

THE SENATE DEBATES

FIRST SESSION—TWELFTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 1911.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m.

A communication under the Great Seal was read announcing that Hon. Auguste Charles Phillippe Robert Landry had been appointed Speaker of the Senate. The Hon. Speaker then took the Chair.

NEW SENATORS.

Hon. Alphonse Alfred Clement La Rivière, of St. Boniface, Man.

Hon. Adam Carr Bell, of Pictou, N.S.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honourable the Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—‘It is the Deputy Governor General’s desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate.’

Who being come, the Hon. the Speaker said:

I have it in command to let you know that His Royal Highness the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but, to-morrow, at the hour of three o’clock in the afternoon, His Royal Highness will declare the causes of the calling of this Parliament.

The Honourable the Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

After some time the Senate was resumed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, November 16, 1911.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 2.30 p.m.

NEW SENATORS.

Hon. Rufus Henry Pope, of Cookshire, Que.

Hon. George Taylor, of Gananoque, Ont.

The Senate was adjourned during pleasure.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Royal Highness the Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada being seated on the Throne.

The Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—‘It is His Royal Highness’s pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate.’

Who being come, with their Speaker,

His Royal Highness the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious speech to both Houses:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It is with much satisfaction that I meet, for the first time, the parliament of Canada, and avail myself of your advice and assistance in the fulfilment of the important charge which has been entrusted to me by His Majesty the King. I can assure you that I esteem it a privilege to be called upon to administer the affairs of this prosperous and growing Dominion, and to associate myself with you in the important duties which you are about to approach.

It affords me great pleasure to congratulate you upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the country. Our trade, both with British and with foreign countries, is rapidly expanding, and there is every prospect that its volume in the present year will be largely