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MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF
THE HOUSE.

1.

Resolved.—That this House do meet at 11 o'clock three o'clock in the afternoon: and if at ^{adjourns} ~~three~~ ^{three} o'clock there is not a quorum, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn: but when the House rises on *Friday*, it shall stand adjourned to the following *Monday*.

2.

That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker ^{When} ~~leaves~~ ^{members} ~~the~~ ^{shall leave} the Chair. ^{their seats.}

3.

That whenever the Speaker is obliged to ^{leave to} ~~adjourn~~ ^{be taken} ~~the~~ ^{adjourn} adjourn the House for want of a quorum, the

the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Members then present shall be inserted in the Journal.

Journal.
want of a
sent for

QUORUM.

4.

That upon the appearance of a quorum the Speaker shall take the Chair, and the Members be called to order.

Appear-
ance of a
Quorum.

5.

That the Speaker shall always take the Chair when the Black Rod is at the door, whenever the number of Members then present may be:

Black Rod.

MINUTES.

6.

That immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk: so that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House.

Minutes.
shall.

SPEAKER.

7.

That the Speaker shall preserve Order ^{Order and} and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of ^{decorum} Order, subject to an appeal to the House.

8.

That the Speaker shall not take part in ^{Speaker,} any Debate or vote in any case, unless the ^{which he} House shall be equally divided.—He may ^{vote.} give his reasons for so voting. He shall stand uncovered when addressing the House.

9.

That when the Speaker is called upon to ^{Speaker} explain a point of order or practice, he is to ^{explaining} state the Rule applicable to the case, without ^{a point of} argument or comment. ^{order.}

MEMBERS.

10.

That every Member, previous to his speak- ^{Member} ing, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and ^{speaking.} address himself to the Speaker

11.

Two or
more
members
rising at
once.

That when two or more Members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the Member who is first to speak: and the other or others may appeal to the House if dissatisfied with the Speaker's decision, by the Question — *Which Member was first up?*"

12.

When
a Member
is absent
from the
House.

That every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon unless the House shall excuse him, or unless he shall be personally interested in the question; provided such interest be resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the Member, and not in common with the interest of the subject at large, in which case he shall not vote.

13.

Order
when the
Speaker is
putting a
question.

That when the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall walk out of, or across the House: nor when a Member is speaking shall any Member hold discourse to interrupt

him, except to order, nor pass between him and the Chair.

14.

That a Member called to order shall sit ^{Members called to order} down unless permitted to explain; and the House, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15.

That no Member shall speak disrespectfully ^{disrespectfully} of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, or ^{disrespectfully} Person administering the Government of this ^{disrespectfully} Province; nor shall he use unmanly or ^{disrespectfully} indecent language against the proceedings of this House, or against particular Members; nor shall he speak beside the question in debate.

16.

That each Member may, of right, require ^{Members may demand that the question be read} the question or motion in discussion to be read for his information at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

17.

Limitation
of right of
speaking.

That no Member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the House, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived; but then he is not to introduce new matter.

18.

the a pre-
vious ques-
tion.

That no Member shall speak more than once, without leave of the House, upon a previous question.

19.

House
cleared of
strangers.

That any Member may, at any time, desire the House to be cleared of strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Sergeant at Arms to execute the order, without debate.

20.

Members
going out
during sit-
tings.

That it be recommended to every Member wishing to go out during the sittings, to inform the Sergeant at Arms of the place where he may be found, if wanted.

21.

That no Member during the Session shall absent himself for more than one sitting at a time, without an express leave of absence from the House.

Members absolving themselves

22.

That this House will not grant leave of absence to any Member, (unless that there are forty-three Members present in town,) but on the most urgent and accidental business specially stated to the House.

Leave of absence.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

23.

That the Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, be received, as their Messenger, at the Clerk's Table, the Members sitting: where he shall deliver such Message as he is charged with from the Legislative Council.

Messenger of the Legislative Council.

24.

Messages
to the Leg-
islative
Council.

That all Messages from this House to the Honorable the Legislative Council, be sent by one Member of this House.

25.

Confer-
ences with
the Leg-
islative
Council.

That when this House shall judge it necessary to request a conference with the Legislative Council, the reasons to be given by this House upon the subject of the conference, shall be prepared and agreed to by the House before a Messenger shall be appointed to make the said request.

26.

Messages
from the
Leg-islative
Council.

That Messages from the Honorable the Legislative Council, shall be received into this House as soon as announced by the Sergeant at Arms.

