

# CANADA

## House of Commons Debates

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Speaker: HON. THOMAS SIMPSON SPROULE.

Thursday, January 15, 1914.

The Parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 15th day of January, 1914, met this day at Ottawa, for the despatch 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 Royal Highness would proceed to the Senate Chamber at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 15th instant, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the Dominion Parliament.

A message was delivered by Major Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Royal Highness 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:

### CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Howell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Cameron, two of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to 'The Dominion Controverted Elections Act,' a certificate and report relating to the election for the electoral district of Macdonald, by which the said election was declared void.

In conformity with chapter 7, section 70, of the Revised Statutes, 1906, I issued my

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warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

I have also the honour to inform the House that I have received from the judges selected for the trial of election petitions pursuant to 'The Dominion Controverted Elections Act,' certificates and reports relating to the elections:

For the electoral district of Maskinongé;  
For the electoral district of Three Rivers and St. Maurice—

the election petition in each case being dismissed and the sitting member being declared duly elected.

### VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have also the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation, viz.:

Of Arthur Meighen, Esq., member for the electoral district of Portage la Prairie, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit, Solicitor General;

Of Peter Elson, Esq., member for the electoral district of East Middlesex, by decease;

Of Oswald Smith Crocket, Esq., member for the electoral district of York, N.B., by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit, a judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

### NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have further the honour to inform the House that during the recess the Clerk of the House received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members:

Of Honourable Arthur Meighen for the electoral district of Portage la Prairie;

Of James Morris, Esq., for the electoral district of Chateauguay;

Of Reuben Eldridge Truax, Esq., for the electoral district of South Bruce;

Of Samuel Francis Glass, Esq., for the electoral district of East Middlesex;