

(Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald). The question before the Chair is the point of order.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON then rose, and contended that the member for Kingston was out of order. He proceeded in a highly humorous strain, and greatly to the amusement of the House, to speak to the question.

Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON followed in a similar strain, and detained the House till the knock at the door of the Usher of the Black Rod was heard.

The Sergeant-at-Arms entered, and said: "A message from His Excellency the Governor General."

The SPEAKER: Let him be admitted.

The doors were then thrown open, and the Usher of the Black Rod entered, and having bowed thrice in his inimitable manner, said "His Excellency desires the attendance of the Hon. House in the Chamber of the Senate." The Speaker then proceeded to the Senate Chamber, followed by members.

Shortly after, His Excellency the **GOVERNOR GENERAL**

arrived. He was pleased to prorogue Parliament in the following words.—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons;

In consequence of the resignation of my late Ministers during the debate on the address I have called a fresh administration to my Council.

A large number of seats in the House of Commons having thus become vacant, I have decided with due regard to the circumstances of the case, that it will be most convenient in the interest of the public business to prorogue this Parliament.

The SPEAKER: *Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate and Gentlemen of the House of Commons;*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday the seventeenth day of December next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday the seventeenth day of December next.

(END OF SESSION)