

Accordingly, the Members went up to the Senate Chamber, when the Speaker of the Senate said:

*Honourable Members of the Senate,
and Members of the House of Commons:*

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency 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 this afternoon, at the hour of three o'clock His Excellency will declare the causes of calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned, the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by the Honourable George A. Drew, that Louis-René Beaudoin, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

And the Clerk, having declared Louis-René Beaudoin, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent and the Honourable George A. Drew, when he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker;

The Mace was laid upon the Table.

The sitting was suspended until 3.00 o'clock, p.m., this day.

3.00 o'clock, p.m.

The sitting was resumed.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

12th November, 1953.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor-General will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3.00 p.m. today, Thursday the 12th November, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open formally the First Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LIONEL MASSEY

Secretary to the Governor-General

The Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.