

The Clerk at the Table informed the Senate that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Casgrain:—

That during the absence of the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senator Blondin do preside as Speaker.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the Clerk declared the said motion carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Honourable Senator Blondin took the Chair.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that there was a Senator without, waiting to be introduced.

The Honourable John Wallace de Beque Farris was introduced between the Honourable Senator Dandurand and the Honourable Senator King, and having presented His Majesty's Writ of Summons, it was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

CANADA

TWEEDSMUIR

(L.S.)

GEORGE THE SIXTH, *by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas* KING, *Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.*

To our Trusty and Well-beloved John Wallace de Beque Farris, of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, in Our Dominion of Canada, Esquire, K.C.,

GREETING:

Know you, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of Our Dominion of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion; and We do command you that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear, for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

Witness: Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved John, Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of Our Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.