

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 14th
May, 1850.

TUESDAY, the fourteenth day of May, in the thirteenth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lady, *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, being the third Session of the third Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, as continued by several Prorogations to this day.

Members present.

The Members in attendance in the Legislative Council Chamber, in the Parliament House, in the City of *Toronto*, were—

The Honorable *Réne E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

Jameson,
De Blaquiére,
Fraser,
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Moore,
Goodue,
Sherwood,
Widmer,
Irving,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. Morris,
Gordon,
Matheson,
Boulton,
Taché,
Leslie,
Bourret,
Ross,
Crane,
Mills.

His Excellency comes to the Council Chamber, and

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, being seated in the chair on the Throne, the

Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to let the Assembly know it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

Who being come :

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses.

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Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I deeply regret to have to announce to you the death of the Queen Dowager, a Princess whose many virtues endeared Her to all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects.

The Speech.

The occurrences of the past year, and the necessity which had arisen for providing suitable accommodation for Parliament while in Session having imposed on me the duty of considering during the recess the important subject embraced in the Address of the Legislative Assembly of last Session, relating to the places for holding the future Meetings of the Legislature, I have deemed it after full deliberation advisable to give effect to the prayer of that Address by summoning you to meet at this place.

The important changes recently made in the Imperial Navigation Laws, and the improvements effected in the Provincial Canals, will, I trust, tend to promote materially the Commercial interests of the Province, and to attract to the route of the *St. Lawrence* a considerable