

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*H. A. directed to
choose Speaker

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform you that His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this General Assembly as soon as the House of Assembly shall have chosen a Speaker. It is therefore the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there proceed to the choice of a Speaker, and present the person so chosen for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then retired, and, after a short time, having returned, John Heckman, Esquire, Member for the Township of Lunenburg, addressed His Excellency as follows :

May it please Your Excellency,

Speaker presented

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected William Young, Esquire, Member for the County of Inverness, to that office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for the approbation of Your Excellency.

Accepted

After which His Excellency was pleased to say,
I accept the Speaker of the House of Assembly.
Then the Speaker of the Assembly said,

May it please Your Excellency,

Speaker claims privi-
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Your Excellency's ready approval of the choice with which I have been honored by the House, having constituted me in due form the Speaker of the Assembly, it has now become my duty, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects the people of this Province, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, that they and their servants may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as their Speaker, may have access to Your Excellency's person.

Granted

To which His Excellency replied,
I grant the usual privileges.

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses as follows:

Speech

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

Glad as I have always been to avail myself of your assistance in conducting the business of the Country, I am especially so at the present juncture, when there are matters of grave importance to bring under your consideration.

You will rejoice with me to learn that, during the recess, the domestic happiness of our beloved Sovereign has been augmented by the birth of a Princess.

A bountiful Providence has vouchsafed an abundant Harvest to the Agriculturist, and an ample reward to the toils of our hardy Fishermen.

The depression of the times has operated somewhat injuriously on the Revenue, and we must be prepared to meet difficulties, which I trust will prove to be but temporary in their nature, by a strict and judicious economy.

The severity of the winter has demonstrated the prudence of the Legislature in making last year a provision for casualties, and I hope you will find that the fund placed at the disposal of the Executive for the purpose of keeping the Main Post Roads in repair, has been wisely expended.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The Accounts and Estimates will be laid before you. I feel confident of your readiness to provide for all that is absolutely necessary for the public service, having due regard to that frugality which the exigencies of the times imperatively demand.