

PROVINCE OF  
UPPER CANADA }

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1831.

Clerk relating the oath to the Assembly, one of the Commissioners authorized to administer the oath, prescribed by the statute, to the Members returned to serve in the present Parliament, attended in the Chamber of Assembly and administered the oath to forty two Members, viz :

From what County, Town or Riding	NAMES OF MEMBERS.
Glengarry, Prescott & Russell, Stormont, Dundas, Greenville, Leeds, Brockville, Carlisle, Lanark, Frontenac, Kingston, Hastings, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Durham, York, (County) York, (Town) Simcoe, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Essex, Wentworth, Halton, Haldimand, Niagara, Lincoln,	Alexander McMartin & Alexander Fraser, Donald McDonald, Archibald McLean, Peter Shaver, Richard Duncan Fraser & Edward Jessup, William Buehl, jun & Matthew H. Howard, Henry Jones, John Boyer Lewis, William Morris, Hugh Christopher Thomson, Christopher Alexander Hagerman, Benben White & James Hunter Samson, Peter Perry & Marshall Spring Bidwell, Asa Wenden & John Roblin, Archibald McDonald, John Brown & George Strange Boulton, Leese Ketchum & William Lyon Mackenzie, William Bostland Jarvis, William Benjamin Robinson, Machion Burwell & Roswell Mouni, Duncan McGill & William Wilson, Charles Ingersoll, William Elliott & Jean Baptiste Macdon, John Willson & Allan N MacNab, William Chisholm, John Brant, Henry John Boulton, Robert Randal, William Crooka & Bartholomew C. Beardsley.

At 3 o'clock, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to deliver His Bar of the House, and delivered the commands of His Excellency's LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, for the immediate attendance of the Members present at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and having withdrawn, the Clerk, Reverend Chaplain, of Leg. Coun. and Sergeant at Arms, with the Members present, proceeded without delay to the Legislative Council Chamber.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to inform you that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this provincial parliament until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly.

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do forthwith repair to the place in which he is present, the sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there of to his Excellency a fit person to be your Speaker, and that you present the colony at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for his approbation to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for his approbation.

The members then returned to the Chamber of the Assembly, and having taken their seats,

Mr. McLean then, a member for the County of Stormont, should be chosen as Speaker.

Which was carried

Whereupon the Clerk having declared Mr. McLean duly elected, he was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Morris and Thomson, and standing on the upper step he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the honor they had conferred upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The House then adjourned till two o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1831.

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod came to the bar and delivered the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the immediate attendance of this House, with its Speaker elect, at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and retired.

The Speaker elect, with the officers of the House and members present, agreeably to the commands delivered, repaired to the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and, being returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and had given an assurance that the usual privileges of the House should be granted by His Excellency in the most ample manner.

Mr. John Willson gives notice that he will move, on Saturday next, for leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of making valid certain marriages heretofore contracted in this province.

Mr. Attorney General gives notice that he will move, on Monday next, 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.

Mr. Vankoughnet gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver General, and to provide a salary for that officer in lieu thereof.

Mr. Van Koughnet gives notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move for leave to bring in a bill to prevent the consumption of spirituous liquors within shops.

The Speaker then informed the House that when the House attended upon His Excellency at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to open the session with a most gracious speech from the Throne, of which to prevent mistakes he had procured a copy.

The Speech was then read as follows—

*Honorable Gentlemen,  
and Gentlemen,*

Since the promulgation of the provincial parliament we have had to lament the demise of our late most Gracious Sovereign; an affliction which has spread through the British Empire the deepest sorrow and regret.

In opening this session I cannot but draw your attention to the declaration of the King, on his succeeding to the throne of his ancestors. It will be long borne in mind by his faithful and loyal subjects, and will best convey to you His Majesty's resolution to rely upon the advice and zealous co-operation of Parliament, in his anxious endeavours, under the blessing of divine providence, to protect the liberties of the people, and to promote their happiness.

The immediate prospects of the Colony, I am persuaded, you will consider favourable to exertion on the part of the Legislature, in reference to the progress of your commercial intercourse with the parent state, the increasing revenue, and the tide of emigration, which has recently turned with so much profit and advantage to Upper Canada.

It may be unnecessary to advert to the successful results expected from perfecting the communication between the great Lakes, the value of an uninterrupted inland navigation being now fully appreciated; but I must remark, that the efforts which are directed to accomplish this important object, and to complete the Rideau Canal before the close of the next Autumn, suggests the expediency of introducing, without delay, such alterations in your system of constructing highways 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 repair in some degree the public and individual loss sustained by their exclusion from a market, where the demand for the produce of this country far exceeds the supply.

*Gentlemen of the*

*House of Assembly,*

The usual statement of the Revenue and Expenditure and Estimates for the present year shall be laid before you.

*Honorable Gentlemen,  
and Gentlemen,*

You will give your consideration to the acts which are about to expire.

Speech of  
His Excellency  
of the Lieut.  
Governor at the  
opening of  
the session.

Notice of  
Receiver General's  
Bill.

Notice of  
marriage celebration Bill.

Notice of bill  
to make valid  
certain marriages.

Usual privileges of the  
House granted.

Black Rod delivers His Excellency's commands for the immediate attendance of the House with Speaker elect, at the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber.

House goes up and Speaker is approved of.

King, Rt. Hon William Lyon Mackenzie (Mc 26 J 7 volume 21) William Lyon Mackenzie - Elections - Journal of the Legislative Assembly n.d., April 1938