

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable W. Ross Macdonald

Tuesday, August 29, 1950

THIRD (SPECIAL) SESSION—TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued on the thirtieth day of June, 1950, 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 o'clock p.m. on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the special session of the dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, 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 informing me that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation, viz.:

Of Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, member for the electoral district of Welland, by decease.

Of Hon. Gaspard Fauteux, member for the electoral district of St. Mary, by resignation.

Of Gleason Belzile, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Rimouski, by decease.

I accordingly issued my 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 received from the chief electoral officer certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz.:

Of Samuel R. Balcom, Esquire, for the electoral district of Halifax.

Of George Clyde Nowlan, Esquire, for the electoral district of Annapolis-Kings.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Leon David Crestohl, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Cartier, introduced by Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent and Right Hon. C. D. Howe.

Samuel R. Balcom, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Halifax, introduced by Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent and Hon. Robert H. Winters.

George Clyde Nowlan, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Annapolis-Kings, introduced by Mr. George A. Drew and Mr. P. C. Black.

MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY OPERATION ACT

PROVISION FOR RESUMPTION OF RAILWAY OPERATIONS AND SETTLEMENT OF LABOUR DISPUTE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Howe), for leave to introduce Bill No. 1, to provide for the resumption of operations of railways and for the settlement of the existing dispute with respect to terms and conditions of employment between railway companies and their employees.

I am not this afternoon presenting the usual pro forma bill, an act respecting oaths of office. I am proposing rather to introduce a bill respecting the disruption of the railway