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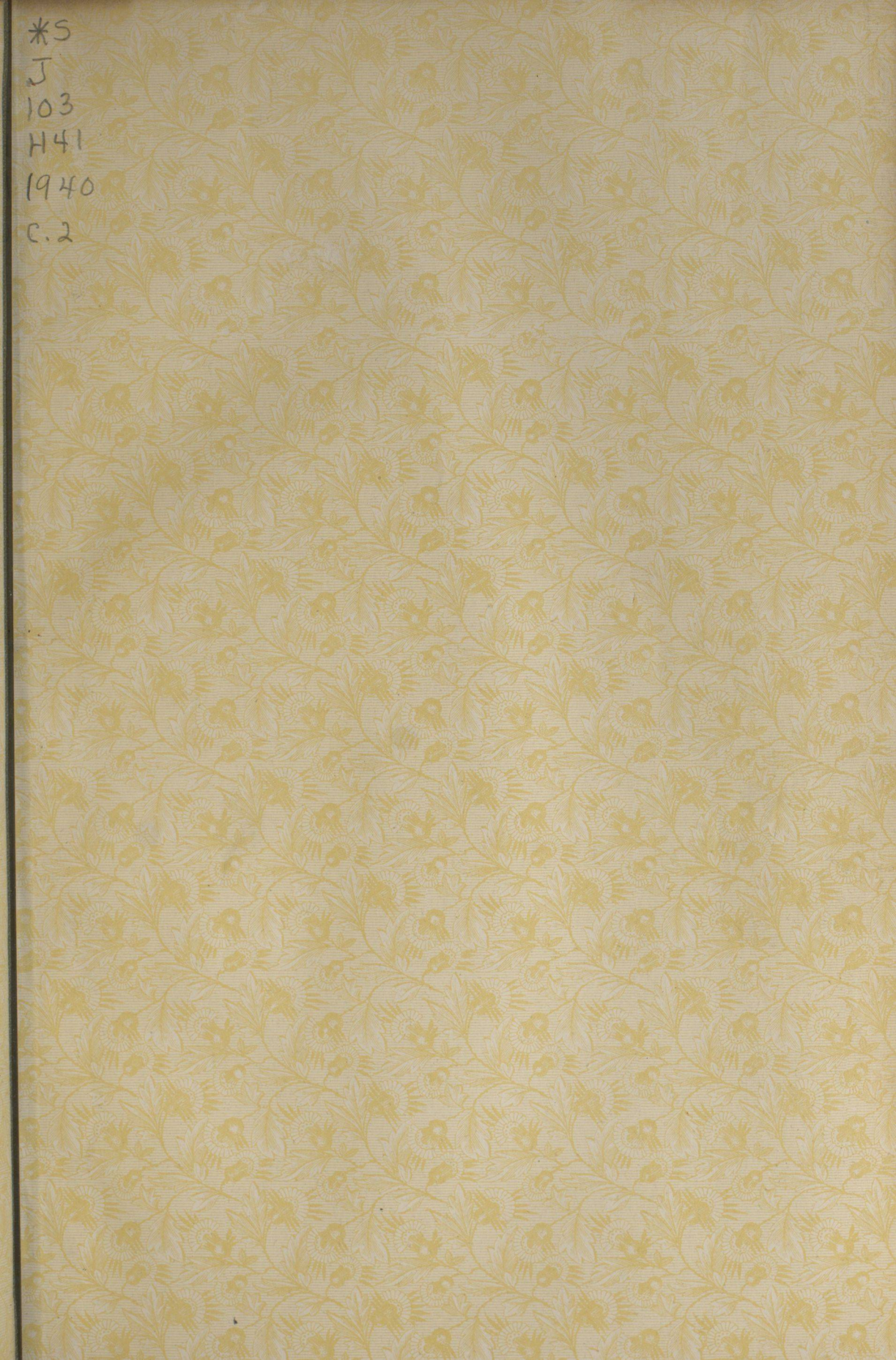