27.

Legisla-
tive Coun-
cillors
attending
the debates

That Legislative Councillors, desirous of hearing the debates, may have seats without the Bar, in a space to be set apart for that purpose, withdrawing when the House is cleared.

STRANGERS.

28.

That Strangers admitted into the House during its sittings, who make a noise or behave irregularly, shall be committed to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, to await the judgment of the House.

Strangers
behaving
irregu-
larly.

JOURNALS, &c.

29.

That copies of the Journals translated into the French Language, be laid on the table daily, for the use of the Members: and also copies of Speeches from the Throne, Addresses, Messages, and Entries of other transactions and deliberations of the House, when asked for by any two Members.

French
copies of
the Jour-
nals, &c.

30.

That a copy of the Journals of this House be delivered to His Excellency the Governor, every morning of the day after the same has been read and approved of by the House, certified by the Clerk.

Copy of
the Jour-
nals, for
the Gov-
ernor.



31.

Index to Journals. That the Clerk do immediately make an Index to the Journals of the House, referring to the several matters therein contained, and that at the end of each Session of Parliament, he do make a like Index to the Journals.

32.

Legislative Council may search Journals. That until this House shall adopt the measure of having its proceedings printed daily, this House doth consent that the Legislative Council may cause the Journals of this House to be searched, in like manner as this House may, according to Parliamentary usage, search the Journals of the Legislative Council.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

33.

Rules how applied to Committees of the whole. That the Rules of the House shall be observed in a Committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the Rule limiting the number of times of speaking.

34.

That in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the Rules, Usages and Forms of Parliament, which shall be followed, until this House shall think fit to make a Rule applicable to such unprovided cases.

Unprovided cases.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE.

35.

That upon a division in the House, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if two Members require it.

Names when to be taken.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

36.

That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

Motion to adjourn.

37.

That a motion that the Chairman leave the Chair, shall always be in order, and shall take place of any other motion.

Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair.

ARTICLE XXXIII. OF MOTIONS.

**Motion
how made,
how read.**

That no motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be in writing and seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be read in English and in French by the Speaker, if he is master of the two languages: if not, the Speaker shall read in either of the two languages most familiar to him: and the reading in the other language shall be at the table by the Clerk or his Deputy, before debate.

38.

**Motion not
to be with-
drawn
without
leave**

That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House: but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with permission of the House.

39.

**Motion on
questions
under de-
bate**

That when a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, or commit it, or to postpone it to a certain day, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

41.

"That the Previous Question, until it is Previous Question, shall preclude all amendment and debate of the main question; and shall be in the following words: *'Shall the yeas Over-ride the nays?'*"

42.

"That a Motion for amendment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question."

43.

"That all questions, whether in Committee Order or in the House, shall be put in the order they are moved."

44.

"That no Motion (except by any prearrangement) shall be admitted in this House."

45.

"That every motion when seconded, might be received and read by the Speaker, except in the cases provided for by the Rules of this House."

46.

Motions
concerning
rules or
privileges.

That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, whenever he shall conceive that a motion which he has received and read, may be contrary to the Rules or Privileges of this House, to apprise the House thereof immediately, before the question on such motion is put, and to cite the Rule which is applicable to the case.

AID AND SUPPLY.

47.

Motions
concern-
ing aid
and sup-
ply, when
and how
to be con-
sidered.

That if any motion be made in the House for any Public Aid, Subsidy, Duty or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not presently be entered upon, but adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint; and then it shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and their opinion to be reported, before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass thereupon.

That all Aids and Suppliers granted to Her Majesty by the Legislature of Canada, and the sole gift of the Assembly of this Province, be supplied.

and all bills for raising such revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives;

plies ought to begin with the Assembly, as it

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ever, faint, and appears in all such Bats, the

ends, particularly in the case of the

Systems and applications for the 90s

which are not shareable by the Legislative

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That in order to expedite the business of the Legislature, the House should not insist on the privilege claimed and exercised by the Executive Council Bills sent from the Executive Council because their purpose is merely punitive; nor on laying aside amend-
ments made by the Legislative Council, be-
cause they introduce into or alter pecuniary penalties in Bills sent to them by this House
provided that all such penalties thereby in-
creased, are only to punish or prevent crime.

and offences, and do not tend to lay a burden on the subject, either as Aid or Supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessments or otherwise.

PUBLIC BILLS.

50.

*Mode of
introduc-
ing Bills.*

That every Public Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the title of the Bill, or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in, or by an Order of the House on the Report of a Committee.

