

The Clerk communicated to the House the following letter which he had received:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

10th September, 1949.

SIR,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the First Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada, on Thursday, the 15th September at 12 o'clock noon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. DELAUTE,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The Clerk of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

A Message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Members of the House of Commons:

His Honour the Deputy of 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, when the Speaker of the Senate said:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate,
and Members of the House of Commons:*

I have it in command to let you know that 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 this afternoon, at the hour of three o'clock, His Excellency will declare the causes of calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned, the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by the Right Honourable C. D. Howe that William Ross Macdonald, Esquire, member for the Electoral District of Brantford, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

And the Clerk having declared William Ross Macdonald, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent and the Right Honourable C. D. Howe, when he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker;—then the Mace was laid upon the Table.

The sitting was then suspended until 3 o'clock, p.m., this day.