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ARDENT NATIONALIST IS SPEAKER OF THE COMMONS

Mr. Albert Seigny, M. P. For Dorchester Was Unanimously Chosen--Sir Wilfrid Laurier Refers to Him as a Repentant Sinner.

Ottawa, Jan. 12--With due ceremony as befitting an occasion which has come only fourteen times since Confederation, Dr. Albert Seigny, M.P. for Dorchester, was this afternoon elected Speaker of the House of Commons. Although the formal opening of parliament does not take place until tomorrow, both chambers convened for the very necessary business of selecting a presiding dignitary for the lower House and the reception of new members of both the Commons and the Senate.

The governor general was not present for today's ceremony, being represented, as is customary, by his deputy, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. Sir Robert Borden, who is suffering from grippe, was also unable to attend, and Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, another victim of this malady, was also absent. However, it is expected the governor general will be able to open parliament tomorrow, as usual, while the prime minister will be in his place on Monday.

The Senate convened at 2.30 today, half an hour earlier than the Commons, and received the four new members who have been summoned since last session. They are: Hon. T. S. Sproule, ex-Speaker of the Commons; Hon. C. P. Beaubien of Montreal; Hon. John Milne of Hamilton; Hon. John McLean of Prince Edward Island. The upper House then adjourned until the arrival of the deputy of the governor general.

SEVERAL MEMBERS IN KHAKI.

The Commons assembled, as usual, at three o'clock, the clerk of the House, Dr. Flint, presiding in the absence of a Speaker. There was a very satisfactory attendance of members, with a sprinkling of khaki, those who wore uniforms being Gerald White of North Renfrew, Dr. Stewart of Lunenburg, H. B. Tremaine of Hants, G. H. Bradbury of Selkirk, and G. W. Fowler of Kings-Albert.

The members of the lower House were summoned with the usual ceremony to the Senate Chamber by Black Rod Lieut. Col. Ernest Chambers. On arrival there they were instructed, according to the usual practice, to return to their own House and elect a Speaker to represent them in their intercourse with the Crown. They proceeded to do so, but on their return to the Commons first received official intimation of various vacancies which have occurred in the lower House since last session.

EULOGIZES SEVIGNY.

Sir George Foster, acting premier, then moved the election of Dr. Albert Seigny of Dorchester, to the Speaker's chair. Sir George stated that, with the exception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he was the oldest member of the House in point of service, if not of age. In submitting Dr. Seigny's name he referred to him as one of the youngest members of the House. Although so young in years, however, his pleasing personality, culture, affability and capacity had won a place in the respect and esteem of both sides of the House.

BARES SEVIGNY'S RECORD.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that to those who followed the labors of the House during the last session it had become apparent that the health of the late Speaker was failing and the House had therefore not been surprised to learn that he had been summoned to the higher sphere of the Upper Chamber.

Sir Wilfrid then referred to the selection of Dr. Seigny.

"Dr. Sproule, when he came to this House, was an ardent Tory. There fore, as extremes meet, it is fitting that Dr. Sproule, the ardent Tory, should be followed by Mr. Speaker Seigny, the ardent Nationalist. If the Nationalist candidate in Dorchester in 1911 had heard the prediction that he would accept an office under Conservative government, presided over by Sir Robert Borden, he would have been the first to protest, and might even have taken it as an insult."

MAY OUST TRAITOROUS PEERS.

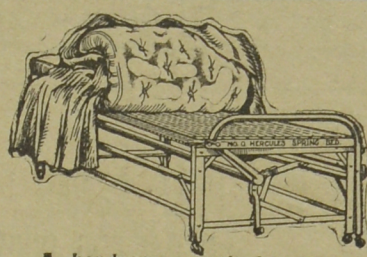
LONDON, Jan. 13.--The suggestion has been made in the House of Commons that the Dukes of Cumberland and Albany, now fighting against Great Britain, should be removed from the British peerage. Premier Asquith has intimated that it would be a slow process. Legislation would be necessary which the government was not prepared to initiate at present.

SERBIAN CHIEF AT CORFU.

LONDON, Jan. 13.--General Putnik, commander in chief of the Serbian army, has arrived at Corfu, according to an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. General Putnik is accompanied by his family and the superior Serbian officers.

BRIDGE WAS BLOWN UP.

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Tokio, Jan. 13--Count Okuma, the Japanese premier, had a narrow escape from death early today at the hands of assassins. He was returning from the royal palace shortly after midnight and approaching his residence when two bombs were hurled at his automobile. The premier was not injured.

LEYLAND LINER TORPEDOED.

New York, Jan. 13.--The new Leyland liner Huronian, from Galveston, was torpedoed on Dec. 29 off the Irish coast, according to reports in shipping circles today. The international mercantile marine said that they had received a cablegram stating that the Huronian had met with an injury and been towed into port.