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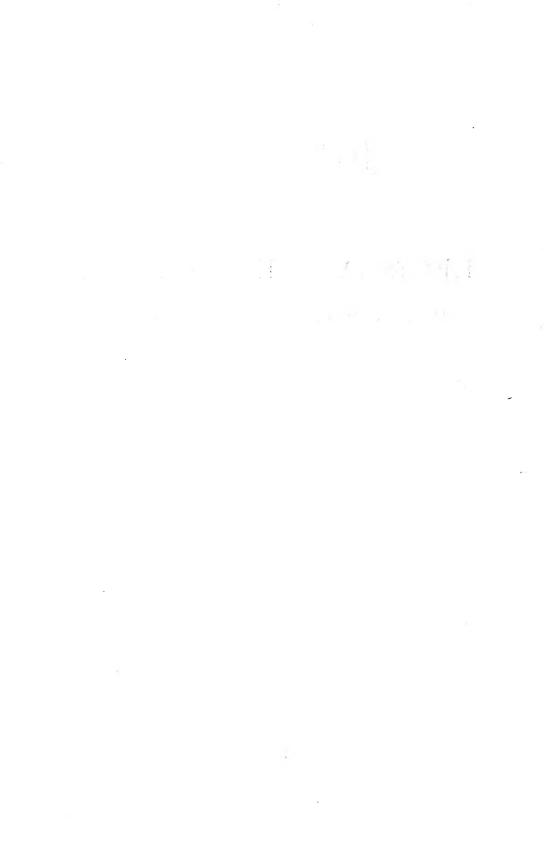
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1937

PROCLAMATION H. A. BRUCE

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our Province of Ontario, and to every of you—Greeting.

PROCLAMATION

G. D. CONANT,
Attorney General. WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and, therefore, WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested, on Wednesday, the first day of the month of December now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the Despatch of Business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE HERBERT ALEXANDER BRUCE, a Colonel in Our Royal Army Medical Corps, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, &c., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our County of York, in Our said Province, this sixteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven and in the first year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

C. F. BULMER, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twentieth Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Herbert Alexander Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor, Alexander Cameron Lewis, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, laid upon the Table of the House a Roll, hereinafter fully set out, containing a list of the names of the Members who had been returned at the General Election to serve in this Legislature; and, having been authorized to administer the Oaths to the Members, did administer the Oaths to the Members present; who, after having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took their seats in the House.

TWENTIETH GENERAL ELECTION

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Toronto, November 24th, 1937.

This is to certify that by reason of the Dissolution of the last Legislature on Wednesday, the Twenty-fifth day of August, A.D. 1937, and in virtue of Writs of Elections, dated on the Twenty-fifth day of August, A.D. 1937, issued by The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to the hereinafter named persons as Returning Officers for all the Electoral Districts in the Province of Ontario, for the election of Members to represent the several Electoral Districts in the Legislature of the Province in the Parliament convened to meet on the First day of December, A.D. 1937, the following named persons have been gazetted as duly elected to represent the Electoral Districts set opposite their respective names, as appears by the Returns of the said Writs, deposited of Record in my office, namely:

