

CANADA

The Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

THE SENATE

Thursday, January 7, 1926.

The Fifteenth Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation of the Governor General to meet this day in its First Session for the despatch of business.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity of Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday, the 7th of January, at 3 o'clock.

APPOINTMENT OF BLACK ROD

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a certified copy of an Order in Council showing that Major Andrew Ruthven Thompson had been appointed Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. Charles Murphy, P.C., K.C., of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Andrew Haydon.

Hon. Henri Severin Béland, P.C., M.D., of St. Joseph de Beauce, Quebec, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Jules Tessier.

Hon. Jacques Bureau, P.C., K.C., of Three Rivers, Quebec, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. N. A. Belcourt.

Hon. Arthur Bliss Copp, P.C., of Sackville, New Brunswick, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. C. W. Robinson.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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The Right Honourable Francis Alexander Anglin, Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated,

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come,

The Hon. the SPEAKER said:

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command from the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General 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 a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but to-morrow, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling of this Parliament.

The Right Honourable the Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The sitting was resumed.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. James Joseph Hughes, of Souris, Prince Edward Island, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Robert Watson.

Hon. William Ashbury Buchanan, of Lethbridge, Alberta, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. James H. Ross.

Hon. Creelman MacArthur, of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Benjamin C. Prowse.

Hon. Prosper Edmond Lessard, of Edmonton, Alberta, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. W. J. Harmer.

Hon. John Lewis, of Toronto, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Andrew Haydon.