

SECOND DISTINCT SITTING

2.45 p.m.

The Honourable Muriel McQueen Fergusson, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aird,	Connolly (<i>Halifax</i>	Goldenberg,	Lawson,	Norrie,
Argue,	<i>North</i>),	Gouin,	Lefrançois,	O'Leary,
Asselin,	Côté,	Graham,	Macdonald,	Petten,
Basha,	Croll,	Greene,	Macnaughton,	Phillips,
Beaubien,	Davey,	Grosart,	Manning,	Prowse,
Bélisle,	Denis,	Haig,	Martin,	Quart,
Benidickson,	Deschatelets,	Hicks,	McElman,	Rowe,
Blois,	Eudes,	Inman,	McGrand,	Smith,
Bonnell,	Fergusson,	Kickham,	McIlraith,	Sparrow,
Boucher,	Flynn,	Kinnear,	McLean,	Stanbury,
Bourget,	Forsey,	Lafond,	McNamara,	van Roggen,
Bourque,	Fournier	Laing,	Michaud,	Welch,
Buckwold,	(<i>de Lanaudière</i>),	Lang,	Molgat,	Williams,
Burchill,	Fournier	Langlois,	Neiman,	Yuzyk,
Cameron,	(<i>Restigouche-</i>	Lapointe,	Nichol,	
	<i>Gloucester</i>),			

The Honourable the Speaker having put the question whether the Senate do now adjourn during pleasure to await the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General, it was—

Resolved in the affirmative.

After awhile, His Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated upon the Throne—

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that:—

“It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.”

The House of Commons being come,

Their Speaker, the Honourable Lucien Lamoureux, 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 seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable construction.”

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate answered:—

“Mr. Speaker,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General 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 seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.”

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—