Constituency	Manakan Elast	Determine Office
Electoral District of	Member Elect	Returning Officer
	. Wilfred Lynn Miller	
Brant	.Hon. Harry C. Nixon	Jas. L. McCormack
	. Morrison M. MacBride	
	.John W. Sinclair	
	Adam Holland Acres	
	.J. Anaclet Habel	
	. Alfred Wallace Downer	
Durham	.Cecil G. Mercer	Frederick Philn
Floin	.Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn	F. R. Palmer
Essex North	Adelard C. Trottier	.Alfred Ouenneville
Essex South	.Charles G. Fletcher	.R. W. Penfold
	.Frank Spence	
	.Edmund A. MacGillivray	
	. Hon. George H. Challies	
Grey North	.Roland Patterson	. Herman S. Weaver
	.Farquhar R. Oliver	
	.Eric William Cross	
	.Thomas A. Blakelock	
	.John P. MacKay	
	.William F. Schwenger	
	.Hon. Thomas B. McQuesten	
	Harold E. Welsh	
Hastings West	Richard Duke Arnott	.J. B. Grainger
	. James S. Ballantyne	
	.Hon. Peter Heenan	
	. Douglas Munro Campbell	
	.Arthur St. Clair Gordon	
	. Hon. T. Ashmore Kidd	
	. Milton D. McVicar	
Lambton West	.William Guthrie	.Homer Lockhart
	.George H. Doucett	
	.Walter Bain Reynolds	
Lincoln	.Archibald J. Haines	. Harry P. Cavers
	.Archibald Stuart Duncan	
	. John Willard Freeborn	
	.Charles M. Macfie	
	. James Frank Kelly	
	. William L. Houck	
	. Joseph E. Cholette	
	Harold N. Carr	
	Gordon D. Conant	
Ottawa East	.Hon. Paul Leduc	Joachim Sauve
Orford	.George Harrison Dunbar .Patrick Michael Dewan	Poydon C Start
	. Milton T. Armstrong	
	.Hon. Thos. L. Kennedy	
	.William Angus Dickson	
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Constituency		
Electoral District of	Member Elect	Returning Officer
Port Arthur Prescott Prince Edward-Lennox Rainy River Renfrew North Renfrew South Russell Stormont Sault Ste. Marie Simcoe Centre Simcoe East Sudbury Temiskaming Victoria Waterloo North Waterloo South Wellington North Wellington North Wentworth Windsor-Sandwich Windsor-Walkerville York East York North	Alexander Leslie Elliott Hon. Charles W. Cox Aurelien Belanger James deCongalton Hepburn. Randolph George Croome John Courtland Bradley Thomas Patrick Murray Roméo Bégin Fergus B. Brownridge Richard M. McMeekin Hon. Leonard J. Simpson Hon. William Finlayson James M. Cooper William G. Nixon Leslie M. Frost J. Albert Smith Hon. Norman O. Hipel Edward James Anderson Ross A. McEwing James H. King James H. King George H. Bethune James Howard Clark Hon. David Croll Hon. George S. Henry Morgan Baker Hon. Leopold Macaulay William James Gardhouse	H. B. Dawson Omer Laurin Wm. G. McLean Norman L. Croome Max Zadow Milton Stewart J. A. Casault Willis O. Sheets Jas. D. Becking H. E. Hughes A. A. Ingram C. A. Byam A. J. Campbell Jas. R. Livingston Patrick J. Flynn F. H. Clark A. B. Whetstone Joseph W. Oakes Robert Edwin Young Alan C. Bell Benjamin A. Maleyko Lyman A. Kennedy Irwin Watts Russell C. Chown
Bellwoods. Bracondale. Dovercourt. Eglinton. High Park. Parkdale. Riverdale. St. Andrew. St. David. St. George. St. Patrick.	.Thomas Alexander MurphyHon. Arthur W. RoebuckLionel ConacherWilliam DuckworthHarold James KirbyWilliam Alexander BairdFrederick George McBrienWilliam Arthur SummervilleJohn J. GlassAllan A. LamportIan T. StrachanF. Fraser HunterGoldwin Corlett Elgie	John B. Cooper Ernest C. Bogart James McLaughlin J. Douglas McNish F. C. Gullen J. L. Prentice George Gresswell John A. Kinsella J. Kenneth Owens Fred F. Fowke H. Max Swartz

C. F. Bulmer, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

And the House having met,

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Nixon (Brant), the Provincial Secretary, then said:

"I am commanded by the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor to state that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of this House shall have been chosen according to law, but to-day at a subsequent hour His Honour will declare the causes of the calling of this Legislature."

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

And the Clerk having called for nominations for the office of Speaker, the Prime Minister, Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, N. O. Hipel, Esquire, Member for the Riding of Waterloo South, which motion was seconded by Mr. Macaulay, and it was

Resolved, That N. O. Hipel, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared the Honourable N. O. Hipel duly elected, he was conducted by the Premier and Mr. Macaulay to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair and the Mace was laid upon the Table.

The House then adjourned during pleasure.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor then re-entered the House and took his seat on the Throne.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour to the following effect:

May it please Your Honour:

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The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly whose servant I am and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and Country, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

The Provincial Secretary then said:

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temperance and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow the constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all suitable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following gracious speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I desire to extend cordial greetings to you all as you assemble to inaugurate the twentieth Legislature of the Province of Ontario.

This Session has been convened under special circumstances for one specific purpose, and I think it fitting, therefore, that my remarks on this occasion should be confined to that subject.

The validity and effect of certain sections of The Succession Duty Act have recently been challenged in the Courts, impeding the collection of duties which form a substantial part of our Provincial revenues. My Ministers deem it of paramount importance that all obstacles to the collection of these duties shall be removed with the least possible delay. Bills will accordingly be submitted to you with the object of making effective the purpose of legislation passed in former years, and generally for facilitating the administration of the Act.

