

Debates of the Senate

CANADA

OFFICIAL REPORT

THE SENATE

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At 4 p.m. His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and, that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Second Session of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

As my words are being broadcast through-out Canada I should like to begin on a personal note. I want to say that I am deeply conscious of the possibilities for good for Canada of my new office and duty that which brings me here today to open the Centennial Session of Parliament. May I renew my pledge at the ceremony of Installation: that my sole purpose and effort will be to merit the confidence which had been reposed in me by Her Majesty our Queen on the advice of her Canadian Ministers and by the countless Canadians from every region who have so freely offered their good wishes. My wife and I are deeply grateful for such messages and greatly encouraged by them.

On this occasion we feel again the sadness of our loss in the recent death of His Excellency General Georges Vanier, my much beloved predecessor. His courageous and lifelong devotion to all that is good and honourable sets an example to inspire all Canadians. The careers of my two distinguished Canadian predecessors have added to the traditional and constitutional functions of the Governor General as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, that of representing the Canadian people in a broad range of their activities and attitudes. In this role I shall try to encourage the best features

Monday, May 8, 1967

OPENING OF SECOND SESSION TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation to meet this day for the dispatch of business:

The Senate met at 4 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

8th May 1967

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 4 p.m. on this day, Monday, the 8th May, 1967, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the Second Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Esmund Butler

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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