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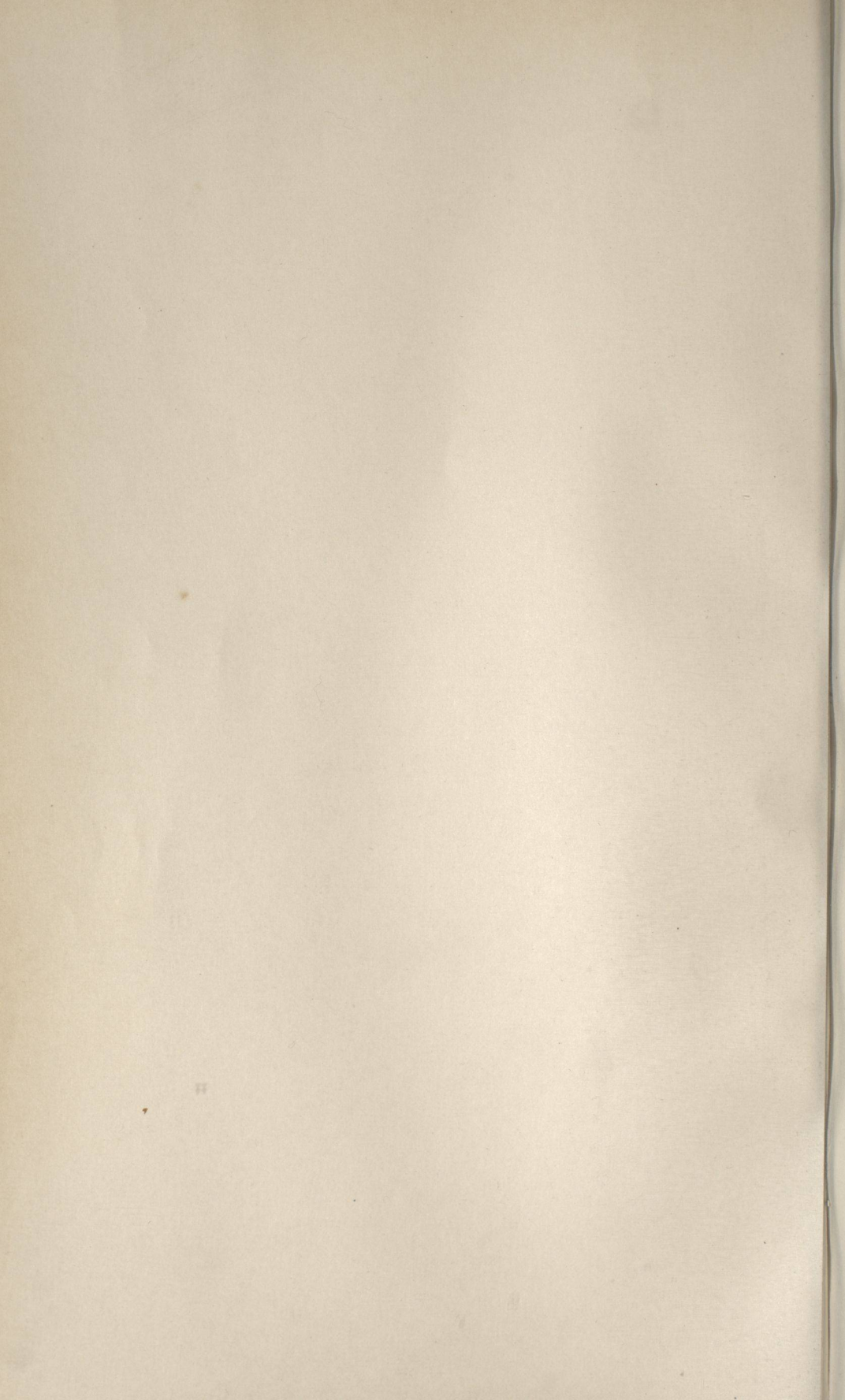
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