

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 23, 1968

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

VACANCIES

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that during the adjournment of the house I received communications informing me that the following vacancies have occurred in the representation, namely:

Of Hon. Lawrence T. Pennell, member for the electoral district of Brant-Haldimand, by resignation;

Of Hon. Paul Martin, member for the electoral district of Essex East, by resignation.

I have accordingly issued my warrants to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out new writs of election for the said electoral districts.

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APPOINTMENT OF J. GORDON DUBROY
AS CLERK ASSISTANT

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps hon. members will allow me to mention that during the recess there has been a promotion to a very senior post in the House of Commons, that of Clerk Assistant, and to this post has been appointed a very faithful and deserving officer of this house, Mr. J. Gordon Dubroy.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

PRIVILEGE

MR. TRUDEAU—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Speaking for the first time from this seat, I would ask the hon. members to allow me to express my thanks for the messages of congratulations and encouragement I have received from all parts of the house.

In a democracy, the people's representatives have the privilege to disagree on the best way of governing the country. However, we are all prompted by the same desire to make Canada a greater and a stronger country.

The best answer I can give to that generous tribute is by undertaking to serve the house and the country to the best of my ability.

[*English*]

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION
AND ELECTION ON JUNE 25

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): In view of the announcement I am about to make, Mr. Speaker, I feel any further comment by me on any other subjects would be improper.

This afternoon I called on the Governor General to request him to dissolve parliament and to have writs issued for a general election on June 25.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, by proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada, dated April 23, 1968, the present parliament is dissolved and members and senators are discharged from attendance. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: In the circumstances I propose to leave the chair, but perhaps I may be allowed to say one word to thank hon. members for the co-operation which at all times during the last years they have extended to me.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: If hon. members are still here by four o'clock they are invited to call on the Speaker in Room 16.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.
