

House of Commons

the Leader of the Official Opposition to extend to the family of George Muir our deep sympathy.

Mr. Muir was highly considered in the House of Commons and the electors of the Lisgar constituency have surely lost one of the most active members in the House.

Our most sincere sympathy goes to his family.

VACANCY

Mr. Speaker: I must inform the House that I have received notice that a vacancy has occurred in the representation due to the resignation of the member for Labelle, Hon. Léo Cadieux, who has accepted an office of emolument under the Crown.

I accordingly issued my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

RESIGNATIONS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER AND
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES
OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Speaker: With regret I have to inform the House that the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Faulkner) has submitted his resignation as Deputy Speaker of the House and also that the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Béchar) has tendered his resignation as Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

During his term of office the hon. member for Peterborough had acquired an excellent knowledge and understanding of the rules.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: His interpretation of the Standing Orders and precedents has always been marked by fairness and good judgment and tempered with understanding and good humour. I am sure I express the views of all hon. members when I say that as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the Whole he has enjoyed the well deserved confidence of his colleagues. I am personally grateful to him for his wise counsel and sympathetic support at all times and in all circumstances. On behalf of the House I wish him well in the discharge of his new responsibilities.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: I also received with regret notice of the resignation of the hon. member for Bonaventure.

Like the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House demonstrated unflinching impartiality and fairness, thus earning the confidence of his colleagues and of the House.

Speaking for the House, I express our gratitude to the hon. members for Bonaventure and Peterborough for the services rendered to us, and wish them Godspeed in the discharge of their new responsibilities.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

● (2:20 p.m.)

[English]

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER AND
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE
WHOLE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) moved:

That Mr. Russell C. Honey, member for the electoral district of Northumberland-Durham, be appointed Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, that Mr. Gérald Laniel, member for the electoral district of Beauharnois, be appointed Deputy chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a Message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill C-4, An Act to amend the Canada Corporations Act and other statutory provisions related to the subject matter of certain of those amendments, with amendments, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.