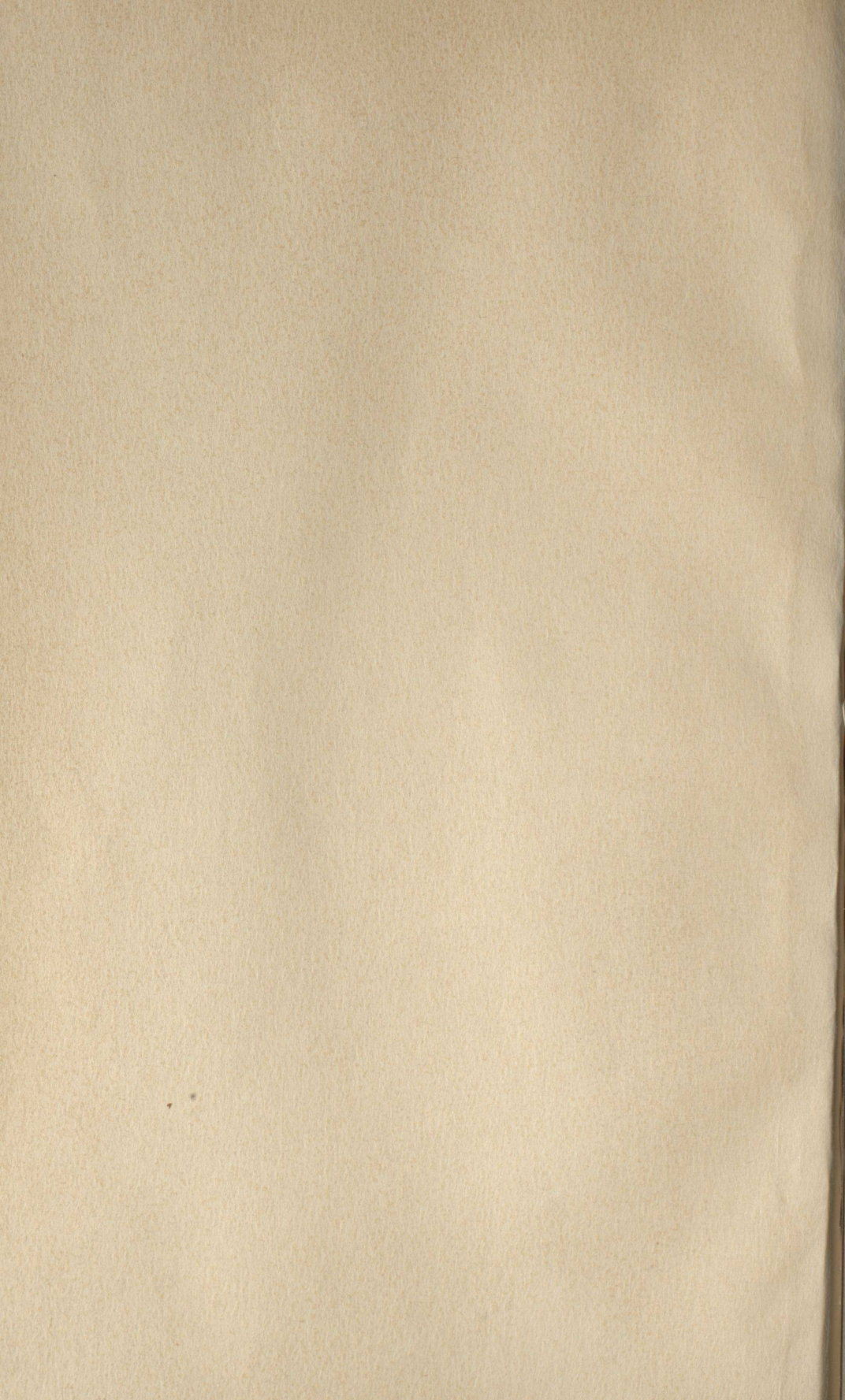
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1940

