

CANADA

The Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

THE SENATE

Thursday, September 15, 1949.

The Twenty-First Parliament of Canada having been summoned by Proclamation of the Governor General to meet this day in its First Session for the dispatch of business.

The Senate met at 10.30 a.m.

THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Hon. Elie Beauregard, having taken the Clerk's chair, rose and said: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that a Commission has been issued under the Great Seal, appointing me Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The Honourable the Speaker then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by Hon. Mr. Robertson and Hon. Mr. Moraud, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

Prayers.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General informing him that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity of Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the First Session of the Twenty-First Parliament of Canada on Thursday, the 15th day of September, at 12 o'clock noon.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

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

Hon. James Angus MacKinnon, P.C., of Edmonton, Alberta, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. W. A. Buchanan.

Hon. Thomas Vincent Grant, of Montague, Prince Edward Island, by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. James P. McIntyre.

Hon. Henry Read Emmerson, of Dorchester, New Brunswick, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. A. B. Copp.

Hon. J. J. Hayes Doone, of Black's Harbour, New Brunswick, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. A. B. Copp.

Hon. Joseph Adelard Godbout, of Frelighsburg, Quebec, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. Armand Daigle.

Hon. William Henry Golding, of Seaforth, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. William H. Taylor.

Hon. George H. Barbour, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. J. E. Sinclair.

Hon. Alexander Boyd Baird, of St. John's, Newfoundland, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. C. B. Howard.

Hon. Ray Petten, of St. John's, Newfoundland, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. J. Gordon Fogo.

Hon. George Joseph Penny, of Ramea, Newfoundland, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. William Duff.

Hon. Thomas Reid, of New Westminster, British Columbia, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. J. H. King.

Hon. Robert William Gladstone, of Guelph, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. W. D. Euler.

Hon. J. Wesley Stambaugh, of Bruce, Alberta, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. W. A. Buchanan.

THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

FELICITATIONS ON HIS APPOINTMENT

Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson: I welcome this opportunity to extend to you, Mr. Speaker, the heartiest congratulations of your colleagues on this side of the house on your appointment to the eminent and honourable position of Speaker of the Senate.

You, sir, bring to this high office great qualities of heart and mind. You have long held a prominent position in the business and professional life of your native province. For ten years you have been a member of the Senate, and since 1945 have presided over the deliberations of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce. I do not need