

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to be issued under his sign Manual and Signet constituting the Honourable Ronald Martland, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, his Deputy, to do in His Excellency's name all acts on his part necessary to be done during His Excellency's pleasure.

The Commission was read by the Clerk.

The Hon. the Speaker said:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until a 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 his calling this Parliament.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Honourable the Deputy Administrator of the Government of Canada was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

30 September 1974

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada will arrive at the Main Entrance to the Parliament Buildings at 2.35 p.m. on this day Monday, the 30th of September 1974, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the Thirtieth Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler
Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

On motion of Senator Langlois, seconded by Senator Godfrey, the Senate adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

[The Hon. the Speaker.]

SECOND SITTING

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

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 2.35 p.m. His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada having come and being seated upon the Throne,

The Hon. the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that it is His Excellency the Administrator's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

Their Speaker, the **Hon. James Jerome**, said:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Commons has elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable construction.

The Hon. the Speaker of the Senate answered:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Commons to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Canada was then pleased to open the First Session of the Thirtieth Parliament with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have the honour to welcome you to the First Session of the 30th Parliament of Canada.