

of Canada for the electoral district of Russell, in the place and stead of Joseph-Omer Gour, deceased, Paul Tardif, 2122 Applewood Crescent, Ottawa, manager, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this sixteenth day of October, 1959.

N. CASTONGUAY (L.S.)  
*Chief Electoral Officer.*

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The following Members, having taken and subscribed the oath required by Law, took their seats:

Rod A. Webb, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Hastings-Frontenac; and

Paul Tardif, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Russell.

Mr. Diefenbaker, seconded by Mr. Green, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-1, An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported that, when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor-General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy, which is as follows:

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I am happy to greet you as we meet for the first time at the Opening of our Parliament.

My appointment as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen in Canada is an honour which moves me profoundly. I invoke Divine help to guide and strengthen me that I may serve well the Parliament and people of Canada in carrying out the trust confided to me by the Sovereign.

We will long cherish the memories of the presence of our Gracious Queen and of His Royal Highness among us last summer. The warmth of the welcome given them throughout the country is an expression of the loyalty, devotion and affection of all Canadians. Our attachment to the Crown is a great unifying force. It will be my earnest endeavour to foster a spirit of harmony and confidence in all, irrespective of race or creed, in the achievement of our mighty destiny.

My Prime Minister looks forward to meeting with the leaders of the other Commonwealth Governments early in May. The Commonwealth is in a state of rapid constitutional development. During the course of the year Nigeria is to become an independent member following those constructive processes by which the Commonwealth has set a lead in peaceful evolution of new nations from dependent territories.

We welcome the spirit which has made possible the progress of the past year in meetings between the leaders of great nations and we believe that with wisdom and patience the series of meetings arranged to commence in Paris in May can bring about the results which all desire. Canada will be prepared to assist wholeheartedly by consultation, particularly in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with those immediately involved in these efforts to achieve just diplomatic settlements.