

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable Alan A. Macnaughton

Tuesday, February 18, 1964

SECOND SESSION—TWENTY SIXTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued on the twenty first day of December, 1963, 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 secretary to the Governor General, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three o'clock on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General that this honourable house attend him immediately in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

NEW MEMBERS

[Translation]

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 two members, namely:

Fernand E. Leblanc, Esquire, for the electoral district of Laurier; and

Marcel Prud'homme, Esquire, for the electoral district of St. Denis.

[Text]

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Fernand E. Leblanc, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Laurier, introduced by Right Hon. L. B. Pearson and Hon. J. P. Deschatelets.

Marcel Prud'homme, Esquire, member for the electoral district of St. Denis, introduced by Right Hon. L. B. Pearson and Hon. Maurice Lamontagne.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

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 the second session of the twenty sixth parliament of Canada.

This is a time when it is possible, despite our many problems, to deliberate on Canadian and world affairs in a spirit of reasoned hopefulness.

My government will attempt to make its full contribution to the maintenance of peace and the improvement of international relations; to the strengthening of our national unity through a co-operative federalism; to fostering the full employment of our people and the efficient growth of our economy; and to broadening the opportunities for a good life which should be open to all Canadians.

We are looking forward to the visit this autumn of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The presence of the Queen of Canada will mark for our country the historic occasion of the interprovincial conferences on confederation; it will also re-emphasize the importance we attach to the commonwealth, through which so much can be done to advance understanding and co-operation in this increasingly interdependent world.

We recently had great pleasure in welcoming to Ottawa the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, with whom many matters of mutual concern were fruitfully discussed.