51.

*Two read-
ings.*

That no Bill shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read.

52.

*Amend-
ments re-
ported by
Committee.*

That all amendments shall be reported to the House by the Chairman standing in his place. After report, the Bill shall be subjected to debate and amendment in the

House, before the question is engrossed it shall be put.

53.

That every Bill shall receive three several readings, on different days, previous to its being passed, except in urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day. Three readings and three days, except on

54.

That when a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back. Readings how certified.

55.

That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then read by the Chairman and debated by clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered. Bills how read in Committee of the whole.

56.

That when a Bill passes the House, the Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof, at the foot of the Bill. Bill passed by the House.

57.

That is what mode of proceeding shall be observed with Bills which have originated in and passed the Legislative Council, as with Bills originating in this House.

58.

That it shall be the duty of the Law-Clerk of this House, to review all Public Bills after the first reading, and that after such revision he do mark his initials and certify in the under-
document of the said Bills, in and to, that the same are correct; and that the said Law-Clerk be held responsible for the due performance of such duty, in obedience to the resolution; and in order that he may be regularly apprized of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, he shall be the Clerk of the said Clerk of the Councils at this House, to provide him daily during the Session, with a List of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, and of the day on which they shall be fixed for the second reading; and that in every case according to such Bills, the said Law-

Certain
Bills re-
ferred to
the Law
Clerk.

Bill origi-
nating in
Legisla-
tive Coun-
cil.

Clerk shall be also held responsible for the correctness of the said Bills, should amendments be made thereto, and he shall make a Breviat of every such Bill previous to the second reading thereof.

59.

That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgments thereof, be printed before the second reading, for the use of the Members of the Legislature, unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing, with the exception nevertheless of certain Bills to continue the Acts or Bills of Reimbursements, or other short Bills, not introducing any important innovation, with the printing of which the Speaker may dispense.

*Bills and
Breviats to
be printed
—excepti-
on.*

PRIVATE BILLS.

60.

That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced by a petition to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

*Introduc-
tion of Pri-
vate Bills.*

61.

To be pro-
posed in
resolves
by
Report of a
Committee.

That no Bill be introduced or permitted to be brought in, or any Petition for any work proposed to be carried on by tolls or duties to be levied, by subjecting of particular places to the same, until such petition has been referred to a Committee, and they have examined the matter thereof, and reported the same to the House.

62.

Petitioners
not to be
heard until
after such
Report.

That whenever any Petition or Bill presented to the House, shall have been referred to a Committee to examine the matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, the House will not admit any Petitioners to be heard by themselves or Counsel, against such Petition or Bill, until the matter thereof shall have been first reported to the House.

63.

Sitting of
any such
Committee
to be neces-
sary.

That the Chairman of the Committee for any private Bill do not sit thereupon, without giving a week's notice thereof, set up in the Lobby.

64.

That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any private Bill, shall appear in person before the Committee to give their consent, and if they cannot personally appear, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses.

And persons
whose inter-
ests shall be
affected by
such Bill.

65.

That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for continuing Letters Patent, there shall be annexed to such Letters Patent a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill.

Bills for
continuing
Letters
Patent.

66.

That before any Petition is presented to this House, for leave to bring in a private Bill, whether for the erection of a Bridge or Bridges, for the regulation of a Common, for the making of any Turnpike Road, or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for the alteration or renewing of any Act of the Provincial Parliament, for the like pur-

Petitions
for Bills
granting
exclusive
rights to
be passed
by certain
public no-
tice.

pose: notice of such application shall be given in one of the newspapers of the District published in the English, and once in the French language, if any is published therein: and also by a notice affixed in the church-doors of the Parishes or Townships that such application may effect, or in the most public place where there is no Church, during two months at least before such Petition is presented.

17.

That hereafter this House will not receive any Petitions for Private Bills, except on any Petitions for Private Bills after the first fifteen days of each Session.

18.

That this House will not receive any Private Bills except in the first twenty-four days of each Session.

19.

That this House will not receive any Report of a Special Committee upon any such Private Bills, except within the first forty days of each Session.

70.

That before any Petition praying leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll-bridge, is presented to this House, the person or persons purposing to Petition for such Bill, shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the sixty-sixth Rule, also, at some time, and in the same manner, give a Notice, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the Arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of carts and vessels, and mentioning whether they purpose to erect a Draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of such Draw-bridge.

