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ANIMATED SCENES AT OPENING OF CANADA'S 16TH PARLIAMENT; GUTHRIE SAYS RULE BROKEN

(Toronto Globe.)

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A surprise protest by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Conservative House Leader, at the proposed re-election of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to his third term as Speaker provided the new Canadian Commons with a mild sensation right at the outset of its proceedings today. Mr. Guthrie's view, however, was not unanimously held even in Conservative ranks, and Mr. Lemieux was re-appointed to preside over the destinies of the Sixteenth Parliament.

In moving the re-election of Mr. Lemieux to the Speakership, Premier King requested the unanimous acquiescence of the Commons as a tribute merited, he said, by recognized ability and thirty years' service in the House. While the House and galleries awaited the expected compliance, Mr. Guthrie arose from the seat so lately occupied by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and launched his protest.

Pleads Confederation Rule.

The Conservative temporary chieftain declared that the proposed re-election of Mr. Lemieux was at variance with the principle, laid down at Confederation, of alternating between French and English speaking Speakers. While he had nothing against Mr. Lemieux, and desired to pay tribute to his abilities, his continued occupation of the chair, he said, would constitute a trespass upon the rights and privileges of English-speaking Canadians.

Robert Gardiner, Acadia, Alberta, Chairman of the United Farmers of Alberta group, arose to support the Prime Minister's motion, but not for the reasons advanced by Mr. King. His followers, he said, believed that the best and most experienced man available, irrespective of race, should be in the chair. Robert S. White, Conservative member for Mount Royal, dissociated himself from his Leader's protest and supported the Premier's motion, and Thomas L. Church, K. C., Toronto, injected a new note by opposing the elevation to the Speakership of men connected with financial institution directorates.

Mr. Guthrie had said, however, that he had no intention of pressing his protest to a division, fearing public misunderstanding, so the Clerk of the House declared the motion carried. Speaker Lemieux was then escorted to the chair by Premier King and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice.

Members' Greetings.

As for the day's spectacle, the greetings on the Chamber floor of members reassembled after six months' absence—men who had survived the perils of a bitterly fought election—overshadowed the bowing and bending of Black Rod, his three loud bangs on the Commons door and the summons from the parade to the Senate Chamber. Assembled promptly at 3 o'clock, the Commons spent many, many minutes milling around the floor shaking hands with old comrades on the political battle front, and passing greetings across the floor to political enemies.

Hon. Robert Forke (late Progressive Leader), now seated almost exactly in the centre of the Liberal array, was the target for many a hand-grip; Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, seemed to count a host of warm friends among the French-speaking members; Hon. Fernand Rinfret, newly appointed Secretary of State, was adorned in morning coat, and greeted particularly colleagues from the West. The Ontario Cabinet Ministers, Hon. William D. Euler and Hon. James Malcolm, spent a busy five minutes going the rounds, while Hon. Peter J. Veniot, former Premier of New Brunswick, now Postmaster General, and Hon. J. Layton Ralston, the new Minister of Defense, were made acquainted with as many of the Liberal hosts as time permitted.

A Quiet Day For Conservatives.

Whether it was the naturally boisterous nature of the French-speaking members of the Liberal ranks or merely election recollections that governed the swarming scene on the floor most of the apparent joy quite obviously was in the Liberal camp. The Conservatives shook hands around quietly, and for the most part took their seats quickly and perhaps a little grimly.

But the buzzes and the hum and the loud laughter continued from the Liberal side for many minutes afterward, and were halted only by the Clerk's call to order.

Then, when the Commons all took their seats, the change brought about by the election was apparent. Liberal ranks, which used to halt considerably short of the far benches, stretched out full to the last row. Conservative ranks, which last session were flung down the back row to the left of the Speaker, and a consider-

able distance down on the front rows, today stopped half a dozen benches from the end of the Chamber. Even the addition of the Independents—the Laborites and the clear Progressives—to that side of the Chamber field entirely to cover up the gap.

Summoned to Senate.

Black Rod's three raps at the Commons door drew from one irreverent Westerner the exclamation: "The war's over." Upon the summons of the Clerk, Black Rod (Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod) advanced in uniform and gilded sword to the foot of the Commons table making three elaborate bows en route. The Senate, he announced, desired the presence of honorable gentlemen of the Commons in the upper Chamber. His repetition of the Senate summons in the French language elicited a loud "tres bien" from a Liberal French-Canadian member, and broad smiles illuminated the countenances of most of the Liberal Commons. With three more obeisances, Black Rod backed out, and the Clerk of the House held the parade to the Senate Chamber.

In the upper Chamber, the Commons, for the sixteenth time in its history, was instructed to return and select a proper spokesman, who should be Speaker. Chief Justice Anglin, acting as Deputy for the Governor-General, gave the order from the Throne. And the Commons filed back to re-elect Mr. Lemieux as Speaker.

With the House reassembled, Premier King moved for the re-election of Mr. Lemieux as Speaker, referred to the selection being entirely within the hands of the House, and submitted that there were strong reasons for the unanimous choice of Mr. Lemieux. The Premier was warmly applauded by the Liberals.

Qualifications Named.

