

Members shall forthwith proceed to elect another of such Members to be such Speaker ; and the Speaker so elected shall preside at all meetings of the said Legislative Assembly.

**34.** The presence of at least twenty members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, including the Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the said Legislative Assembly for the exercise of its powers ; and all questions which shall arise in the said Assembly shall be decided by the majority of voices of such Members as shall be present, other than the Speaker, and when the voices shall be equal the Speaker shall have the casting voice.

Quorum.  
Division.  
Casting vote.

**35.** No Member, either of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, shall be permitted to sit or vote therein until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath before the Governor of the said Province, or before some person or persons authorized by such Governor to administer such oath :

No member to sit or vote until he has taken the following oath of allegiance.

“ I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, as lawful Sovereign of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and of this Province of *Canada*, dependent on and belonging to the said United Kingdom ; and that I will defend Her to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made against Her Person, Crown, and Dignity ; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of them ; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all pardons and dispensations from any person or persons whatever to the contrary. So help me God.”

Oath of allegiance.

**36.** Every person authorized by law to make an affirmation instead of taking an oath may make such affirmation in every case in which an oath is hereinbefore required to be taken.

Affirmation instead of oath.

**37.** Whenever any Bill which has been passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Canada* shall be presented for Her Majesty's Assent to the Governor of the said Province, such Governor shall declare, according to his discretion, but subject nevertheless to the provisions contained in this Act, and to such instructions as may from time to time be given in that behalf by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, that he assents to such Bill in Her Majesty's name, or that he withholds Her Majesty's Assent, or that he reserves such Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Giving or withholding assent to bills.