are of opinion that these agreements provide the means by which will be developed an enduring and mutually beneficial scheme of closer empire economic association, and that their early approval is advisable in the national interest.

The report of the Royal Commission on Railways and Transportation will be laid before parliament. In view of the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report your attention will be invited, at the earliest possible date, to a bill designed to ensure more effective and economical operation of Canadian