

A Message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Members of the House of Commons:

His Honour the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the House went up to the Senate Chamber, when the Speaker of the Senate said:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, and

Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada, until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to Law, but this afternoon, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned, the Right Honourable Mackenzie King, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by the Honourable Ernest Lapointe (Quebec East), that Pierre François Casgrain, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Charlevoix-Saguenay, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to, on division.

And the Clerk having declared Pierre François Casgrain, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Right Honourable Mackenzie King and the Honourable Ernest Lapointe (Quebec East), when he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker;—then the Mace was laid upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, the House then adjourned at 1.50 o'clock, p.m., until 3 o'clock, p.m., this day.

SECOND SITTING

THURSDAY, 6th February, 1936,

3 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which had been received by the Clerk of the House of Commons:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 17th January, 1936.

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 Thursday the 6th February, at 3.00 p.m.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. REDFERN,

Secretary to the Governor General.

Arthur Beauchesne, Esq., C.M.G., LL.D.,
Clerk of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.