

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, February 7, 1929

### THIRD SESSION—SIXTEENTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 7th day of February, 1929, met this day at Ottawa, for the despatch of business.

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

Mr. SPEAKER read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three p.m. on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the Dominion parliament.

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

Mr. Speaker, 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.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

### VACANCIES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the resignations of the following members, viz:—

Of the Honourable S. F. Tolmie, member for the electoral district of Victoria (B.C.)

Of Lawrence A. Wilson, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

I accordingly issued my warrants to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

I have also the honour to inform the house that I have received a communication from the Chief Electoral Officer, informing me that, in accordance with chapter 145, section 11 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, he had

received communications from several members notifying him of the following vacancies having occurred in the representation, viz:—

Of Jean Joseph Denis, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Joliette, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the crown.

Of William Thomas Goodison, Esquire, member for the electoral district of West Lambton, by decease.

And that the Chief Electoral Officer had accordingly issued new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

### NEW MEMBERS

#### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the clerk of the house has received from the Chief Electoral Officer certificates of the election and return of the following members viz:—

Of James Earl Lawson, Esquire, for the electoral district of West York.

Of D'Arcy Britton Plunkett, Esquire, for the electoral district of Victoria, B.C.

Of Charles Edouard Ferland, Esquire, for the electoral district of Joliette.

Of Ross Wilfred Gray, Esquire, for the electoral district of West Lambton.

#### INTRODUCTION

James Earl Lawson, Esquire, member for the electoral district of West York, introduced by Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. E. B. Ryckman.

D'Arcy Britton Plunkett, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Victoria, B.C., introduced by Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. H. H. Stevens.

Charles Edouard Ferland, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Joliette, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. P. J. A. Cardin.

Ross Wilfred Gray, Esquire, member for the electoral district of West Lambton, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. J. C. Elliott.