He reminded the House that the "Mother of Parliaments" at Westminster usually re-elected a Speaker who had served with honor in the chair. He spoke of that gentleman's qualifications for the Speakership; had distinguished service in the chair during the last five years; his impartiality, his fine command of both English and French languages, and his thirty years of continuous membership in the Commons, which, said Mr. King, made Mr. Lemieux, in the absence of a duly elected Speaker, "the first Commoner in our midst today."

The Premier believed that Mr. Lemieux should be given a unanimous appointment to "the position to which he has become the rightful heir."

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, arising to make his first speech as Acting Conservative Leader, was applauded by all sides of the House.

Mr. Guthrie Objects.

"Speaking alone for those who occupy this portion," he said, "I regret that we are not altogether in accord with the reasons assigned by the Prime Minister for the nomination which he has just made. I have no objection personally to the honorable member for Gaspe (Mr. Lemieux) nor to his qualifications as the presiding officer of this House. But I think that stronger and better reasons should be shown why this House should be asked to invade or break a very old-established custom in the Parliament of Canada."

He referred to the difference between the British and Canadian Houses of Commons practice. The British House, he said, elected a permanent Speaker, whereas the Canadian House all down through the list of presiding officers had alternated between French and English speaking members.

"The British rule has never been adopted, and there are perhaps good reasons why that rule should not be adopted in Canada," he continued. "We have a system that has been recognized from Confederation down to the present day. And in order that there should be no disparity between the two predominant races in this country, between the Anglo-Saxon race and the French race, our forefathers in this House—I think wisely—decided that the high office of the Speakership of the House of Commons should alternate between representatives of the two predominant races in Canada." (Conservative applause.)

"I doubt if there has been a single exception to it since Confederation. This rule is based on justice, on fairness, and on equality, and there is a great deal to be said in favor of it. The honorable member was Speaker of the Fourteenth Parliament, again of the Fifteenth. The proposal that he should again be Speaker in the Sixteenth, is in utter disregard of a rule in this Parliament, and no good reason has been given."

Here and There

The third great International exhibition of leather goods will be held in Milan, Italy from January 22 to 29, and promises to be a greater success than either of the former exhibitions held in Europe. Business transacted during the first two exhibitions amounted to over \$13,000,000.

All taxes formerly required to be paid in Italy on hotel bills, baths and medical attention in health resorts, have been abolished, according to recent information given out by the Royal Consul General of Italy. Such information will prove interesting to tourists contemplating a visit to that country.

Quebec—What is said to be a record shipment of eels, 168 tons, left this port for New York recently, the last of eight consignments since the beginning of November, all for the same city. New Yorkers have acquired a partiality for the eel from the region below Quebec, and the trade is growing each year.

One of the largest farm sales in several months to a single immigrant family was recently effected in the purchase of a 720-acre tract five miles south-east of Brandon by a Lutheran farmer and four sons; the purchase price being \$28,800. According to Dr. A. T. Connell, the farm is well equipped with stock and buildings.

Sheep from the Prince of Wales' Alberta ranch, south-west of Calgary, are superfine, according to Walter Charles Priddy, of the Corriedale Sheep Co., Gridley, California. He has just purchased forty head of imported Shropshires from the Royal ranch, as well as fifteen from other flocks in the district.

Asbestos waste as a soil strengthener is the latest in the line of by-products. Early this year the Development Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway undertook an investigation and inaugurated a series of experiments in the use of this material. Macdonald College actively co-operated and results so far show that this material has a real value when applied to certain soils.

A valuable consignment of twenty-six silver black foxes valued at approximately \$20,000 was handled by the Canadian Pacific Express Company in Montreal recently. The animals were shipped directly from the Meritt Silver Black Fox Ranch at Meritt, B.C., and will be forwarded to Messrs. Baulon and Paulin, Grenoble, France, to a new fox ranch of which this British Columbia shipment will be the nucleus.

Completing the first 3,200 miles of a ten thousand mile journey from Liverpool to Osaka, Japan, thirty canaries valued at a hundred pounds sterling, arrived at the Canadian Pacific Express Company sheds in Montreal recently and left from the Windsor street station for Vancouver. They came over on Canadian Pacific liner Montroyal to Saint John and although they had experienced somewhat of a stormy crossing, were in fine feather and singing at the top of their voices.

Says Others Available.

"It cannot be that the Prime Minister hasn't among his English-speaking following a man qualified to fill the Speaker's chair. Perhaps he is suffering from the embarrassment of riches. Certainly there are many who might well be appointed. We all know that political fortune will turn."

Liberals—Hear, hear.
Mr. Guthrie—It is a good thing that it does.

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Mr. Guthrie—It will turn in the future.

Liberal Member—Not for twenty years.

Mr. Guthrie—And when another Government comes into power, and follows this precedent established today, what would be said if another Government established the precedent of having nothing but English Speakers? I don't think it would be fair, and I don't think it would give the rights our Constitution intended to give the two dominant races.

"Now, for these two reasons I desire to register formal protest in regard to the course taken by the Prime Minister. We are not disposed to press the matter further. It might be misinterpreted as a slight or criticism upon my honorable friend from Gaspe, and I can assure you we have no desire to do that."

He concluded by wishing Mr. Lemieux many years' further service in the Commons, "but not necessarily in the Speaker's chair."

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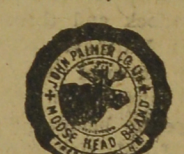
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