

## CANADA

# The Debates of the Senate

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### THE SENATE.

Thursday, January 18, 1917.

The Senate met at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SPEAKER.

A communication under the Great Seal was read announcing that Hon. Joseph Bolduc had been appointed Speaker of the Senate.

The Honourable the Speaker was then conducted to his seat by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. La Rivière.

Prayers.

#### OPENING OF THE SESSION.

The Honourable the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open formally the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Friday, the 19th instant, at three o'clock; also, a further communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the session of the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, the 18th of January, at three o'clock, p.m.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

The Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Canada, having come and being seated,

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The Honourable the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate."

Who being come,

The Honourable the SPEAKER said:  
Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:  
I have it in command from the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament until a 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.

The Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

After some time the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

On the motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed that the House do now adjourn:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If it is in order to do so, I wish to express my surprise that one day of the time of Parliament has not been saved by the House of Commons electing its Speaker to-day and being called into this Chamber an hour later for the opening of the session. It seems to me that it is hardly right that a loss of twenty-four hours should be caused by a function which occupies only about half an hour of the time of the other House.

#### AUTHORITY OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I wish to ask if the Deputy Governor General has a special