

I am sure that all the people of Newfoundland wish me to express through you to the people of Canada our appreciation of the welcome which you have extended on their behalf on this historic occasion, and to extend best wishes to a people with whom we have for many years been so closely associated.

Commentator: The ceremony of the swearing in of the first Lieutenant Governor of the province of Newfoundland and the presentation of token Canadian citizenship papers to His Honour is now concluded.

This is CBN, St. John's, Newfoundland, transferring you to parliament hill in Ottawa.

Broadcast from Ottawa:

(Carillon)

Commentator: Those are the bells of the carillon in the Peace Tower of the Houses of Parliament here on parliament hill in Ottawa. Robert Donnell, Canada's official carillonneur, is playing a Newfoundland folk song called "Squid Jiggin' Ground".

I am standing near a platform which has been erected on the steps of the Peace Tower. Our purpose, of course, is to continue the broadcast of the ceremony which will unite Newfoundland, the last and oldest of the British North American colonies with Canada, thereby making it Canada's tenth province.

His Excellency the Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, and the official party, are expected in a few minutes, and will take their places on the platform.

Among the officials will be the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, and Mr. F. Gordon Bradley, of Newfoundland, who we understand has been sworn in as a minister of the Crown during the past half hour. No doubt further mention will be made of this appointment by the Prime Minister.

The Governor General and the official party are arriving at the platform.

(Royal Salute; six bars National Anthem)

The composite guard of honour, composed of members of the Army and Air Force, has just accorded His Excellency the Governor General a royal salute.

Photographers from the different newspapers and magazines are now taking pictures of the members of the platform party. Among the distinguished people on the platform, on the Governor General's right is the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, the Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, and the Right Honourable Sir Lyman Poore Duff.

It is a beautiful day for an outdoor ceremony. The wind is cool and the sun is shining brightly. Hundreds of citizens of Ottawa and the surrounding district are taking advantage of the seasonal temperatures and have turned out to witness this history-making event. Civil servants have been allowed to take their lunch hour a little earlier today in order to be present, and parliament hill is crowded with people.

Just behind the composite guard of honour is the band of the Governor General's Foot Guards, which you will hear later on during the ceremony.