

Friday, 19th January, 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA.

OTTAWA, 15th January, 1917.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open formally the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Friday, the 19th January, at Three o'Clock.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. G. HENDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

A Message was delivered by Lieut.-Colonel Ernest John Chambers, 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.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber, and then Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Commons have elected me as 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.

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate then said:—

MR. SPEAKER,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

And the House being returned,—

Ordered, That Mr. Hazen, for Sir Robert Borden, have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.