

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, January 18, 1917.

This being the day on which Parliament is convoked by proclamation of the Governor General for the despatch of business, and the members of the House being assembled:

Thomas B. Flint, M.A., D.C.L., the Clerk of the House, read to the House a letter from the Governor General's Secretary, informing him that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber on Thursday, the 18th of January, at 3 p.m., to open the session.

A message was delivered by Lieut.-Col. Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

His Honour the Deputy of 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, when the Speaker of the Senate said:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen 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 to-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the House being returned to the Commons chamber:

VACANCIES.

The Clerk of the House, standing on the lower step below the Speaker's chair, said: I have the honour to inform the House that, during the recess, notifications have been received of the following vacan-

cies having occurred in the representation, viz.:—

Of the Electoral District of Antigonish, by the resignation of William Chisholm, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Yarmouth, by the decease of Bowman Brown Law, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Montmagny, by the resignation of David Ovide L'Espérance, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Nicolet, by the resignation of Paul Emile Lamarche, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Regina, by the resignation of William Melville Martin, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Brome, by the decease of George Harold Baker, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Stanstead, by the decease of Charles Henry Lovell, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Toronto East, consequent upon the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown by the Hon. Albert Edward Kemp.

*Of the Electoral District of London, by the decease of William Gray, Esq.

Of the Electoral District of Quebec County, by the decease of the Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain.

Of the Electoral District of Dorchester, consequent upon the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown by the Hon. Albert Sévigny.

NEW MEMBER.

The Clerk said: I have also the honour to inform the House that, during the recess, I have received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a certificate of the election and return of:

Hon. Albert Edward Kemp for the Electoral District of Toronto East.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): Dr. Flint, it has become necessary for this House to elect a new Speaker.