

THE SENATE

Tuesday, October 18, 1977

OPENING OF THE THIRD SESSION

THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT

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

The Senate met at 3.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CANADIAN SECRETARY TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication from the Canadian Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA, CANADA

October 18, 1977

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty the Queen will arrive at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 3.45 p.m. on this day, Tuesday, the 18th of October 1977, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the Third Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,

Your obedient servant,
Michel Gauvin

Canadian Secretary to the Queen.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At 4 p.m. Her Majesty the Queen proceeded to the Senate Chamber and took her seat upon the Throne. Her Majesty was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and, that House being come, with their Speaker, Her Majesty the Queen was pleased to open the Third Session of the Thirtieth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

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Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have greatly looked forward to being with you here in the Canadian Parliament in my Silver Jubilee year. Whenever I am in this wonderful country of Canada, with her vast resources and unlimited challenges, I feel thankful that Canadians have been so successful in establishing a vigorous democracy well suited to a proud and free people.

In this historic Chamber surrounded by the symbols and records of generations of Canadian legislators, I am very conscious of what Parliament has achieved—by transforming the visions and ideals of a great country into the enduring law of the land.

In ten visits together to Canada spread over a quarter of a century—seven in the last decade alone—Prince Philip and I have met many thousands of Canadians in all walks of life, of all ages, in every province and territory. My happiest memories of our travels throughout Canada have been these individual contacts which have revealed the enormous strength and astonishing diversity of this nation.

A generation of Canadians has been born, and grown to maturity during my reign. I know you will understand when I say that I have a special interest in these young men and women, contemporaries of our own children. They are people made strong by the achievements of their parents and grandparents, but not imprisoned by the prejudices of the past. In their sensitivity towards other people, in their sense of justice, their generosity and good will, lie not only lessons for us all, but also the best and surest hope for unity and understanding among Canadians everywhere. I look forward to meeting more of them next year in Edmonton when I shall have the pleasure of opening the Commonwealth Games.

I have always been full of admiration for what Canada is: the new generation fill me with confidence for what Canada can become.

The growth of those young men and women over the past quarter-century has been matched by a rapid expansion of Canada's economic strength and international stature.