

Edgar N. Rhodes, Esquire, was then conducted to the Chair by Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Rogers, when, standing on the upper steps, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid on the Table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Sergeant-at-Arms had, with his approval, appointed Louis Charles Panet, Esquire, to be his Deputy.

X Sir Robert Borden, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House, —Copies of Orders in Council as follow:—

P.C. 1719, dated the 15th day of July, 1916, respecting the appointment of a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, during the continuance of the war.

P.C. 2576, dated the 21st day of October, 1916, respecting the appointment of Hugh Clark, Member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of North Bruce, to the position of Parliamentary Under Secretary for External Affairs, during the continuance of the present war.

P.C. 1720, dated the 15th day of July, 1916, respecting the appointment of a Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence, during the continuance of the present war.

P.C. 1730, dated the 19th day of July, 1916, respecting the appointment of Fleming Blanchard McCurdy, Member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Shelburne and Queens, to the position of Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence, during the continuance of the present war.

X P.C. 2651, dated the 28th day of October, 1916, respecting the establishment of a ministry in London, charged with the administration of the overseas forces of Canada, and the direction and control of the expenditures abroad in connection therewith.

P.C. 2656, dated the 31st day of October, 1916, respecting the appointment of Honourable Sir George Halsey Perley, to the position of Minister of Overseas Military Forces from Canada in the United Kingdom. (*Sessional Papers, No. 41.*)

And then the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes before Four of the Clock, P.M., adjourned till To-morrow, at Three o'Clock, P.M.