

House of Commons Debates

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, November 22, 1906.

The Parliament, which had been prorogued from time to time to the 22nd day of November, 1906, met this day for the despatch of business.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following communication from the secretary of His Excellency the Governor General.

Ottawa, November 21, 1906.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber, to open the third session of the Tenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. HANBURY-WILLIAMS, Colonel,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable,
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker. His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of your honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly the House went to the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned.

ELECTION CASES—JUDGMENTS OF SUPREME COURT.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, a certified copy of the judgment and report of the said court in the election appeal for the electoral district of Shelburne and Queen's and also the report of the Hon. Sir Robert L. Weatherbe and the Hon. Benjamin Russell, the trial judges in the court below, in the said matter, by which the said election was declared void.

In conformity with chapter 9, section 46, of the Revised Statutes, I issued my warrant

to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

I have also the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, certified copies of the judgments and decisions of the said court in the matter of the appeals made from the decisions of the trial judges in the lower courts relating to the electoral district of Halifax, by which the said appeals were allowed and the decisions of the trial judges in the lower courts reversed and set aside.

VACANCIES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have also to inform the House that, during the recess, I have received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representations, viz.:

Of Camille Piché, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Montreal, St. Mary's, by resignation.

Of Leonard T. Bland, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Bruce, by decease.

Of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, member for the Electoral District of Quebec County, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Of L. Phillipe Demers, Esq., member for the Electoral District of St. John and Iberville, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

I accordingly issued my several warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication from the Hon. C. S. Hyman announcing his resignation as a member of the House for the electoral district of the city of London. I may say to the House that the resignation is not perhaps quite in form, but I thought it desirable to communicate it to the House.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have further the honour to inform the House that during the recess