

*The Address—Mr. Y. Leduc***INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Hon. James J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, the Hon. S. S. Garson, Minister of Justice, the Hon. Hugues Lapointe, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and the Hon. W. E. Harris, Minister of Finance, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes, and under the provisions of the one hundred and forty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intituled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That a special committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the standing committees of this house under standing order 63, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Harris, Lapointe, Casselman, Knowles and Weir.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE**

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That Edward T. Applewhaite, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Skeena, be appointed deputy chairman of committees of the whole house.

Motion agreed to.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the joint librarians of parliament.
—Mr. Speaker.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. YVES LEDUC
(VERDUN) AND SECONDED BY MR. DONALD
D. CARRICK

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

(Translation):

Mr. Yves Leduc (Verdun): Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each sitting of this house you follow the pious tradition of praying the Almighty, the only Ruler of princes, to behold and favour our most gracious sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, and to replenish her with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

You also beseech Him to direct and prosper all our country's consultations as well as for the safety, honour and welfare of our sovereign so that all things may be so ordered

and settled by these endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.

On this memorable occasion of my life, may I be permitted to make mine the text of that elevation of our soul and of our heart so that in what I have to say I may find in Him a source of inspiration worthy not only of the members of the house but also of the work to be done in the matter of good and truth.

At the outset of our deliberations, over which you are presiding *ex officio*, it is fitting for more than one reason that you should deign to accept my respectful and loyal tribute. Since the days of our youth, I have followed your successful achievements, and it is particularly gratifying for me today to offer you my public congratulations, and to proclaim your tact, your competence, your dignity, your devotion to duty, as well as your sense of justice in the fulfilment of your noble functions.

At the end of the year 1953, my predecessor, Mr. Paul Emile Cote, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Gregg), an active member of this house for some 14 years, was appointed to the bench as a puisne judge of the superior court at Montreal. His relatives, his friends and the citizens of Verdun applauded such an official and unequivocal recognition of the dignity of his life, of his probity, of his devotion to duty, of his competence, in a word, of the loyal services he had rendered to the citizens of Verdun and the people of this country.

This appointment proved to be the *causa causans* of my entry into public life after having practised law actively during more than 20 years.

On March 22 last, my Verdun constituents bestowed upon me the honour and grave responsibility of representing them in this parliament. I hope I will remain worthy of their trust and that I will, in turn, be of service to the Canadian community through devotion to work and study of national and international problems, under the competent direction of my elders and with the kindly co-operation of every member of this house. To them I extend thanks in advance while assuring them of my own willingness to co-operate.

The right hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent), no doubt desirous of honouring the constituency of Verdun and of expressing his indulgent confidence in one of his new colleagues—one who has had the pleasure and privilege of sitting here only for a few months—has asked me to move the address