

7th, 1791,) he issued a proclamation as to the conditions of sale of Crown Lands. Beyond this we have as yet little or no record as to his doings while at Quebec. Probably he was renewing acquaintances with some of his old associates of the Queen's Rangers, and gathering information as to his new province.

With the early summer he started westward, and on July 8th, reached Fort Frontenac or Kingston. After the swearing in of the following members of his Executive Council he began formal deliberations:—

William Osgoode	sworn in	9th July, 1792.
James Baby	" " 9th "	1792.
Peter Russell	" " 9th "	1792.
Alexander Grant	" " 11th "	1792.

William Robertson had been selected as a member, but he does not appear to have been sworn in or to have taken his seat. Trying to make up for lost time, the Council met even on Sundays, and after 8 days' deliberation the proclamation of July 16th, was put forth. This proclamation dealt with two things: First, it divided the province into 19 counties; second, it provided for the selection of 16 members of the Legislature by the residents of these 19 counties.

The following notes of procedure are to be found in the Archives of Canada for 1791. They supply some interesting information as to how the work proceeded:—

Minutes of meetings at Kingston, 8th July, 1792.—Proclamation that Dorchester is appointed Governor-General of Upper and Lower Canada, and Simcoe Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada read and Simcoe takes the prescribed oaths.

Minutes, 9th July.—Executive Councillors Osgoode, Baby and Russell take the oaths and their seats. Littlehales, appointed Clerk of the Council, and Jarvis, the Secretary of the Council, take the oaths. Instructions read (embodied in minutes in full).

Proclamation ordered for continuing judges and other civil officers in their employments.

Minutes, 10th July.—Militia returns laid before the Council, which proceeded to divide the Province into counties to provide for representation.

Minutes, 11th July.—Grant took the oaths and his seat as a member of the Executive Council. The division of the Province resumed.

Minutes, 12th July.—Division of the Province continued.

Minutes, 13th July.—Same business resumed.

Minutes, 14th July.—Division resumed.

Minutes, Sunday, 15th July.—Division concluded; proclamation to bring it into effect ordered; as also a proclamation to call together a legislature.