

17. His Excellency now reads the Speech Speech from throne. in both languages, after which his Secretary delivers one copy to the Speaker of the Senate, and one to the Speaker of the Commons. When receiving the Speech the Speaker does not rise, but bows. B. 85.

18. His Excellency retires, and then the Commons. Ten minutes are allowed to ladies Governor and public retire. and strangers to withdraw from the floor. R. 6; B. 85.

19. Prayers are then read by the Speaker. Prayers.

20. The Leader presents to the House a Bill pro formâ. Speech reported. Bill *pro formâ*, intituled, "An Act relating to , " (R. 6). The said Bill is read the first time, and then the Speaker reports the Speech from the Throne thus: "Honourable Senators,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of his Speech delivered this day from the Throne to the two Houses of Parliament. It is as follows:—

"Honourable Senators, &c.," the Speaker having read a few lines, hears the word *dispense*. He says: "Honourable Senators,