This being the day on which Parliament is convoked by Proclamation of the Governor General for the despatch of business, and the members of the House being assembled:—

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

15th January, 1940.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3 p.m. on Thursday the 25th January, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Sixth Session of the Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. REDFERN,

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable Pierre Casgrain,
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

A Message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, he had received communications from several Members, notifying him that the following vacancies had occurred in the representation, viz:—

Of Wilfrid Girouard, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Drummond-Arthabaska, by resignation.

Of Pierre Emile Côté, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Bonaventure, by resignation.

Of Otto Buchanan Elliott, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kindersley, by resignation.

Of James Warren Rutherford, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Kent (Ontario), by decease.

Of Joseph Léon Vital Mallette, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, by decease.

Of Alexander MacGillivray Young, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Saskatoon City, by decease.

Of the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, Member for the Electoral District of St. James, by decease.

Of Alfred Edgar MacLean, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Prince, by decease.

And that he had issued his Warrants to the Chief Electoral Officer to make out new Writs of Election for the said Electoral Districts, respectively.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DRUMMOND-ARTHABASKA

ARTHABASKA,

October 3rd, 1939.

(Translation)

Honourable PIERRE CASGRAIN,
Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Mr. SPEAKER,—Pursuant to Sections 6 and 8, Chapter 145, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, I hereby tender my resignation as Member of the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada for the Electoral District of Drummond-Arthabaska, wishing that my resignation for aforesaid constituency take effect immediately.

And I have signed such resignation in the presence of the following witnesses: Hon. J. E. Perrault, K.C., barrister, of the Town of Arthabaska, and Charles Robert Garneau, notary, of the Town of Arthabaska.

I would appreciate a prompt reply to this letter of resignation.

Witnesses:

J. E. PERRAULT,
C. R. GARNEAU.

WILFRID GIROUARD.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BONAVENTURE

NEW CARLISLE,

October 6th, 1939.

(Translation)

Honourable PIERRE CASGRAIN,
Speaker of the House of Commons,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

MR. SPEAKER,—Pursuant to Clause b, Section 6, Chapter 145, of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, I hereby tender my resignation as Member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Bonaventure, Province of Quebec, wishing to resign as representative for aforesaid constituency.

I would appreciate a prompt acknowledgment of such resignation as Member for the constituency of Bonaventure, stating that by virtue of the present letter I am no longer the representative in the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada for the Electoral District of Bonaventure.

With my best regards, I remain,

Mr. Speaker,

Yours truly,

P. ÉMILE CÔTÉ.

Witnesses:

ALFRED GREENE,
CHAS. F. GUITÉ.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF KINDERSLEY

11229—97 St.,

Edmonton, Alta.,

October 20, 1939.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN,
Speaker, House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—The present emergency circumstances in which Canada finds itself seems to demand that each citizen performs his duties to the best advantage of the Dominion and Empire as a whole.

The first most important task is efficient and well experienced executive placed in positions where their services can be rendered effectively.

Having regard to those facts, and considering it in the public interest that some one of vastly more experience in international affairs and perhaps extensive training in active service during the last war, might be persuaded to accept such responsibility, I wish for those reasons to tender my resignation as Member of Parliament for Kindersley Constituency in Saskatchewan.

I am notifying my Constituency accordingly and on their behalf it would be appreciated greatly if the proclamation was issued in sufficient time to permit their having representation in the next session of Parliament.

Yours very truly,

O. B. ELLIOTT.

Witnesses:

M. E. O'FARRELL,
A. BURTON.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF KENT (ONTARIO)

Dominion of Canada }
 To Wit } House of Commons

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Kent (Ontario), consequent upon the death of Dr. J. W. Rutherford, the Member therefor.

Given under Our Hands and Seals, at the City of Ottawa, this twenty-sixth day of October, 1939.

N. A. McLARTY (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Essex West,
 W. D. EULER (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Waterloo North.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF JACQUES CARTIER

Dominion of Canada }
 To Wit } House of Commons

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Jacques-Cartier (Montreal), in the Province of Quebec, consequent upon the death of J. L. V. Mallette, Esquire, the Member therefor.

Given under Our Hands and Seals, at the City of Ottawa, this twenty-sixth day of October, 1939.

