

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 acquaint you, that, in consequence of a peculiar exigency, the Hon. Allan Napier MacNab, Speaker of the House of Assembly, is, unavoidably, absent on public duty, in defence of the Province; and that His Excellency will defer declaring the causes for which he has summoned this meeting of the Provincial Parliament until another Speaker be chosen, by the House of Assembly.

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, do forthwith return to your Chamber, and do there choose a proper person to be your Speaker, to serve during the absence of Mr. MacNab, and that you do present him, whom you shall have so chosen, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at this place, immediately after your choice shall be made.

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

Mr. Gowan, seconded by Capt. Dunlop, moved that Henry Ruttan, Esq., a member for the County of Northumberland, be chosen Speaker.

Upon which question the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows:

Y E A S.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Attorney General, Boulton, Caldwell, Cameron, Cartwright, Chisholm of Halton, Cornwall, Deilor, Dunlop, Elliott, Gowan, Lewis, Manahan, Marks, McCrae, McDonell of Stormont, McKay, Murney, Norton, Parke, Richardson, Shaver, Sherwood, Solicitor General, Thomson, Thorburn, Woodruff*—28.

N A Y S.

Mr. Malloch—1.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of twenty-seven, and Mr. Ruttan, having been declared by the Clerk to be duly elected, was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Gowan and Dunlop; and standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the honour conferred upon him by being chosen their Speaker.

The Speaker elect, with the officers and members present, then repaired to the bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and, being returned, the Speaker reported that His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; which approval was communicated to him by the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Council, in the following words:

MR. RUTTAN,

His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, commands me to declare to you, that, in full assurance of your integrity, ability and zeal, he entirely approves of the choice which the Assembly has made, and does approve and allow you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Solicitor General gives notice, that he will, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the securing and detaining such persons as shall be suspected of conspiring against the Queen's Majesty or Her Government, in any of the Provinces of North America.

Mr. Gowan gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that the House be put into committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering and adopting certain resolutions of condolence and congratulation upon which to found an Address to Her Majesty, the Queen.

Mr. Gowan gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the Militia Laws of this Province.

Mr. Gowan gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to settle disputes regarding Boundary Lines within this Province.

Members directed to return and choose a Speaker to act during absence of Mr. MacNab.

Mr. Ruttan proposed as Speaker.

Division.

Yeas—28

Nay—1.

Mr. Ruttan declared duly elected, Majority 27.

House attend His Excellency at Bar of Legislative Council Chamber with their Speaker.

Speaker approved of by His Excellency.

Notice

Of Bill to secure persons suspected of conspiracy.

Of Resolutions of Condolence and Congratulation to Her Majesty.

Of Militia Bill.

Of Boundary Commission Bill.