

Queensland



Parliamentary Debates
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Legislative Council

TUESDAY, 6 JANUARY 1874

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THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

DURING THE

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

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER
MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1874.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 6 January, 1874.

Meeting of Parliament.—Swearing in of Members.—New Members.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

Honorable Members of the Council were in attendance at twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, appointing Parliament to meet this day "for the despatch of business."

The Honorable Sir MAURICE CHARLES O'CONNELL, President; the Honorable THOMAS LODGE MURRAY PRIOR, Postmaster-General; and the Honorable DANIEL FOLEY ROBERTS, appeared as Commissioners, appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony, to open the Session.

The Clerk of the Parliaments read the Proclamation, bearing date the 29th day of November, 1873.

The PRESIDENT commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to acquaint the Assembly that "The Commissioners desire their immediate attendance in this House to hear the Commission read."

The Legislative Assembly being thereupon introduced, repaired to their places below the Bar, and being seated,

The PRESIDENT said: Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present, this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners, to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of the colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which I now direct the Clerk of the Parliaments to read.

Whereupon the Clerk 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 Governor to let you know that, as soon as the members of both Houses shall have been sworn, the causes of this Parliament being called together will be declared to you; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker, and that you present such person so chosen to His Excellency the Governor, for His Excellency's approval, at Government House, to-morrow morning, at such time as His Excellency shall appoint.

The Assembly withdrew.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT produced a Commission, constituting him and the other honorable members already named Commissioners to administer the oath required by law to be taken by members of the Legislative Council.

The Commission was read by the Clerk.

The PRESIDENT and the other Commissioners took the oath, and subscribed the roll; and thereafter they administered the oath to other honorable members who presented themselves, and who severally subscribed the roll.

NEW MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had received a letter from the Private Secretary to the Governor, informing him that His Excellency had, by the advice of the Executive Council, appointed the undermentioned gentlemen to be Members of the Legislative Council:—

The Honorable Robert Ramsay,
Gordon Sandeman, Esquire,
William Wilson, Esquire,
William Draper Box, Esquire,
Alfred Henry Brown, Esquire,
Francis Thomas Gregory, Esquire.