

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, January 25, 1940.

SIXTH SESSION—EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the twenty-fifth day of January, 1940, 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 Governor General's secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three p.m. on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

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

Mr. Speaker, 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.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

VACANCIES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess I received communications from several members, notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz:

Of Wilfrid Girouard, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Drummond-Arthabaska, by resignation;

Of Pierre Emile Cote, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Bonaventure, by resignation;

Of Otto Buchanan Elliott, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Kindersley, by resignation;

Of James Warren Rutherford, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Kent, Ontario, by decease;

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Of Joseph Leon Vital Mallette, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Jacques-Cartier, by decease;

Of Alexander MacGillivray Young, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Saskatoon City, by decease;

Of Hon. Fernand Rinfret, member for the electoral district of St. James, by decease;

Of Alfred Edgar MacLean, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Prince, by decease.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts, respectively.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess the clerk of the house has received from the chief electoral officer certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz:

Of Douglas George Leopold Cunningham, Esquire, for the electoral district of Calgary West;

Of Arthur Lisle Thompson, Esquire, for the electoral district of Kent, Ontario;

Of Eugene Durocher, Esquire, for the electoral district of St. James;

Of Elphège Marier, Esquire, for the electoral district of Jacques-Cartier;

Of Hon. James Layton Ralston, for the electoral district of Prince;

Of Walter George Brown, Esquire, for the electoral district of Saskatoon City.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Hon. James Layton Ralston, member for the electoral district of Prince, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Right Hon. Ernest Lapointe.

Arthur Lisle Thompson, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Kent, Ontario, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. N. A. McLarty.