Notice (under rule No. 66.) relating to petitions for Tolls &c. Bills, is certain certain particulars.

71

That all the expenses and costs attending on private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, and the relative proceedings in this House thereon, ought not to fall upon the Public, and that it is just and reasonable that part of such expenses and costs should be supported by those who apply for

A certain sum to be deposited, before the second reading of a Private Bill.

the said Bills: and that a sum not less than £20 be deposited in the hands of the Clerk of this House, by the Petitioners, before the second reading of any such Bills.

72.

Clerk to
give notice
of the time
for receiving peti-
tions for
Private
Bills, and
reports.
See, there-
on.

That the Clerk of this House be held, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the dispatch of business, to announce in the Quebec Gazette, and other Newspapers published in this Province, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire, according to the Rules of this House; and that the said Clerk be also held to announce, by notice set up in the Special Committee Rooms, and in the Lobby of this House, by the first day of every Session, the days on which, according to the Rules of this House, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, Reports on those Petitions, and Reports on the Bills upon those Petitions, are to expire.

PETITIONS, &c.

73.

That Petitions, Memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by a Member in his place, who shall be answerable to this House that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

74.

That whenever a Petition tending to incorporate any number of persons to carry on any commerce or trade, is presented to this House, such of the Members of this House who are to become incorporated in consequence of such Petition to carry on such commerce or trade, are personally interested in all questions that may arise upon such Petition, and in any after proceedings that may take place upon it.

Members
interested
in petitions
for certain
incorporate
powers.

See also PRIVATE BILLS, Rules 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE

FORM OF READING.

15.

Papers be-
fore the
House or a
Commit-
tee, how to
be read.

That Papers laid before this House, or re-
ferred to a Committee for their consideration,
are of right to be read once by the Clerk or
Chairman at the table, but when once read
in the House, or Committee, they are then,
like every other Paper that belongs to the
House, to be moved for to be read, and if
objected to, to be decided by taking the sense
of the House or Committee.

COMMITTEES.

16.

Committee
of the
whole
House,
how form-
ed.

That in forming a Committee of the whole
House, the Speaker shall leave the Chair,
and shall before leaving the same appoint a
Chairman to preside, who shall have the
same authority in the Chair of the Committee
as the Speaker in the Chair of the House,
and in other Committees the Chairman shall
have the same authority.

77.

That the mode of appointing a Special Committee, shall be first to determine the number it shall consist of, then each Member naming one, which shall be written down by the Clerk: those who have most voices shall be taken successively, until that the number is completed; and if any difficulty should arise by two or more having an equal number of voices, the sense of the House shall be taken as to the preference: but it shall be always understood, that no Member who declares himself or divides against the body or substance of the Bill, motion or matter to be committed, upon any of the Readings thereof, can be nominated to be of a Committee upon such Bill, motion or matter; or the mover may submit the names of the Members to form the Committee, and if not objected to by the House, the Members so nominated shall compose the Committee.

78.

That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion upon any subject

Member
in relation
ing the

matter in which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee, whether being named by the House.

79.

"That of the number of Members appointed to compose a Committee, such number shall be equal to a majority of the whole."

number chosen, shall be a certain couplet referred to houses in all cases, when the number to form such couplet shall not be specially fixed in the motion of appointment.

MESSAGERS.

80.

"That the Speaker of the House shall appoint all Messengers, but it shall be always understood, that the Member who moves for the Message shall of right be one of the number of Messengers, and that any Member who shall decline himself, or give up his subject, or agree, or assist the subject, the said Message cannot be appointed to be one of the Messengers."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

81.

That the Order of the Day shall have preference to any motion before the House. To have preference to motions.

82.

That it be a Standing Rule of this House, orders that when any Order or Orders of the Day lost for want of a shall be lost by a Committee of the whole Committee House breaking up for want of a quorum, or by the House adjourning for want of a quorum, the Order or Orders so lost, shall be taken up in succession, as the first business to be proceeded on, at the next meeting of the House.

PRIVILEGES.

83.

That whenever any matter of privilege questions of privilege arises, it shall be immediately taken into consideration.

LIBRARY.

84.

Catalogue
to be made

That a proper Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library be kept by the Librarians, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested; and who shall be required to report to the House, through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

85.

Access to
the Library

That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to resort to the Books during a Session of Parliament, except the Governor of the Province, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and Legislative Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being, and such other persons as may receive a written order of admission from a Member of the House.

86.

