

to do during the session. This is called the "speech from the throne." It is not written by the governor-general, as one might suppose, but by the leader of the government. When this brief ceremony is over, the governor-general goes away, and the members of the House of Commons return to their own chamber. In due time the address is discussed and a reply to it is prepared.

All these doings seem rather strange and formal to us nowadays, but they meant a great deal long ago in England. In those times the speech was a real one from the king himself, and often parliament was very unwilling to do what he desired. So the reply was then a very real thing too, and was drawn up by members sometimes at the risk of their lives. But all this is long since changed, though the old forms are still kept up.

4. Good Manners in Parliament.

While speaking in the House of Commons, a member must always address his remarks to the speaker and not to the other members. He is not allowed to call any member by his name, but