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Parliamentary Debates
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Legislative Council

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1870

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THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

DURING THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE COLONY
OF QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA,

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE, ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR OF THE
REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1870.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 15 November, 1870.

Meeting of Parliament.

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The House met at twelve o'clock, pursuant to proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, convening Parliament for "despatch of business."

The Honorable MAURICE CHARLES O'CONNELL, Esquire, President of the Legislative Council; the Honorable T. L. MURRAY PRIOR, Esquire, Postmaster-General; and the Honorable D. F. ROBERTS, Esquire, appeared as Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony, for the purpose of opening this present Parliament.

The PRESIDENT directed the Usher to acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Commissioners desired their attendance in the Council Chamber, in order to hear the Commission read.

And honorable members of the Assembly having been announced, and being seated below the Bar—

The PRESIDENT said: Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—We have to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be present here, personally, this day, has been pleased to direct a Commission under the Great Seal of the Colony to be issued, enabling us to do all things necessary in his name, or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, for the purpose of opening and holding this present Parliament, which powers will more fully appear to you from the Commission itself, which I now call upon the Clerk to read.

The Clerk-Assistant read the Commission.

The PRESIDENT then said: Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—We have it in command from His Excellency the Gov-

ernor to acquaint you—That so soon as the members of the two Houses shall have been sworn, the causes for the assembling of this present Parliament will be declared. And, gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, it being necessary that a Speaker for your House shall first be chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you will repair to your own chamber, and proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker, and that you will present such person for His Excellency's approval, at Government House, at such time as His Excellency may appoint; which time he will declare to you, in your own chamber, by the proper person.

The Assembly having retired—

A second Commission under the Great Seal was produced, and read by the Clerk-Assistant, authorising the Commissioners to administer to all and any members of the Council, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, required by law to be taken or made before any member can sit or vote in the House.

The Commissioners, being themselves first sworn, and having subscribed the roll, proceeded to administer the oath to the other honorable gentlemen in attendance, who, also, respectively signed the roll.