Access to
the Library
by whom
books
from it

That during a Session of Parliament no Books belonging to the Library be permitted to be taken out of the building, except upon receipts given by a Member of either House.

87.

That during the recess of Parliament the Library shall be open every day in each week, Sundays and Holidays excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning until three in the afternoon: and that access thereto be permitted to persons introduced by a Member of the House, or admitted at the discretion of the Clerk or one of the Librarians, subject to such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the security and preservation of the collection: but that no one shall be allowed to take any Book out of the Library, except Members of the House, and such persons as may be authorized by the Speaker, or, in his absence, by the Clerk of the House, or by one of the Librarians.

88.

That the Clerk of this House be authorized to import annually the continuation of Periodical Works in the Library.

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OFFICE HOURS.

89.

Hours of
Office.

That the hours of attendance of the respective Officers of this House and the Extra Clerks employed during the Session, be from nine in the forenoon until noon, and from one in the afternoon until eight o'clock, and from thence until the business of the day be completed.

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VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES.

90.

Inquiry
prevailing to
filling any
vacancy.

That before filling any vacancy in the Offices of this House, enquiry be made touching the necessity of such Office, the amount of the salary and emoluments thereunto annexed, and the fixing such salary *de novo* at every change.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

311.

That the Clerk of this House do lay before this House in the course of each Session, a general table of the Imports and Exports of this Province, taken from the returns, which may be laid before this House by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief; that the said Clerk do also lay before this House next Session a similar table for the seven last years, and that he do cause the said table to be printed, in order that the same be added to the Appendix to the Journals of next year, and that in each succeeding year he do cause to be printed a similar table, to be in like manner inserted in the Appendix to the Journals of those periods.

Table of
Imports
and Ex-
ports to be
prepared
by the
Clerk, and
printed.

STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

HOUSE.

I. That the Clerk of this House be authorized to subscribe for the Newspapers published in this Province, for the purpose of being laid on the table of the Library, and to complete the files already therein, for the use of Members.

Clerk to subscribe for newspapers.

Journal of 1841, p. 22

II. That the ordinary routine of the daily proceedings in this House, in the transaction of business, be as follows (after reading the Minutes of the preceding day):

Routine proceedings.

Bringing up Petitions.

Third reading of Bills and Addresses.

Reading Petitions.

Referring Petitions.

Notices to be given.

Presenting Reports (by Standing and Select Committees.)

Orders of the Day.

Journal of 1841, p. 96.

Orders of each day to be prepared.

III. That the Clerk of this House be directed to lay on the Speaker's table, every morning, previous to the meeting of the House, the order of the proceedings for the day; that a copy of the same be hung up in the lobby, for the information of Members.

Journal of 1841, p. 96.

Permanent Officers to complete the work.

IV. That it shall be the duty of the Officers of this House (including the Clerk and Clerk Assistant) to complete and finish the work remaining at the close of each Session.

Journal of 1841, p. 200.

Clerk to have control over the Clerks and Servants.

V. That the Clerk of this House be held responsible for the safe keeping of all the Papers and Records of this House, and have the direction and control over all the Clerks and Servants employed in the Office, subject to such orders as he may, from time to time, receive from Mr. Speaker and the House.

Journal of 1841, p. 310.

Journal of 1843, p. 172.

VI. That by the 89th Rule of this House the hours of attendance are defined, and that no charges for extra hours be allowed to be made by any person employed by, or in attendance on the same.

No charges
for extra
hours.

Journal of 1843, p. 172.

VII. That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay out of the Contingent Fund to witnesses summoned to attend before any Select Committee of the House, the sum of ten shillings per diem, during their attendance, and a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, upon any certificate or order of the Chairman of the Committee before which such witnesses have been summoned. (Vide *infra*, XIV, also "*Recommendations*," 1840.)

Payment
of wit-
nesses.

Journal of 1840, p. 179.

VIII. That all Bills and documents submitted to the consideration of this House, be printed in each of the English and French languages, in equal proportions.

But, as it
to be
printed in
English
and
French.

Journal of 1844-5, p. 54.

IX. That no allowance will in future be made to any person in the employ of this

No allow-
ance for

travelling
expenses.

House, who may not reside at the seat of Government, for travelling expenses in coming to attend his duties.

Journal of 1844-5, p. 426.

Prece-
dence of
Orders of
the Day.

X. That all measures standing on the Orders of the Day be taken up according to the precedence they originally held when placed on the Order of the Day Book.

Journal of 1846, p. 185.

Members
to present
business
in their
places.

