

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, February 26, 1920.

#### FOURTH SESSION, THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING.

The Parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 26th day of February, 1920, 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 Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Henderson, Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Chamber, temporarily occupied by the Senate, at three p.m. on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the Dominion Parliament.

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

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency 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:

#### VACANCIES.

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

Of David Marshall, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Elgin, East Riding, by decease.

Of Ernest Lapointe, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Kamouraska, by resignation.

Of Louis Audet Lapointe, Esq., member for the Electoral District of St. James, by decease.

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I accordingly issued my several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz.:

Of Simon Fraser Tolmie, Esq., for the Electoral District of Victoria City.

Of Oliver Robert Gould, Esq., for the Electoral District of Assiniboia;

Of Robert H. Halbert, Esq., for the Electoral District of Ontario, North Riding.

#### NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

Oliver Robert Gould, Esq., member for the electoral division of Assiniboia, introduced by Mr. Thomas MacNutt and Mr. Andrew Knox.

Robert Henry Halbert, Esq., member for the electoral district of North Ontario, introduced by Mr. Michael Clark (Red Deer) and Mr. John W. Kennedy.

#### OATHS OF OFFICE.

Bill No. 1, respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office.—Sir George Foster.

#### MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

#### CABLEGRAM FROM THE KING ON THE OCCASION OF PARLIAMENT'S FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW BUILDINGS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to communicate to the House the following cablegram:

London, Feb. 23, 1920.

I desire that you will convey to my faithful Senate and House of Commons of Canada my warmest greetings on this the first occasion of their assembly in the new buildings, with the erection of which my son is proud to have been associated. It is my firm assurance that the deliberations of the Parliament of Canada will as in the past redound to the happiness and prosperity of the great Dominion whose well-being is so vital to the whole Empire.

George Rex.