

## CANADA

# The Debates of the Senate

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### THE SENATE.

Monday, March 18, 1918.

The Senate met at 10.30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

#### OPENING OF THE SESSION.

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that the Right Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the session of the Dominion Parliament on Monday, the 18th of March, at 11 o'clock; and a further 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 Monday, the 18th March, at 3 o'clock.

#### NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED.

The following newly appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. Frederick Lawrence Schaffner, B.A., M.D., C.M., of Boissevain, Manitoba, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. McMeans.

Hon. George Henry Bradbury, of Selkirk, Manitoba, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Sharpe.

Hon. William James Harmer, of Edmonton, Alberta, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Robertson.

Hon. Edward Michener, of Red Deer, Alberta, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Robertson.

Hon. Irving R. Todd, of Milltown, New Brunswick, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Thompson.

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Hon. John Webster, of Brockville, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Mr. Taylor.

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, Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated,

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint the 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 Hon. 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 cause of his summoning the present parliament until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but to-day, 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.

The Senate adjourned till 2.30 this afternoon.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair, and immediately thereafter adjourned during pleasure.

#### THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

At three o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. The members of the Senate being