

Of Hon. Peter Heenan, member for the electoral district of Kenora-Rainy River, by resignation;

Of Hon. William Anderson Black, member for the electoral district of Halifax, by decease;

Of Walter Davy Cowan, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Long Lake, by decease;

Of Joseph Arthur Denis, Esquire, member for the electoral district of St. Denis, by decease;

Of George Brecken Nicholson, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Algoma East, by decease.

And that new warrants were issued to the chief electoral officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts respectively.

NEW MEMBERS

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 Wilson Henry Mills, for the electoral district of West Elgin.

Of Thomas Langton Church, for the electoral district of East Toronto.

Of William Pate Mulock, for the electoral district of North York.

Of Hugh Bathgate McKinnon, for the electoral district of Kenora-Rainy River.

Of Colin Alexander Campbell, for the electoral district of Frontenac-Addington.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Thomas Langton Church, Esquire, member for the electoral district of East Toronto, introduced by Right Hon. R. B. Bennett and Hon. Mr. Guthrie.

William Pate Mulock, Esquire, member for the electoral district of North York, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Mr. Elliott.

Colin Alexander Campbell, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Frontenac-Addington, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Mr. Elliott.

Wilson Henry Mills, Esquire, member for the electoral district of West Elgin, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Mr. Elliott.

Hugh Bathgate McKinnon, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Kenora-Rainy River, introduced by Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. Mr. Elliott.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

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 welcome you at a time when our country stands upon the threshold of a new era of prosperity. It will be for you, by your labours, to throw wide the door.

During the past year the grip of hard times has been broken. Conditions show marked improvement. Employment is increasing. Our trade is expanding. The national revenues are higher. These evidences of recovery attest the wisdom and efficacy of the measures you have taken. In these improved conditions, there may now successfully be carried forward those great tasks of reform upon which the well-being of this country depends.

In the anxious years through which you have passed, you have been the witnesses of grave defects and abuses in the capitalist system. Unemployment and want are the proof of these. Great changes are taking place about us. New conditions prevail. These require modifications in the capitalist system to enable that system more effectively to serve the people. Reform measures will therefore be submitted to you as part of a comprehensive plan designed to remedy the social and economic injustices now prevailing, and to ensure to all classes and to all parts of the country a greater degree of equality in the distribution of the benefits of the capitalist system.

Upon this plan you have made a beginning. Reform measures approved by you at the last session of parliament are already in successful operation. I observe with especial gratification the manner in which the Natural Products Marketing Act and the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act are already serving the great and urgent needs of agriculture and other primary industries. You will be invited to consider amendments to these acts which will extend the sphere of their usefulness. The organization of the Bank of Canada is nearing completion, and it will commence operations at an early date. My ministers are convinced of the value of this institution as an instrument of national policy to direct the better utilization of the credit resources of Canada.

Legislation enacted at the last session of parliament respecting the metallic coverage of our note issue and the initiation of the public works program have eased credit conditions and stimulated business enterprise.