

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable Roland Michener

Thursday, January 14, 1960

THIRD SESSION—TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued on the eighteenth day of July, 1959, met this day at Ottawa for the dispatch of business.

The house met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the secretary to the Governor General, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three o'clock on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General that this honourable house attend him immediately in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

VACANCIES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received communications from several members notifying me that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation:

Of Hon. Sidney Earle Smith, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Hastings-Frontenac, by decease.

Of Joseph Omer Gour, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Russell, by decease.

Accordingly I have issued my warrants to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

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NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that during the recess the Clerk of the house has received from the chief electoral officer certificates of the election and return of the following members:

Of Rodney A. Webb, Esquire, for the electoral district of Hastings-Frontenac.

Of Paul Tardif, Esquire, for the electoral district of Russell.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Rodney A. Webb, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Hastings-Frontenac, introduced by Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker and Hon. Michael Starr.

Paul Tardif, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Russell, introduced by Hon. L. B. Pearson and Mr. G. J. McIlraith.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that when the house did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both houses of parliament. To prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy, which is as follows:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I am happy to greet you as we meet for the first time at the opening of our parliament.

My appointment as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen in Canada is an honour which moves me profoundly. I invoke divine help to