

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Monday, February 14th, 1921.

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The Parliament which had been prorogued from time to time to the 14th day of February, 1921, met this day at Ottawa for the despatch of business.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker read a communication from Mr. O. M. Balfour, Acting Military Secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber at three p.m., on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the Dominion Parliament.

A message was delivered by Colonel Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

And the House being returned to the Commons Chamber:

VACANCIES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that during the recess I received communications from several members, notifying me that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz:

Of John Hampden Burnham, Esq., member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of Peterborough, by resignation.

Of Hon. Rupert Wilson Wigmore, member for the Electoral District of St. John City and Counties of St. John and Albert, consequent upon the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Hon. Fleming Blanchard McCurdy, member for the Electoral District of Colchester, consequent upon the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

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Of Hon. Martin Burrell, member for the Electoral District of Yale, owing to the acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

I accordingly issued my several warrants 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 Chief Electoral Officer has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery certificates of the election and return of the following members, viz:

Of Hon. Rupert Wilson Wigmore, for the Electoral District of St. John City and Counties of St. John and Albert.

Of Hon. Fleming Blanchard McCurdy, for the Electoral District of Colchester.

Of Sydney Smith McDermand, Esq., for the Electoral District of Elgin East.

Of John Armstrong MacKelvie, Esq., for the Electoral District of Yale.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Hon. Fleming Blanchard McCurdy, member for the Electoral District of Colchester, introduced by Right Hon. Sir George Foster and Mr. P. F. Martin.

Hon. Rupert Wilson Wigmore, member for the Electoral District of St. John City and Counties of St. John and Albert, introduced by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Mr. S. E. Elkin.

Sydney S. McDermand, Esq., member for the Electoral District of East Elgin, introduced by Mr. Michael Clark (Red Deer) and Mr. R. H. Halbert.

John A. MacKelvie, Esq., member for the Electoral District of Yale, introduced by Hon. S. F. Tolmie and Mr. R. F. Green.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of Oaths of Office, introduced and read the first time.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen.