

Black Rod. **7.** When the Sergeant-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.

Order in The House. **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.

Speaker not to debate, and when to vote. **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, 30 Victoria, c. 3, s. 49.)

II.—RULES OF DEBATE.

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

Two or more Members rising together. **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