Provision will also be made so that the proclaiming of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, shall not be affected by reason of this legislation.

I commend these measures to your earnest consideration, and I trust that under Divine guidance, your deliberations will enhance the public welfare.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

3.20 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker then reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received notification of a vacancy which had occurred in the membership of the House since the General Election in the Riding of Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, October 20th, 1937.

To the Clerk,

Legislative Assembly,

Province of Ontario.

I herewith tender my resignation as member-elect of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the constituency of Sault Ste. Marie.

(Signed) R. M. McMeekin.

Witnessed by:

(Signed) JOHN GRANT.

(Signed) E. G. McMeekin.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table a certificate of the result of a By-election which had been held since the General Election as follows:

Electoral District of Sault Ste. Marie—Mr. Colin Alexander Campbell.

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This is to Certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the Twenty-seventh day of October, A.D. 1937, issued by The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to James D. Becking, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Sault Ste. Marie, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of Sault Ste. Marie in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Richard M. McMeekin, Esquire, who, since his election as representative of the said Electoral District of Sault Ste. Marie, has resigned, Colin Alexander Campbell, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected as appears by the Return of the said Writ of Election, dated the Twenty-third day of November, A.D. 1937, which is now lodged of record in my office.

C. F. Bulmer, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Toronto, November 25th, 1937.

Colin Alexander Campbell, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Sault Ste. Marie, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), "An Act to amend The Succession Duty Act, 1934." Mr. Conant.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 2), "An Act to amend The Judicature Act." Mr. Conant.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), "An Act to amend The Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario." Mr. Conant.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), seconded by Mr. Nixon (Brant),

Ordered, That as the Legislature has been convened in this special Session for the purpose of considering only one matter and that matter is the only subject of the Address of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the House hereby resolves to dispense with the customary formal debate on the subject matter of the Address as such matter will be debated during the consideration of the Legislation submitted to the House.

The House then adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1937

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:-

Bill (No. 1), An Act to amend The Succession Duty Act, 1934.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 2), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend The Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 1), An Act

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to amend The Succession Duty Act, 1934, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Schwenger reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 2), An Act to amend The Judicature Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Schwenger reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend The Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Schwenger reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Return to an Order of the House dated March 23rd, 1937, that there be laid before this House a Return showing: The amount of income tax remitted by the Government to each municipality in Ontario by the Treasury. (Sessional Papers No. 1.)

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The House then adjourned at 5.11 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 1937

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read the third time and were passed:—

Bill (No. 1), An Act to amend The Succession Duty Act, 1934.

Bill (No. 2), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend The Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

On motion by Mr. Hepburn (Elgin), seconded by Mr. Nixon (Brant),

Ordered, That the full Sessional Indemnity for the present Session be paid to those Members absent on account of illness or other unavoidable cause.

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor proceeded in State to the Legislative Assembly and being seated upon the Throne,

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:-

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province has at its present Sittings thereof passed several Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Acts that had passed severally as follows:—

Bill (No. 1), An Act to amend The Succession Duty Act, 1934.

Bill (No. 2), An Act to amend The Judicature Act.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend The Act to provide for the Consolidation of the Statutes of Ontario.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to deliver the following speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my pleasure and privilege at this time to bring your deliberations to a close, and in doing so I desire to thank you most sincerely for the diligence and dispatch with which you have applied yourselves to your Legislative duties.

May I recall that it is now exactly seventy years since your predecessors met to inaugurate, in December 1867, the first Legislature of the newly constituted Province of Ontario. In his address at that time the Lieutenant-Governor pointed out that a new and important era was commencing in our political annals and that with wise direction, and the unlimited control of our own local affairs, the Province could look forward to a future of development and prosperity. I think we all agree that forecast has been amply realized, and that our Province has made steady progress. Differences of opinion must necessarily arise with respect to the various problems with which you are called upon to deal. They are of the essence of our democratic form of Government. But in promoting the real welfare of the Province we are all united.

As you go back to your respective constituencies, therefore, may I express the hope that you will do all in your power to promote among all classes of the community that fellowship and good feeling which the approach of Christmas inspires.

I should like, in closing, to extend my personal greetings to you all for the Christmas Season, and my good wishes for your happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

The Provincial Secretary then said:-

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is the will and pleasure of The Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.