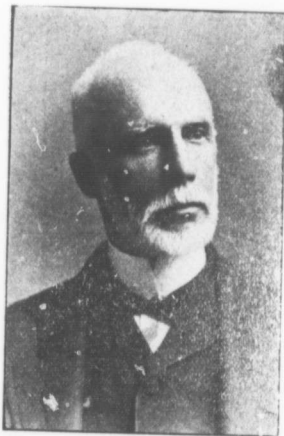


splendid as the opening ceremony at Ottawa when Parliament meets and the Canadian capital clothes itself in purple and fine linen. It was especially interesting from two circumstances. There was a new representative of the Divine Right, and there was a new assemblage of the uncrowned king.

In the House of Commons the election of a Speaker brought out the fact that until a leader is formally installed on. Geo. E.

then conducted to the dias by the prime minister and Sir William Mulock. The applause showed that the new Speaker possessed the cordial good will of his fellow members on both sides of the House. Following the custom he addressed the House before taking the Chair. The appropriateness and good taste of his remarks were the subject afterwards of general comment.

Robed in the traditional garments His Honor headed the Commoners when they responded to the Summons of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod the following day to hear from His Excellency the reasons for calling them together. The presiding officer of the Commons is called Speaker because he is the spokesman of the House in addressing the Crown, or its representative. He, therefore, announced to His Excellency that he had been chosen by the House and prayed for the privilege of access to His Excellency's person at all reasonable times. It was and, we presume still is, necessary to obtain the assent of the King, or his representative, to the person chosen by the House of Commons as the channel of communication with the sovereign. On one famous occasion when the newly elected Speaker of the British House of Commons presented himself before the King for His Majesty's gracious approval he received the angry reply, "No, by God, I will not". There was a general hubbub among the Commoners, who were not all inclined to put up with the insult, but the King was firm and in the end the Commons selected another Speaker. In this case Mr. Sutherland did not prove obnoxious to His Excellency and history did not repent itself.



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Who acted as Deputy Governor

Foster will speak in the name of His Majesty's loyal Opposition. His remarks on this occasion were most appropriate. He reminded the House that the chief responsibility for the selection of a Speaker rested on the leader of the government and to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's definition of the duties of the presiding officer he could take no exception. The Hon. R. F. Sutherland was

The new Speakers of the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa are, for the Senate the Hon. Raoul Dandurand, B.C.L. of Montreal, and for the Commons the Hon.

Robert Franklin Sutherland, K.C., the member for North Essex, O.C. Hon. Mr. Dandurand is 45 years of age and a graduate of the oldest University in America, Laval. He is a lawyer, and the head of the law firm that has furnished recently two Speakers for the parliament of Canada. According to the Canadian Parlia-