

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY,
20th May.

TUESDAY, the twentieth day of May, in the fourteenth 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 fourth 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,
DeBlaquière,
Fraser,
Crooks,
Macaulay,
Hamilton,
Goodhue,
Widmer,
Irving,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. Morris,
Gordon,
Boulton,
Taché,
Leslie,
Bourret,
Ross,
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:
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In again meeting you for the discharge of our Legislative duties, it affords me much satisfaction to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Province.

The Speech.

The Crop of last year was abundant; the Revenue from Customs, and the traffic on the Provincial Canals, are steadily increasing; and the securities of the Province command a high price.

The effect of recent changes in the Imperial Navigation Law is also beginning to be felt in the more frequent resort of Foreign Shipping to our Sea Ports. It is alleged, however, by persons connected with the Shipping Interest, that certain provisions of the Immigration Act are unfavorable to the extension of a valuable branch of our Import Trade. The subject is an important one, and I recommend it to your consideration.

Under these favorable circumstances, the further improvement of the means of internal communication has recently engaged a large share