

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

It is Opened by Chief Justice
Hagarty.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Why the Members Were Sum- moned to Meet.

BUSINESS THAT WILL COME BEFORE THEM—
LAWS TO BE AMENDED AND
CONSOLIDATED.

Feb. 12/92

The second session of the seventh Legis-
lature of the Province of Ontario, the
first session in the second century of the
Parliamentary history of the Province, was
formally opened yesterday afternoon.
Owing to the illness of the Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor, Sir Alexander Campbell, the cere-
mony was performed by commission, Chief
Justice Hagarty having been appointed
administrator for that purpose by the Gov-
ernor-General. Among the members pre-
sent were:—

Liberals—Hon. Oliver Mowat, Hon. A.
S. Hardy, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. R. Har-
court, Hon. J. Dryden, Hon. J. M. Gibson,
T. Gibson, J. Tait, E. J. Davis, A. Bishop,
W. B. Wood, D. Guthrie, H. McKenzie, J.
Kirkwood, J. Conmee, G. B. Smith, A. S.
Allan, J. T. Gilmour, J. Cleland, W. T.
Lockhart, C. C. Field, C. Mackenzie, T.
Blezard, J. D. Moore, J. Waters, G. Mc-
Kechie.

Conservatives—W. R. Meredith, H. E.
Clarke, J. Clancy, E. F. Clarke, J. P.
Whitney, W. A. Willoughby, G. W.
Monk, W. H. Hammell, W. P. Hudson,
W. Kerns, G. F. Marter, W. McCleary, T.
Wylie, T. Magwood, O. Bush, J. Reid, G.
Campbell.

THERE WERE MANY SPECTATORS.

Owing to the unusual circumstances of
the opening ceremonies and partly also to
the fact that the present is probably the
last session in the old buildings, the attend-
ance of spectators was much larger than
usual. Among those upon the floor of the
House were Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. J. M.
Gibson, Justice and Mrs. Macleannan, Mrs.
G. W. Monk, Miss Monk, Mr. and Mrs. C.
R. W. Biggar, Miss Biggar, Mrs. Llewellyn,
H. Robertson, Mrs. Alex. Primrose, Miss Pat-
tullo (Woodstock), Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Miss
Greig, Sheriff and Mrs. Mowat, Major
Greig, Rev. Dr. Wild, John Baxter, Wm.
Laidlaw, Q.C., and Mrs. Laidlaw, Thomas
Hodgins, Q.C., Mrs. Hodgins and Miss
Hodgins, Capt. Herbert Mowat, Miss
Mowat, Miss Langton, Miss Greig, Miss
Pattullo, Mrs. J. T. Gilmour, Mrs. Cham-
berlain, Hon. James and Mrs. Young, the
Misses Field (Cobourg), Mrs. W. R. Calla-
way, Mrs. S. T. Bastedo, Miss Bastedo,
Miss B. Bastedo, Alfred Patrick, C.M.G.
(ex-clerk of the House of Commons), the
bishop of Ohio and Mrs. Leonard, Rev. Dr.
Scadding (rector of Trinity Church, Toledo),
Vicar-General Rooney, Mrs. John Miller and
Miss Miller, A. S. Nordheimer (German con-
sul) and Mrs. Nordheimer, J. M. Ferris, ex-
M.P.P., Dr. and Mrs. Buchan, John J. McGee
(chief clerk of the Privy Council, Ottawa),
B. B. Hughes, Miss Hughes, Miss Tina
Hughes, Miss Archbold, Miss Burnside, the
Misses Kendig, Miss Wisner (Brantford),
Miss McGillivray, Mrs. Yeigh, Dr. Canniff,
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cameron, Miss Carling
(Exeter), Mrs. Wm. Houston, Mrs. Malcolm
Macpherson, Mrs. J. D. Edgar, Mrs. Gor-
rie, Mrs. Bissonnette, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs.
Meath, Mrs. Ely, Miss Bowman, Miss
Thompson, Mrs. May (Haliburton), Mrs.
G. D. Calvin (Kingston), Mrs. Jones (Win-
nipeg), Capt. E. P. and Mrs. Denison,
Miss Findlay, Hon. G. W. Allan,
Mrs. E. F. Clarke, Mayor Fleming and
Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Miss
Smith, Mrs. Trow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mc-
Andrew, Hon. A. M. Ross, Dr. Kennedy,
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cameron, Mrs. Percy
Beatty.

A few minutes before 3 the guard of
honor, consisting of 50 men from C Com-
pany under Capt. MacDougall and Mr.
Lawrie, arrived and took up a position in
front of the main entrance, awaiting the ar-
rival of the administrator. Within a squad
of police under Inspector Stephen kept the
passages clear. Chief Justice Hagarty, ac-
companied by Commander Law, A.D.C., and
Mr. Harcourt Vernon, secretary to the
Lieutenant-Governor, drove over from Gov-
ernment House at 3 o'clock.

MR. SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR.

It was 2.50 when the Speaker, Hon.
Thomas Ballantyne, preceded by Sergeant-
at-Arms Glackmeyer bearing aloft the gilt-
ed mace, appeared, and the crowd parted to
allow the little procession to pass on its way
to the throne. The Speaker demanded
order, and while every person stood he read
the prayers which had been prescribed for
the occasion. The Speaker then read a
formal statement to the effect that subse-
quent to the general elections writs had
been issued by the clerk for new elections
in East Wellington, Kingston and North
Renfrew, vacancies having occurred in the
first by the appointment of Col. Clarke to
the Speakership of the House, in the second
by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Metcalfe to
contest Kingston for the seat in the Domin-
ion House made vacant by the death of the
late Sir John Macdonald, and in the third
by the death of the late Mr. Dunlop.

Col. Clarke, whose long experience in the
House both as a private member and as
Speaker has thoroughly familiarised him
with the procedure, discharged the duties
of his new office in a thoroughly business-
like manner. It was part of his duty to
read a formidable-looking document which
bore an enormous red seal, and which was
the Governor-General's authorisation to
Chief Justice Hagarty to act as adminis-
trator in the absence through illness of Sir
Alex. Campbell, the Lieut.-Governor.

The Speaker read another formal state-
ment to the effect that the clerk had re-
ceived from the judges selected for the trial
of election petitions certificates with re-
ports relating to elections in East and West
Algoma, South Norfolk, North Perth and
North Bruce.

THE ADMINISTRATOR ARRIVES.

Then Mr. Speaker announced that the
House would stand adjourned during
pleasure. He left the chair, and as he
did so there was a stir at the main entrance
to the chamber. It was caused by the ap-
proach of the administrator, who, arrayed
in his judicial robe, walked up to the
throne, accompanied by the Premier.
Preceding them were Commander Law, A.
D.C., in a cocked hat and gold lace; Mr.
Harcourt Vernon, secretary to the Lieut-
enant-Governor; Col. Grey (brigade-
major), Col. Hamilton and Capt. Mowat of
the Queen's Own Rifles. The Chief Justice
took the chair which the Speaker had
vacated, and his escort disposed itself on
either side of him. Hon. Mr. Mowat, Hon.
Mr. Hardy, the Speaker, Col. Clarke and the
Sergeant-at-Arms stood on the right hand,
while Mr. Vernon and Capt. Mowat occu-
pied positions on the left.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Everybody listened intently while the
administrator read the speech from the
throne, as follows:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legisla-
tive Assembly:

In consequence of the illness of the Lieut-
enant-Governor, Sir Alexander Campbell,
his Excellency the Governor-General in
Council has been pleased to appoint me ad-
ministrator for the purpose of declaring to
you the causes of holding this session of the