

Hon. Donald Smith, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Kinley.

Hon. Harold Connolly, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Isnor.

Hon. Florence Elsie Inman, of Montague, Prince Edward Island, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. McIntyre.

Hon. John T. Hackett, of Montreal Quebec, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Haig.

Hon. Hartland de Montarville Molson, of Montreal, Quebec, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Hugessen.

Hon. Charles Gavan Power, P.C., of St. Pacome, Quebec, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Crerar.

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot, of Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Bouffard.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that each of the newly-summoned senators had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of an officer of the Senate authorized to receive and witness the said declaration.

WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, may I, on behalf of the Senate of Canada, extend the most cordial welcome to those who have just taken their seats in this chamber? You will find here, honourable senators, a pleasant atmosphere far transcending any sharp differences of opinion that may from time to time arise in the consideration of legislation. You will at times be surprised at the expedition with which legislation is disposed of, until you appreciate the fact that the Senate embraces in its membership men and women of wide experience accustomed to assess quickly the import of what comes before them. There have always existed, and will exist in the future, ample opportunities for greater utilization of the undoubted talents and experience possessed by members of this house over and above that required by the consideration of what comes regularly before them. You, with the great prestige and experience hitherto gained in your respective spheres of endeavour, are in a position to add materially in this respect. We welcome you, and wish you well.

The Senate adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At three o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and, that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Third Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is with pleasure that I greet you as you resume your parliamentary duties at the beginning of this new year.

Since you last met there have been significant international developments. Some of them have been welcome as releasing tensions in certain parts of the world while others unfortunately have had the contrary effect. My ministers remain convinced of the need to maintain the defences of the free nations as a deterrent to war. A strong North Atlantic Treaty Organization and adequate protection for this continent are in their view fundamental to the preservation of peace and the security of Canada.

Security, however, cannot rest on arms alone. The Government, therefore, is continuing its constant efforts, through diplomacy and negotiation and through the United Nations and other international agencies, to bring about better understanding between nations.

A meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers will be held in London in June to consider matters of mutual interest. My Prime Minister has accepted the invitation to attend.

Meanwhile my ministers are looking forward to the visit to Ottawa in February of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom.

The annual meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan agreed that this constructive work should be continued for a further period and you will be asked to authorize Canada's continued participation in the Plan, as well as in the United Nations Technical Assistance Program.

A royal commission has been appointed to consider and report upon the development and financing of television and sound broadcasting in Canada.

The royal commission to examine and report upon our economic prospects is proceeding with its inquiry.