

On motion, it was—
 Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it do stand adjourned until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

The Senate adjourned.

SECOND SITTING

2.30 p.m.

The Honourable P. E. BLONDIN, Speaker.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable Senators

Aylesworth	Foster (Alma),	Little,	Raymond,
(Sir Allen),	Foster	Logan,	Riley,
Barnard,	(Sir George),	MacArthur,	Robertson,
Beaubien,	Foster (St. John),	Macdonell,	Robinson,
Béique,	Gillis,	Martin,	Ross,
Béland,	Girroir,	McCormick,	Schaffner,
Belcourt,	Gordon,	McDonald,	Sharpe,
Bénard,	Graham,	McDougald,	Sinclair,
Black,	Green,	McGuire,	Smith,
Blondin (Speaker),	Griesbach,	McLean,	Spence,
Bourque,	Hardy,	McLennan,	Stanfield,
Bureau,	Harner,	McMeans,	Tanner,
Calder,	Hatfield,	Michener,	Taylor,
Casgrain,	Haydon,	Molloy,	Tessier,
Copp,	Horsey,	Murdock,	Tobin,
Crowe,	King,	Murphy,	Todd,
Curry,	Lacasse,	Paradis,	Turgeon,
Dandurand,	Laird,	Parent,	Turriff,
Daniel,	Legris,	Planta,	Webster,
Donnelly,	Lemieux,	Poirier,	White (Pembroke),
Farrell,	L'Espérance,	Pope,	Willoughby,
Fisher,	Lessard,	Prevost,	Wilson (Sorel).
Forke,	Lewis,	Rankin,	

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,

Their Speaker, the Honourable George Black, said:—

May it please Your Excellency,—

The House of Commons has elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable the Speaker of the Senate answered:—

MR. SPEAKER,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Commons to His Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Excellency the Governor General was then 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:

It affords me great satisfaction to be associated with you in the important duties upon which you are about to enter at this the First Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of Canada.

The necessity for dealing with exceptional economic conditions with the resultant unemployment has induced me to summon you at an earlier date than would otherwise be necessary. Measures will be submitted for your consideration, including amendments to the Customs Act and the Customs Tariff which it is anticipated will do much to meet the unusual conditions which now prevail.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Commons withdrew.