

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate then said:—

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Commons to His Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you, that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

And the House being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been in the Senate Chamber, and that he had, in their names and on their behalf, made the usual claim of privileges, which His Excellency had been pleased to confirm to them.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that since the General Election, held on June 27, 1949, communications had been received from several Members notifying the Chief Electoral Officer, in accordance with Chapter 145, Section 11 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz:—

Of Honourable Ernest Bertrand, Member for the Electoral District of Laurier, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Honourable Joseph Jean, Member for the Electoral District of Mercier, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Eugène Marquis, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kamouraska, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Elphège Marier, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Jacques-Cartier, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Léon J. Raymond, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gatineau, consequent upon his acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of Thomas Reid, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of New Westminster, consequent upon his being summoned to the Senate.

Of Benoit Michaud, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Restigouche-Madawaska, by decease.

Of J. E. McMillin, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Greenwood, by decease.

And that accordingly new Writs of Election had been issued for the said Electoral Districts respectively.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF LAURIER

Dominion of Canada, }
To Wit: } House of Commons

To the Chief Electoral Officer:

We, the undersigned, hereby give Notice, in pursuance of section eleven of the House of Commons Act, R.S.C., 1927, C. 145, that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Laurier (Montreal) in the Province of Quebec by reason of the