CLARENCE D. HOWE (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Port Arthur,
 ERNEST LAPOINTE (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Quebec East.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF SASKATOON CITY

Dominion of Canada }
 To Wit } House of Commons

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Saskatoon City, in the Province of Saskatchewan, consequent upon the death of Dr. A. MacG. Young, the Member therefor.

Given under Our Hands and Seals, at the City of Ottawa, this twenty-sixth day of October, 1939.

JAMES G. GARDINER (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Assiniboia,
 N. A. McLARTY (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Essex West.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ST. JAMES

Dominion of Canada }
To Wit } House of Commons

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of St. James (Montreal), in the Province of Quebec, consequent upon the death of the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, the Member therefor.

Given under Our Hands and Seals, at the City of Ottawa, this twenty-sixth day of October, 1939.

CLARENCE D. HOWE (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Port Arthur,

ERNEST LAPOINTE (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Quebec East.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF PRINCE

Dominion of Canada }
To Wit } House of Commons

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy hath occurred in the representation in the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Prince, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, consequent upon the death of Alfred Edgar MacLean, Member therefor.

Given under Our Hands and Seals, at the City of Ottawa, this fourteenth day of November, 1939.

J. L. ILSLEY (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Digby-Annapolis-Kings,

ERNEST LAPOINTE (L.S.),
Member for the Electoral District of Quebec East.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk of the House had received from the Chief Electoral Officer, Certificates of Election and Return of the following Members, viz:—

Of Douglas George Leopold Cunnington, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Calgary West.

Of Arthur Lisle Thompson, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Kent (Ontario).

Of Eugène Durocher, Esquire, for the Electoral District of St. James (Island of Montreal).

Of Elphège Marier, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier (Island of Montreal).

Of the Honourable James Layton Ralston, for the Electoral District of Prince.

Of Walter George Brown, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Saskatoon City.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the twenty-eighth day of July, 1939, and addressed to J. A. Robertson, of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Calgary West in the place and stead of the Right Honourable Richard Bedford Bennett, who has resigned, Douglas George Leopold Cunnington, of Calgary, Alberta, insurance broker, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this twenty-sixth day of September, 1939.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.)

Chief Electoral Officer.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the twenty-sixth day of October, 1939, and addressed to John F. Fletcher, Esquire, of Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Kent in the place and stead of James Warren Rutherford, who has departed this life, Arthur Lisle Thompson, of Chatham, Ontario, implement agent, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this fourteenth day of December, 1939.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.)

Chief Electoral Officer.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1939, and addressed to Ernest Robillard, of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of St. James (Island of Montreal), in the place and stead of the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, who has departed this life, Eugène Durocher, 3775 St. Hubert Street, Montreal, Quebec, insurance broker, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this twenty-ninth day of December, 1939.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.)

Chief Electoral Officer.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1939, and addressed to Raymond Ranger, of Valois, in the Province of Quebec, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier (Island of Montreal), in the place and stead of Joseph Léon Vital Mallette, who has departed this life, Elphège Marier, 220 Bord du Lac, Pointe Claire, Quebec, barrister, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this twenty-ninth day of December, 1939.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.),
Chief Electoral Officer.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the fourteenth day of November, 1939, and addressed to Charles R. Rogers, of Summerside, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, for the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Prince, in the place and stead of Alfred Edgar MacLean, who has departed this life, Honourable James Layton Ralston, 3495 Holton Avenue, Montreal, Que., barrister, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this eighth day of January, 1940.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.),
Chief Electoral Officer.

CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

To the Clerk of the House of Commons:

This is to certify that pursuant to a writ dated on the twenty-sixth day of October, 1939, and addressed to G. A. Ferguson, of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, for the election of a Member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Saskatoon City, in the place and stead of Alexander MacGillivray Young, who has departed this life, Walter George Brown, 535 24th Street East, Saskatoon, Sask., Presbyterian Minister, has been returned as elected.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Ottawa this tenth day of January, 1940.

JULES CASTONGUAY, (L.S.),
Chief Electoral Officer.

