

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## UPPER CANADA.

Wednesday, 31st October, 1832.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Provincial Legislature,—  
At two of the clock, P. M., the House met.

House meets.

### PRESENT,

<i>The Honorable</i> JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,	<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> DUNN,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> BABY,	" " ALLAN,
" " CLARK,	" " ROBINSON,
" " DICKSON,	" " McDONELL,
" " POWELL,	" " ELMSLEY,
" " CROOKSHANK,	" " BALDWIN,
<i>The Hon. &amp; Ven. The</i> ARCHDEACON OF YORK,	" " HAMILTON,
<i>The Honorable Messrs.</i> WELLS,	" " ADAMSON,
" " CAMERON,	" " CROOKS,
" " MARKLAND,	<i>The Hon. &amp; Rt. Rev.</i> BISHOP MACDONELL.

Members present.

At three of the clock, P. M., His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor being seated on the Throne, His Honor the Speaker of the Legislative Council commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to inform the Members of the Assembly, that it was His Excellency's pleasure, that they do forthwith attend him in this House; who being come thereto, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Parliament convened.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

His Excellency retires.

*Prayers were read.*

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he was in possession of a copy of His Excellency's Speech; which he read, and it was again read *pro forma*, by the Clerk, and is as follows:

Speaker delivers a copy of His Excellency's Speech. Same read.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The continued Emigration, unprecedented as regards the industry and capital transferred to this Country from the Parent State, is by its beneficial influence, forcing the Province rapidly forward, and opening to you the fairest prospects. Your deliberations, therefore, cannot but render this Session of peculiar importance to the general interests of the Colony.

The Speech.

You will learn with satisfaction, that the population has increased not less than a fourth since the reports forwarded for your information last Session; that the Emigrants, with few exceptions, are fully occupied in the Districts in which they are established; and that the extensive Agricultural improvements, and actual cultivation, promise support and employment for our Countrymen, whom the current of events may induce to fix their abode in this part of the Empire.

In directing your attention to these favorable results, you will find, that under existing circumstances, no subject is more closely connected with the immediate prosperity of the Colony, or requires an earlier consideration, than the anticipated progressive increase in the number of Emigrants that will, from this season, annually flow into the Canadas.

The Rideau Canal has been completed by the exertions and perseverance of the Officer who had charge of that great National Work. The chief advantages of the Navigation