

# JOURNALS

OF

## THE SENATE OF CANADA

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Thursday, 4th February, 1915.

The Senate met this day at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, being the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Parliament of Canada, as summoned by Proclamation.

The members convened were:—

The Honourable PHILIPPE LANDRY, Speaker.

The Honourable Messieurs

Baird,	Daniel,	King,	Poirier,
Béique,	David,	La Rivière,	Pope,
Beith,	Davis,	Lavergne,	Power,
Bolduc,	Dennis,	Legris,	Ratz,
Bostock,	Derbyshire,	Lougheed,	Ross
Boucherville	Dessaulles,	Mackay	(Moosejaw),
(Sir Charles de),	De Veber,	(Alma),	Ross
Bowell	Domville (Lt.-Col.),	MacKeen,	(Middleton,
(Sir Mackenzie),	Donnelly,	Mason (Colonel),	Shehyn,
Boyer,	Douglas,	McHugh,	Talbot,
Casgrain,	Edwards,	McKay	Taylor,
Choquette,	Frost,	(Cape Breton),	Tessier,
Cloran,	Gillmor,	McLaren,	Thompson,
Corby,	Girroit,	McSweeney,	Thorne,
Costigan,	Godbout,	Mitchell,	Watson,
Curry,	Gordon,	Murphy,	Yeo,
Dandurand,	Kerr,	Owens,	Young.

### PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, and it is as follows:—

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA,

OTTAWA, 22nd January, 1915.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Royal Highness the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Thursday, the 4th February, at Three o'clock.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. A. STANTON, *Lieut.-Colonel,*  
*Governor General's Secretary.*

The Honourable,  
The Speaker of the Senate.

The Senate was adjourned during pleasure.

His Royal Highness 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,—“It is His Royal Highness the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.”

Who being come, with their Speaker,

His Royal Highness the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

During the months which have elapsed since the outbreak of war, the people of Canada have given most abundant and convincing evidence of their firm loyalty to our Sovereign and of their profound devotion to the institutions of the British Empire.

Since I last addressed you, a Canadian Expeditionary Force of more than thirty thousand men has been safely despatched across the Atlantic, and after arriving in the British Islands has been engaged in completing the necessary training before proceeding to the Front. Notwithstanding the unusually severe weather conditions which have prevailed in the British Islands, the training has proceeded satisfactorily and it is anticipated that the Force will very shortly take its place in the field of action.

The earnest and resolute spirit of patriotism which animates the whole Dominion has evoked a magnificent response to the call for service beyond the seas. Large additional forces have been organized from which further contingents are ready to be despatched as soon as the necessary arrangements for receiving them and completing their training can be consummated.

Notwithstanding the inevitable disturbance of trade which was created by the outbreak of war on so vast a scale, the financial and business conditions of the Dominion have shown great stability, and on the whole the country has adapted itself to the new conditions in a very effective way.

My advisers will submit for your consideration measures rendered necessary by the participation of this Dominion in the great task which our Empire has undertaken in this war.

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*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you immediately and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted without delay. You will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for effective aid in the conduct of the war.

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:**Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The strong unity of purpose which inspires His Majesty's Dominions gives us the firm assurance that the cause for which this war has been undertaken will be maintained to an honourable and successful issue. I commend to your favourable consideration the measures which will be submitted to you for aiding that great purpose, and I pray that the Divine blessing may be vouchsafed to your deliberations.

His Royal Highness the Governor General being pleased to retire, the House of Commons withdrew.

After some time the Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Loughheed presented to the Senate a Bill ( ) intituled:—  
“An Act relating to Railways.”

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Loughheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the Senators present during the Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

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

The same was then read by His Honour the Speaker.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Loughheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

With leave of the Senate,

The Honourable Mr. Loughheed moved, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell,

That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the eighth instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Which was ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Loughheed, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell,

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, the ninth instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.