The following members, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House:—

Honourable James Layton Ralston, for the Electoral District of Prince Arthur Lisle Thompson, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Kent (Ontario).

Eugène Durocher, Esquire, for the Electoral District of St. James (Island of Montreal).

Elphège Marier, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier (Island of Montreal).

Douglas George Leopold Cunnington, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Calgary West.

Walter George Brown, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Saskatoon City.

Mr. Mackenzie King introduced a Bill, No. 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 he read to the House as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

During the months which have elapsed since the close of the special session, my Ministers have given unremitting attention to the organization and prosecution of Canada's war effort. The Government has been in constant consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom, and the measures adopted have been those which it is believed will best serve the common cause.

Vigorous action has been taken through all branches of the armed forces to provide for the security and defence of Canada, and for co-operation with the Allied forces on land, on sea and in the air.

For the effective prosecution of the war, Canada's industrial, financial and other resources are being steadily mobilized and all war activities co-ordinated. The production and marketing of agricultural and other primary products have been given constructive direction; and safeguards have been provided against undue enhancement, under war conditions, of the prices of food, fuel and other necessities of life.

Since last you met the developments of the war have made increasingly clear the nature of the struggle in which we are engaged. The very existence of nations that cherish independence and democratic ideals is menaced by enemy forces of ruthless aggression which aim to dominate mankind by terror and violence. The Canadian people have shown their determination to share with Britain and France to the utmost of their strength in the defence of freedom.

My Ministers are of the opinion that the effective prosecution of the war makes it imperative that those who are charged with the grave responsibility of carrying on the government of Canada should, in this critical period, be fortified by a direct and unquestioned mandate from the people. My advisers, accordingly, having regard to existing conditions and the stage of the life of the present Parliament, have decided upon an immediate appeal to the country.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In all that pertains to the discharge of your responsible duties, may Divine Providence be your strength and guide.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of Emergency Orders in Council passed from September 12, 1939, to January 17th, 1940, bearing on the War in Europe.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the General Librarian of Parliament, which is as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1939.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1939 has been rapidly proceeded with and the Catalogue will be issued in a very short time.

On July 31st last, Mr. Oswald Soulière, French Cataloguer, who had been in the Library for twenty-eight years, was retired on superannuation. After competitive examinations, the Civil Service Commission appointed Mr. Lucien Lusignan to the vacant position. Mr. Lusignan is a Master of Commerce of the Montreal University and a graduate of the Library School of the same University. He had also previously been a Library Assistant since 1934.

The promotion of Mr. E. E. Trudel to the rank of French Senior Library Assistant created a vacancy in the position of Library Assistant. After having complied with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Louis Tarte has been appointed to that position. Mr. Tarte is a B.A. of Ottawa University and a graduate of the Montreal University Library School.

The work of indexing the Catalogue on cards has been steadily going on.

During the year, some 80,000 volumes of Sessional Papers have been transferred to a large room in the Records Building allocated to the Library by the Minister of Public Works. While this does afford some relief, it does not settle the question of the congested state of the Library.

At the outbreak of war there was a great demand for British and Canadian documents published during and just after the last war; the Library fortunately had an adequate supply of these. Copies of all emergency legislation, white papers, and other documents were immediately ordered from England, and a standing order has been given to our English agents for all future publications.

The privileges of the Library have been given to the various visiting British missions.

There has been indeed a marked diminution in the output of books of general literature in England and France since the beginning of war; moreover the delivery of books from abroad has been delayed owing to the difficulty of transport. Nevertheless, to both the English and French sections of the Library many new and important works on economic, international, and historical questions, et cetera, have been added during the past year.

Among the more interesting or valuable donations received during the year were *The Great Chronicle of London*, a gift from the Rt. Hon. The Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, G.C.V.O., and from Frederick John Nettleford, Esq., of London, the fourth and final volume of the Catalogue Raisonné of the pictures and drawings in his famous collection.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX DESROCHERS,

General Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, January 25, 1940.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had appointed J. Laundry to be Acting Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms during the present Session.

At six o'clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair (for intermission).

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

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