

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the House the following communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

OTTAWA, 27th April, 1891.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General, to inform you that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Wednesday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
CHARLES COLVILLE, Major,  
*Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honourable Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons, and acquaint that House, "It is the desire of the Honourable Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, they attend him immediately in this House.

Who, being come,

The Honourable the Speaker 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 summoning the present Parliament of Canada 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 the Governor General will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

The Honourable Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy Governor, was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Carling, it was

Ordered, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Carling,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.