

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS.

1. The hour of meeting shall be 3 o'clock, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 1 o'clock, on Wednesday; should a quorum of Members not be present at the time at which the Council shall have been summoned on any particular day, the Presiding Member shall take the chair, and if it shall then appear that no quorum be present, he shall adjourn the Council to the time of meeting fixed for the next following day.*

2. It shall be lawful for the Council on the motion of any Member, duly seconded and carried by a majority, to alter the hour of meeting of the next sitting of Council, if it shall be deemed necessary for the speedy dispatch of business.*

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

3. Five Members inclusive of the Presiding Member shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and in the event of a quorum not being present at the hour of meeting of the Council, it shall be lawful for the Presiding Member to summon any absent Members, and any Members so sent for, and not attending forthwith, shall be held to be guilty of contempt.*

4. No Member shall depart the House without the leave of the Presiding Member; and upon the adjournment of the Council, Members will keep their seats till the Presiding Member shall have left the Chair.

5. Any Member requiring leave of absence from the Council during its Session, shall make application to the Governor, personally or by writing through the Presiding Member.

6. Except on the first day of a Session, at the daily opening of the business of the Council, the list of Members' names shall be called over, and such as shall be absent without leave shall be fined Ten Dollars, and their names shall be entered on the minutes.*

7. Immediately after the Presiding Member take the Chair, the Minutes of the proceedings of the previous day's sitting shall be read by the Clerk, in order that any error therein may be corrected, and when correct the same shall be approved and signed by the Presiding Member.

RULES OF DEBATE.

8. The Presiding Member shall preserve due order and decorum during each Session of the Council, and protect all the Members thereof in the enjoyment of all their rights and privileges. He shall decide all questions of order that may arise, giving his reasons for such decisions, when required by any Member, and citing the rule applicable to the case; but otherwise without comment.

9. Every Member shall in discussing any question, address the Chair, and shall stand while so doing; and should he wish to allude to the Speech or opinion of any other Member, he must do so without naming him; Official Members may be designated by their appointments.

10. If any two or more Members rise to speak at the same time, the President shall call on the person entitled in his opinion to pre-audience.

11. Upon any Member being called to order, he shall take his seat till the question of order be decided.

12. No motion, except to adjourn or for the previous question, shall be introduced, except the same be written in ink, and contain the name of the mover and seconder.

13. Every motion shall be read by the mover thereof, standing in his place, upon which it shall be handed to the Clerk, who shall also read it, and it shall then be put to the Council by the Presiding Member, after which it shall be considered before the Council; but any motion may be withdrawn at any time, before a decision thereon, by the mover and seconder thereof, with the consent of the Council.

14. No Member shall speak more than once, except in explanation to the motion, except the mover thereof, who shall be allowed to reply.

* Since altered, see page 24.