

A Message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

The House attended accordingly;

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Chief Electoral Officer, a Certificate of Election and Return of the following Member, viz:—

Of Wilfred Garfield Case, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Grey North.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the eleventh day of December, 1944, and addressed to Arthur E. Moore, of Owen Sound, in the Province of Ontario, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the electoral district of Grey North, in the place and stead of William P. Telford, who has resigned, Wilfred Garfield Case, 767 2nd Avenue West, Owen Sound, Ontario, Insurance Manager, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this sixteenth day of February, 1945.

JULES CASTONGUAY (L.S.),
Chief Electoral Officer.

The following Member, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House:—

Wilfred Garfield Case, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Grey North.

Mr. Mackenzie King introduced a Bill, No. 1, An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament, and to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy which he read to the House as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

You have been called into session for the despatch of business which it is in the national interest to conclude before the expiration of the present Parliament.

Since I last addressed you, the war in Europe and in Asia has continued with relentless fury. In Europe, the Allied forces are rapidly advancing to what there is every reason to believe will be decisive victory. Canada is prouder than ever of the splendid achievements of her fighting forces, at sea, on land, and in the air.