XI. That members of this House be permitted to make Reports from Select Committees of which they may be chairmen, standing in their places, and without proceeding to the Bar of the House, anything in the 34th Rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding.

Journal of 1846, p. 265.

Persons
employed
with their
salaries
may retire.

XII. That any Officer or Servant of the House who may consider his services inadequately paid by the amount of salary fixed in the Schedule (p. 552, printed Journal), be allowed to retire from the service of the House: and that the Clerk (with the approbation of the Speaker) be authorized to fill the vacancy.

Journal of 1846, p. 332.

XIII. That the Honorable the Judges of the Courts of Queen's Bench in this Province be henceforth furnished with a copy of the Journals and Appendices of this House.

Journals to be supplied to the Judges.

Journal of 1816, p. 322.

XIV. That no witness shall be paid for his or her attendance to give evidence before any Select Committee, unless the said witness attend by order of this House, or unless a certificate from some Member of such Committee be filed with the Chairman thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important in the investigation of the merits of the subject matter referred to such Committee, and which said certificate the said Chairman is hereby required to file with the Clerk of this House, before any such witness shall be entitled to payment for his attendance; and when the Chairman gives his certificate he shall file the same with the said Clerk before any witness can be paid as aforesaid.

Certificates required for payment of witnesses.

Journal of 1843, p. 147.

Bills for
U. C. only,
not to be
printed in
French.

XV. That in future no Bills be printed in both languages having reference exclusively to Upper Canada, and that such Bills be printed in English alone, with French marginal notes, unless otherwise required by any one Member of the House.

Journal of 1849, p. 124.

Sessional
Printing.

XVI. That no work be paid for at the rate of Sessional Printing which is not delivered to the House during the Session: and that any work not so delivered shall be paid for at the rate allowed for the printing of the Journals and Appendix.

Journal of 1849, p. 124.

Sessional
Printing.

XVII. That the contractors for the Sessional Printing shall be entitled to perform such work as is delivered to them during the Session: and that no portion of the work intended to form part of the Appendix shall be so delivered, unless it appears to the Clerk of the House that it can be executed during the Session.

Journal of 1849, p. 124.

XVIII. That in case extra copies of any portion of the Appendix which cannot be delivered during the Session, be required, the same shall be furnished by the contractors for the Appendix, at their contract price.

Journal of 1840, p. 194.

XIX. That it is expedient so to amend the Rules of this House, as that no private or personal Bill be read a third time, until the party interested shall have delivered to the Clerk a certificate from the Queen's Printer, that the cost of printing 150 copies of the Act for the Government has been paid or secured to him.

Journal of 1842, p. 222.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(OF THE NATURE OF STANDING ORDERS)

CONTAINED IN

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE.

1842.

From of
printing
Journals.

"That the Journals and Appendices be hereafter printed upon paper of the same size and quality as that used in printing the Journals of the House of Commons for the year 1838; and that the matter be arranged in double columns upon each page, as in that Journal, with brief marginal notes, and in the same type.

Extra
copies of
Sessional
Papers for
Legislative
Council.

"That in printing the Public Accounts, and other documents usually printed by both Houses, a sufficient extra number be also struck off, for the Honorable the Legislative Council."

Adapted as 1st Rep. of Committee on Printing, pp. 60, 61.

1844-5.

* That for the future no Bill be introduced (into the House) either in blank, or only in part completed." No Bills to be presented in blank.

Adopted on 2nd Rep. of Com. on Printing, pp. 103, 136.

1849.

* That all Letters, Correspondence, and Papers, forwarded by Members, and chargeable against the Contingencies of the House, do pass through the office thereof." Postage of Members.

Adopted on 1st Rep. of Contingent Committee, p. 46.

* That in future the Clerk shall not engage, nor put on pay, at the outset of a Session, any more writers than may be necessary for the time being, taking on others as the increase of business may require the assistance of the supernumeraries,"—and that no extra writers whatever, after the present Session, be employed at any greater rate than 10s. per day; and also, that no person hereafter taken into the service of the House as a Messenger, be paid at a higher rate than 5s. per day." Employment of extra writers.
Pay of do
Pay of Messengers.

Adopted on 5th Rep. of Contingent Com. pp. 205, 220.

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Payment "That the custom of paying persons sum-
of wat- moned before Committees for examination,
nesses dis- be discontinued, and that no moneys be paid
continued. to such persons, except in very special cases."

Exception.

Adopted in 2th Rep. of Contingent Com., p. 352.

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