

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 24th August, 1950.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29th, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Special Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada, which has been called for that date.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. F. G. LETSON,

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated 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 that,—

It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

You were summoned to meet somewhat earlier than was anticipated because of the disruption of railway transportation facilities resulting from the dispute between the railways and the unions representing the non-operating employees of the railways. A measure to deal with this situation will be introduced at once.