

Speaking Notes

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Speaker of the Senate

On the occasion of the presentation of a ship's bell for the
100th Anniversary of the formation of the Canadian Navy

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Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Prime Minister,
Vice Admiral McFadden,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of all honourable Senators, I would like to welcome everyone to the chamber of the Senate of Canada.

It is in this place where legislation is scrutinized and given second sober thought in the public interest of Canada. One hundred years ago today, Royal Assent was signalled in this chamber, by the then Governor-General the fourth Earl Grey, to the *Naval Services Act*, which established the Royal Canadian Navy.

It is fitting that we would gather here in this place to celebrate the centennial of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Mr. Prime Minister, it is a special salute to the men and women of our Navy that you are with us this morning. Later this morning, the Prime Minister will be flying across the North Atlantic, one of the great oceans of the world well known

by past and present members of our Navy. As we celebrate this 100th anniversary, we also recall the heroic service and sacrifice of Canadian sailors and merchant mariners as we did on Sunday when marking the 65th Anniversary of Victory in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Vice Admiral, Sirs and Madames, ready aye ready – the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada.