

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable W. Ross Macdonald

Thursday, November 20, 1952

### SEVENTH SESSION—TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued earlier this day met again at Ottawa for the dispatch of business.

The house met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three o'clock on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

### NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Romuald Bourque, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Outremont-St. Jean, introduced by Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent, and Hon. Alphonse Fournier.

Lucien Cardin, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Richelieu-Vercheres, introduced by Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent and Hon. Alcide Cote.

### OATHS OF OFFICE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house 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. To prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy, which is as follows:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

You resume your labours on behalf of the Canadian people at a time of continuing international tension. Nevertheless, because of the steadfast resistance of our Canadian forces and their comrades in arms to aggression in Korea and because of the increasing strength of the forces of freedom in Europe, there are signs of a lessening of the danger of an outbreak of war on a global scale.

My ministers are convinced that a lasting peace can be assured only so long as the combined strength of the free world continues to be built up and maintained.

The sacrifices of those directly involved in the United Nations police action in Korea and the anxieties of their families are an inevitable and most regrettable part of the price we are paying to prevent another world war.

To meet our nation's international responsibilities certain of my ministers are attending the seventh session of the general assembly of the United Nations.

Because of the continued international tension you will be asked to approve legislation providing for the continuation of the Emergency Powers Act and you will also be asked to provide for the appointment of an associate minister of national defence.

My Prime Minister and my Minister of Finance will attend a meeting of the prime ministers of the commonwealth to open in London later this month to consider important economic and monetary problems.

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to set June the second next as the date of her coronation. Arrangements will be made for Canadian representation at the ceremonies and plans are being formulated for the celebration in Canada of this historic event.

Canada has been blessed this year with a record grain crop.

Our economic conditions remain favourable and the level of external trade is high. While the dangers of inflation have not disappeared, pressures have eased and it has been possible to suspend the operation of some of the anti-inflationary measures.