

## THE FIRST PARLIAMENT OF UPPER CANADA

electric or gasoline launches, so bicycles or automobiles were on hand in those days to eliminate time and distance. The members doubtless would be required to submit their bills in writing, while to-day this is done by the printing press, under direction of the "King's printer."

The anxiety about sick ones at home could not be relieved probably until the return home, nor could the member advise his constituency as to the fate of any bill he was pledged to support, their being no telegraph, or telephone. The home government would not be advised within a few minutes of the features of any bill effecting the relations between the home office and the colony, as it can to-day by cable. To quote Frank Yeigh again, the member of parliament, "could not run any one down with his bicycle or be killed by an automobile, he could not dictate his

letters and have them handed him ready to sign, or clope with his stenographer."

But when he had retraced his steps to his own native burg, by the same tedious means whatever they may have been, he and his supporters would gather not in the building devoted to the political party's interests which he happened to represent, but into the departmental store of the day when everything "from a needle to an anchor" was packed into the 10 by 16 foot store and talk over again and again, the events of the journey to and fro, as well as the scenes, the people, the discussions and speeches of the days in which he had been representing them before the King in the person of his representative, his excellency, Lieutenant-Governor at the first parliament of Upper Canada.

