

# CANADA

## Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

### THE SENATE

Monday, May 12, 1958

#### OPENING OF FIRST SESSION TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT

Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation to meet this day for the dispatch of business:

The Senate met at 10 a.m.

Prayers.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
Ottawa

May 12, 1958

Sir,

I am commanded to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Parliament of Canada on this day, Monday the 12th May, 1958, at 11.00 a.m.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
J. F. Delaute,  
Secretary to the Governor General,  
(Administrative)

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,  
The Senate,  
Ottawa.

#### NEW SENATORS

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received certificates from the Secretary of State of Canada showing that

John Joseph MacDonald, Esquire,  
Gunnar S. Thorvaldson, Esquire, Q.C.,  
James Gladstone, Esquire,  
Lionel Choquette, Esquire, Q.C.,  
respectively, have been summoned to the Senate.

#### NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

**The Hon. the Speaker** having informed the Senate that there were senators without, waiting to be introduced:

The following newly-summoned senators were severally introduced; presented Her Majesty's writs of summons, which were read by the Clerk; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk, and were seated:

**Hon. John Joseph MacDonald**, of Glenfinnan, Prince Edward Island, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Emerson.

**Hon. James Gladstone**, of Cardston, Alberta, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Horner.

**Hon. Gunnar S. Thorvaldson**, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Haig.

**Hon. Lionel Choquette**, of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Mr. Aseltine and Hon. Mr. Brunt.

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that each of the newly-summoned senators named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

At 10.40 a.m. the Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 10.50 a.m. the sitting was resumed, and was then adjourned, pending the arrival of the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General.

**Hon. Patrick Kerwin**, Deputy of His Excellency the 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 desire of the Honourable the Deputy Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come,

**The Hon. the Speaker** said:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not