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VII.—*A List of the Members of the House of Assembly for Upper Canada from 1792, to the Union in 1841.*

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The following list of the members of the House of Assembly for Upper Canada from the foundation of the Province by Simcoe in 1792, to the Union of the two Canadas in 1841, is, so far as the compiler is aware, the first complete list of the members of that House which has ever been made.

This list has been gathered, not from any previously printed lists of any of the Parliaments, but solely from the manuscript and other Journals of the House, and from other documentary sources, available in the Archives and elsewhere.

As the Journals of the House of Assembly for the years 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1809, the 2nd Session of 1812, 1813, and 1815 are missing, it has been very difficult to secure a correct list of the members of the Parliaments opening during those years. This, however, has been accomplished; though, in one or two cases, there is some doubt as to what particular member represented a certain riding. But throughout the whole of the thirteen Parliaments the names of all the members elected at the general and bye-elections are established.

It would be interesting in connection with such a list, to procure political maps of the Province, showing the birth and gradual growth of the different ridings.

The original division of the Province in 1792 gave sixteen members representing nineteen counties. A new Act was passed in 1800, increasing the representation to nineteen members; and in 1808 another Act increased it to twenty-five.

In 1820 a further Act made a great increase in the representation.

It provided that every county of one thousand souls should have one member, and every county having four thousand souls, two members; also that every town of one thousand souls, where quarter sessions were held, should have one member.

This gave, in the next Parliament, which met on the 31st of January, 1821, forty members, representing twenty-five counties or ridings and two towns.

This Act of 1820, also provided for a member to represent the University and the tract of land containing it, which was formed for that purpose into a separate riding. The member for this special riding was to be elected by the members of the Convocation when the University should be organized and performing its work.