



# STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF CANADA.

ADOPTED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.  
(WITH THE AMENDMENTS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE THERETO.)

## MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE.

Hour for meeting and adjournment.

1. RESOLVED.—That this House do meet at three o'clock in the afternoon: and if at three o'clock there is not a QUORUM, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn; but when the House rises on *Friday*, it shall stand adjourned to the following *Monday*.

When members shall leave their seats.

2. That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.

Names to be taken on adjournment for want of a Quorum.

3. That whenever the Speaker is obliged to adjourn the House for want of a QUORUM, the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Members then present, shall be inserted in the Journals.

## QUORUM.

Appearance of a Quorum.

4. That upon the appearance of a QUORUM, the Speaker shall take the Chair, and the Members be called to order.

Black Rod.

5. That the Speaker shall always take the Chair when Black Rod is at the door, whatever the number of Members then present may be.

## MINUTES.

Minutes, when read.

6. That immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk: to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House.

## SPEAKER.

Order and decorum.

7. That the Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the House.

Speaker when to vote.

8. That the Speaker shall not take part in any Debate, or vote in any case, unless the House shall be equally divided. He may give his reasons for so voting. He shall stand uncovered when addressing the House.

Speaker explaining a point of order.

9. That when the Speaker is called upon to explain a point of order or practice, he is to state the rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment.

## MEMBERS.

Member speaking.

10. That every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

Two or more members rising at once.

11. That when two or more Members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the Member who is first to speak; and the other or others may appeal to the House if dissatisfied with the Speaker's decision, by the Question, "*Which Member was first up?*"

When members may not vote.

12. That every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, unless the House shall excuse him, or unless he shall be personally interested in the question; provided such interest be resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the Member, and not in

common with the interest of the subject at large—in which case he shall not vote.

13. That when the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall walk out of, or across the House; nor when a Member is speaking shall any Member hold discourse to interrupt him, except to order, nor pass between him and the Chair.

Order when the Speaker is putting a question.

14. That a Member called to order shall sit down unless permitted to explain; and 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 submitted to.

Members called to order.

15. That no Member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, or Person administering the Government of this Province; nor shall he use unmannerly or indecent language against the proceedings of this House, or against particular Members; nor shall he speak beside the question in debate.

Disrespectful, unmannerly, or indecent language, &c.

16. That each Member may, of right, require the question or motion in discussion to be read for his information at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

Member may demand that the question, &c., be read.

17. That no Member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the House, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived; but then he is not to introduce new matter.

Limitation of right of speaking.

18. That no Member shall speak more than once, without leave of the House, upon a previous question.

On a previous question.

19. That any Member may, at any time, desire the House to be cleared of strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Sergeant at Arms to execute the order, without debate.

House cleared of strangers.

20. That it be recommended to every Member wishing to go out during the sittings, to inform the Sergeant at Arms of the place where he may be found, if wanted.

Members going out during sittings.

21. That no Member during the Session shall absent himself for more than one sitting at a time, without an express leave of absence from the House.

Members absenting themselves.

22. That this House will not grant leave of absence to any member, (unless that there are forty-three Members present in town,) but on the most urgent and accidental business specially stated to this House.

Leave of absence.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

23. That the Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, be received, as their Messenger, at the Clerk's Table, the Members sitting, where he shall deliver such Message as he is charged with from the Legislative Council.

Messenger of the Legislative Council.