

THE SENATE DEBATES

THIRD SESSION—ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, November 17, 1910.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 2.30 p.m.

Prayers.

THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Speaker informed the Senate that the Clerk had been authorized to administer the Oath of Allegiance and the declaration of qualification; also, that it is customary for all members of the Senate to renew their Oaths of Allegiance upon the demise of the Sovereign.

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Speaker read the following communication:

Government House,
November 17, 1910.

My Dear Senator:

I have just received the handsomely bound and illuminated copy of the address with which the parliament of Canada honoured Lady Grey and me at the close of last session.

It is unnecessary, I feel sure, to tell you that the address, reposing in the massive dignity of its silver couch, appropriately embellished with beaver and maple leaves, shall ever hold a place of distinction in my home, reminding me and my family of very happy years spent in Canada, years illumined for us by constant interest and much enjoyment, by the excitement of unceasing developments, and by the sunshine of universal kindness.

Please accept from me, from Lady Grey and my daughters, the assurance of our heartfelt gratitude for this much valued memento of our stay in Canada and of the warm and friendly feelings entertained towards us by the people of the Dominion.

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I remain, with grateful acknowledgments to the Senate and the House of Commons for the honour they have done me,

Very sincerely yours,
GREY.

THE SPEECH FROM 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’s pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate.’

Who being come, with their Speaker;

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

When I prorogued parliament in the month of May last, I was about completing the term usually allotted to the office of Governor General, but it has pleased His Majesty King George V. to continue me as His representative in Canada, and therefore it is my great pleasure again to greet you at the opening of this new session.

I meet you under the shadow of the calamity which has befallen this country and the whole British empire, in the demise of our beloved sovereign, King Edward VII. His death is mourned, not only by his subjects the world over, but also by all civilized nations who had learned to appreciate the many gifts and qualities which had earned for him the name of Peacemaker, by which he will be known in history.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the ever-growing prosperity of this favoured land. Trade and commerce are advancing in all directions with rapid strides. The total volume of imports and exports far