

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

Ottawa, 19th February, 1952.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., having been sworn-in as Governor General of Canada in the morning of Thursday, the 28th February, 1952, will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at three o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

When it has been signified that all is in readiness His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Sixth Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

H. F. G. LETSON,  
Major General,  
Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated on the Throne,—

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—

It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I meet you at a time when the people of Canada, in common with the other peoples of the Commonwealth, mourn the loss of our late Sovereign, King George VI. His late Majesty was greatly loved by all His subjects in

Canada who have vivid recollections of His visit to this country and of His many associations with His Canadian people. In no part of the Commonwealth has the sense of personal loss been more deeply felt than in our country. I join with you in extending deepest sympathy in their bereavement to Her Majesty the Queen, to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, to Queen Mary, to Princess Margaret and all the members of the Royal Family.

The people of Canada have already had an opportunity of meeting their new Sovereign. In the course of her visit to our country a few months ago Her Majesty made a deep and lasting impression on her Canadian subjects. As the Queen assumes her heavy responsibilities she is assured of the loyalty and devotion of the Canadian people in full measure.

I am deeply sensible of the great honour of having been appointed by His late Majesty as His personal Representative in my native land. As I take up my duties as the Representative of the Queen, I assure you of the pleasure with which I look forward to our association in Parliament and I deem it a privilege to be connected with you in your labours for the welfare and happiness of the Canadian people.

The situation throughout the world continues to cause concern and to require my Ministers to devote a great deal of attention to our external affairs. The government remains convinced that the nations of the free world must continue to increase their combined strength, in order to ensure lasting peace and security by the effective discouragement of aggression.

In Korea it has not yet been possible to bring about an armistice but negotiations with this end in view are still going on. Canadian forces together with their comrades from other of the United Nations are giving distinguished service in that unhappy land.

A formation from the Canadian Army now forms an effective part of the integrated force of the North Atlantic Alliance in Europe and further elements of the Royal Canadian Air Force are progressively being despatched overseas. Amendments to legislation relating to our armed forces will be submitted for your approval.

Your approval will also be sought for a further Canadian contribution to the Colombo Plan and for technical assistance to under-developed areas.

A Japanese Peace Treaty has been signed and will be submitted for your consideration.

At home our economy remains very buoyant. External trade and capital investment have reached record levels. Generally speaking employment remains at a high level. Inflationary pressures are still being strongly felt and require the maintenance of anti-inflationary measures.

Unfortunately foot and mouth disease has appeared in cattle in a small area in Saskatchewan. Immediate steps have been taken to limit the affected area, eradicate the disease and meet the situation resulting from the embargo under United States law on exports of livestock and meat to that country.

A Board of Engineers has been established to prepare an application for submission to the International Joint Commission concerning the development of hydro-electric power in the International section of the St. Lawrence river.

As a measure designed to assist in the development of our natural resources you will be asked to consider legislation to enable the Canadian National Railways to construct a branch line between Terrace and Kitimat in British Columbia.

You will be asked to consider legislation to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act 1946 and the Veterans Benefit Act 1951.

A Bill to revise the Immigration Act will be placed before you. If that Bill can be finally dealt with during the present session, related amendments to the Canadian Citizenship Act will be submitted.

You will be asked to approve a Bill to authorize the Federal Government to enter into new Tax Rental Agreements with the Provinces.

You will be invited to consider a measure to provide for the readjustment of representation in the House of Commons.

You will be asked to consider a complete revision of the Criminal Code prepared by a Commission which has been engaged on this project for the past three years.

A bill will be introduced to authorize certain preparatory steps in connection with the establishment of a National Library.

A bill will also be presented respecting Trade Marks.

Other measures to be introduced will be amendments to the Food and Drugs Act; the Canada Grain Act; the Cold Storage Act; the Canadian Farm Loan Act; the Civil Service Superannuation Act; the Currency Act; the Canada Shipping Act; the Northwest Territories Act; the Aeronautics Act; the Radio Act; the Government Employees Compensation Act 1947 and the Unemployment Insurance Act 1940.

**Members of the House of Commons:**

You will be asked to make provision for all essential services, and for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty, for the next fiscal year.

**Honourable Members of the Senate:**

**Members of the House of Commons:**

May Divine Providence bless your deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

**PRAYERS.**

The Honourable Senator Hugessen, presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by The Honourable the Speaker.