

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

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

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, and  
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 calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned, Honourable Mr. Lapointe, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Honourable Mr. Robb, that Honourable Rodolphe Lemieux, Member for the Electoral District of Gaspé, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which was agreed to unanimously.

And the Clerk having declared Honourable Rodolphe Lemieux duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by Honourable Mr. Lapointe and Honourable Mr. Robb, when he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker:—then the Mace was laid upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Sergeant-at-Arms, with his approval, had appointed Edouard Taschereau, Esquire, to be his Deputy during the present session of Parliament.

The House then adjourned at 3.40 o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

**RODOLPHE LEMIEUX,**  
*Speaker.*