

RULES Proposed for the adoption of the Legislative Assembly, in lieu of the Rules and Standing Orders now in force.

I. REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUSE.

1. The time for the Ordinary Meeting of the House is at three o'clock in the afternoon of each sitting day, and if at that hour there be not a Quorum, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn. When the House rises on Friday, it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

2. If at the hour of Six o'clock, P.M., the Business of the Day be not concluded, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair until half-past Seven.

3. When the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker has left the Chair.

[By the 34th section of the Imperial Act 3 & 4 Victoria, chapter 35, it is provided, that the presence of at least Twenty Members of the Legislative Assembly, including The Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the said Legislative Assembly for the exercise of its powers.]

4. Whenever The Speaker shall adjourn The House for want of a Quorum, the time of the adjournment, and the names of the Members then present shall be inserted in the Journal.

5. Any Stranger admitted into any part of the House or Gallery, who shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when Strangers are directed to withdraw, while The House, or any Committee of the whole House, is sitting, shall be taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-Arms; and no person so taken into custody is to be discharged without the special order of The House.

6. Any Member may require the House to be cleared of Strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Serjeant-at-Arms to execute the order without debate.

7. When the Serjeant-at-Arms shall announce that the Usher of the Black Rod is at the door, The Speaker shall take the Chair, whether there be a quorum present or not.

8. The Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to The House; in explaining a point of Order or practice, he shall state the Rule or authority applicable to the case.

9. The Speaker shall not take part in any Debate before The House. In case of an equality of Votes, Mr. Speaker gives a Casting Voice, and any reasons stated by him are entered in the Journal. (See Imperial Act 3 & 4 Victoria, c. 35, s. 34.)

II. RULES OF DEBATE.

10. Every Member desiring to speak is to rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker.

11. When two or more Members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker calls upon the Member who first rose in his place; but a Motion may be made that any Member who has risen "be now heard," or, "do now speak."

12. A Member called to Order shall sit down, but may afterwards explain. The House, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal the decision of the Chair shall be final.

13. No Member shall speak disrespectfully of Her Majesty, nor of any of the Royal Family, nor of the Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province; nor shall he use offensive words against either House, or against any Member thereof; nor shall he speak beside the Question in debate. No Member may reflect upon any Vote of The House, except for the purpose of moving that such Vote be rescinded.

14. Any Member may require the Question under discussion to be read at any time of the Debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member while speaking.

15. No Member may speak twice to a Question, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, in which he may have been misconceived, but then he is not to introduce new matter. A reply is allowed to a Member who has made a substantive Motion to the House, but not to any Member who has moved an Order of the Day, an Amendment, the Previous Question, or an Instruction to a Committee.