

Motion for dispensing with services of Chaplain till right of appointing is decided.

Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that it be resolved, that until this House shall decide where the right to appoint a chaplain lies, the services of a chaplain be dispensed with, and the fourth rule of this House suspended.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas 13.

Messrs. Beardsley,
Bidwell,
Buell,
Howard,
Ketchum,

YEAS.

McCall,
A. McDonald,
D. McDonald,
Mackenzie,
Perry,

Randal,
Roblin,
Shaver—13

Nays 28.

Messrs. Attorney General,
Brant,
Burwell,
Chisholm,
Cook,
W. Crooks,
Duncombe,
Elliott,
A. Fraser,
R. Fraser,

NAYS.

Ingersoll,
Jarvis,
Jessup,
Jones,
Lewis,
McMartin,
MacNab,
Macon,
Morris,
Mount,

Robinson,
Samson,
Solr. General,
Thomson,
VanKoughnett,
White,
J. Willson,
W. Wilson—28.

Lost.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of fifteen.

Motion for employing a reporter.

Mr. Beardsley, seconded by Mr. McCall, moves that it is expedient to employ a reporter or reporters to report the debates and votes of this House the present session.

Amendment moved that newspapers be furnished to members.

In amendment Mr. W. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Brant, moves that the whole of the original motion after the word "moves," be expunged, and that it be resolved, "that, instead of employing reporters to this house, the clerk be authorised to furnish each member of this House with the papers published in this town during the present session."

Amendment Lost.

Which was lost.

On Original Question the House divides.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas 10.

Messrs. Beardsley,
Bidwell,
Buell,
Duncombe,

YEAS.

Howard,
Jones,
McCall,
Perry,

Roblin,
Shaver—10.

Nays 29.

Messrs. Attorney General,
Brant,
Burwell,
Chisholm,
Cook,
W. Crooks,
A. Fraser,
R. Fraser,
Ingersoll,
Jarvis,

NAYS.

Jessup,
Ketchum,
Lewis,
A. McDonald,
Mackenzie,
McMartin,
MacNab,
Morris,
Mount,
Randal

Robinson,
Samson,
Solr. General,
Thomson,
VanKoughnett,
Werden,
White,
J. Willson,
W. Wilson—29.

Original question Lost.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of nineteen.

Motion for resolving that to read a bill previous to reporting Speech, is no breach of rule, but a matter of privilege.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves that it be resolved, that in accordance with the ancient usages of the Imperial Parliament upon the meeting of the House of Commons, after a prorogation, or upon the calling of a new Parliament, it is meet and proper for the assertion and maintenance of the privileges of this house that a bill should be read for the opening of the session before the report of the speech of the King's Representative, or before the House proceed on any other business, and that the reading of a bill for this purpose is a matter of privilege and not in violation of the 32nd rule of this House.

House divides.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas 11.

Messrs. Attorney General,
Beardsley,
Bidwell,
Buell,

YEAS.

Ingersoll,
Jones,
Lewis,
Perry,

Thomson,
VanKoughnett,
Werden—11.

Nays 27.

Messrs. Brant,
Burwell,
Chisholm,
Cook,
W. Crooks,
Duncombe,
Elliott,
A. Fraser,
R. Fraser,

NAYS.

Howard,
Jessup,
Ketchum,
McCall,
A. McDonald,
D. McDonald,
Mackenzie,
McMartin,
MacNab,

Macon,
Mount,
Randal,
Robinson,
Roblin,
Shaver,
White,
J. Willson,
W. Wilson—27.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of sixteen.

Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Ketchum, moves that it be resolved, that the ministers of the different christian congregations of this town, be requested to say prayers in the House of Assembly during the present Parliament, under such an arrangement as may be made by the Speaker.

Motion for resolution that ministers of different denominations say prayers during session.

On motion of Mr. VanKoughnett, the order of the day was proceeded in.

Order of day proceeded in.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll, moves for leave to bring in a bill to enable the ministers of all religious denominations to celebrate the ceremony of matrimony, between persons of their respective persuasions.

Motion for leave to bring in marriage celebration bill.

In amendment Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Werden, moves that all the words in the original motion be expunged, after the word moves, and the following inserted—that a select committee be appointed to draw and report to this House a bill to make valid certain marriages heretofore solemnized, and to authorize the Clergymen of all the different denominations of christians in this Province to solemnize matrimony between all persons not under any legal disqualification to contract the same, and that Messrs. Attorney General and Perry, be a committee to draw and report the same.

Proposed amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

House divides on the amendment.

YEAS.

Yeas 12.

Messrs. Bidwell,
Buell,
Duncombe,
Howard,

Ketchum,
McCall,
Mackenzie,
Perry,

Roblin,
Shaver,
Werden,
White—12.

NAYS.

Nays 27.

Messrs. Attorney General,
Beardsley,
Brant,
Burwell,
Chisholm,
W. Crooks,
Elliott,
A. Fraser,
R. Fraser,

Ingersoll,
Jarvis,
Jessup,
Jones,
Lewis,
A. McDonald,
D. McDonald,
McMartin,
MacNab,

Macon,
Mount,
Randal,
Robinson,
Samson,
Thomson,
VanKoughnett,
J. Willson,
W. Wilson—27.

The amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of fifteen.

Amendment Lost.

The original question was then put, and carried, and the bill was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on Thursday next.

Original question carried & bill read.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House went into the consideration of His Excellency's speech at the opening of the present session.

House in consideration of his Excellency's speech

Mr. Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Burwell, moves that it be resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking His Excellency for his gracious speech from the throne at the opening of the present session of the Legislature.

Resolution relative to answer to speech at opening of Session.

Assuring His Excellency that this House participate in the deep sorrow and affliction which the demise of our late most gracious Sovereign has spread through the British Empire, an affliction which finds its greatest alleviation in the reflection, that the Crown of Great Britain has descended to a monarch who, on succeeding to the throne of his ancestors, has declared his resolution to rely upon the advice and zealous co-operation of Parliament, in His Majesty's anxious endeavours, under the blessing of divine providence, to protect the liberties of his people and to promote their happiness: a declaration which will be long borne in grateful remembrance by his majesty's faithful and loyal subjects.

Resolution relative to address in answer to speech at opening of session.

That it will be the constant endeavour of this House to advance, by every means in their power, the progress of our commercial intercourse with the parent state, which with the tide of emigration which has recently turned to Upper Canada, is so eminently calculated to advance the prosperity of the Province.

That this House are fully sensible of the necessity which exists of turning their attention to such alterations in the system of constructing the highways of the Province, as will enable the agriculturists of the more remote townships to participate in the commerce carried on by the population established near the shores of the lakes, and which cannot fail to be greatly benefited and facilitated by the completion of the great works in progress for effecting a water communication between the great lakes—the value and importance of which communication are fully appreciated by this House.

That this House will take into their most attentive consideration the estimates and expenditure for the present year so soon as the public accounts are laid before them.

That this House will give their attention to the acts which are about to expire.

That this House will apply their best consideration to the returns and reports prepared for their examination, shewing the effect of the measures which have been adopted to ensure an active