

# House of Commons Debates

## FOURTH SESSION—NINTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, March 10, 1904.

The Parliament, which had been prorogued successively from the twenty-fourth day of October, 1903, and thence from time to time to the tenth day of March, 1904, met this day for the despatch of business.

The members of the House being assembled,

The Clerk of the House, Thomas Barnard Flint, Esq., M.A., LL.D., D.C.L., said: I have the honour to communicate to the House the following letter, which I have received:—

Office of the Governor General's Secretary,  
Canada,

OTTAWA, March 9, 1904.

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the session of the Dominion parliament on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed.) F. S. MAUDE,  
Major,  
Governor General's Secretary.

The Clerk of the House of Commons.

A Message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:—

The Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber, when the Speaker of the Senate said:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but to-morrow at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this parliament.

And the members being returned to the Commons Chamber,

### VACANCIES.

The Clerk of the House, standing on the lower step below the Speaker's Chair, said: I have also the honour to announce that the following notifications of vacancies which have occurred in the representation have been received:—

Of Henry Cargill, Esq., member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the county of Bruce, by decease;

Of Joseph Alexandre C. Madore, Esq., member for the electoral district of Hochelaga, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of a Puisne Judge of the Superior Court of the province of Quebec;

Of Oliver Simmons, Esq., member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the county of Lambton, by decease;

Of Pierre R. Martineau, Esq., member for the electoral district of Montmagny, by decease;

Of Donald Farquharson, Esq., member for the electoral district of Queen's West, P.E.I., by decease;

Of Hon. Andrew George Blair, member for the electoral district of St. John (city), by resignation;

Of Hon. Michel E. Bernier, member for the electoral district of St. Hyacinthe, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of a Railway Commissioner under the Railway Act, 1903;

Of Hon. Henry R. Emmerson, Esq., member for the electoral district of Westmoreland, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of Minister of Railways and Canals;

Of Hon. L. P. Brodeur, member for the electoral district of Rouville, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of Minister of Inland Revenue;

Of Rodolphe Lemieux, Esq., member for the electoral district of Gaspé, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of Solicitor General of Canada.

Of Henry G. Carroll, Esq., member for the electoral district of Kamouraska, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown, to wit: the office of Judge of the Superior Court of the province of Quebec;

Of Duncan C. Fraser, Esq., member for the electoral district of Guysborough, by the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown (a judgeship):

### NEW MEMBERS.

The Clerk said: I have also the honour to announce that I have received from the