

NEW SOUTH WALES

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE Thirteenth Parliament was dissolved on the 19th January, 1889. The Fourteenth Parliament was convened for the despatch of business on the 27th February, 1889; and the first session commenced on that day.

Parliament was opened by commission.

Legislative Council.

Wednesday, 27 February, 1889.

Opening of Parliament—New Members—Administration
of Oath—Seats Vacated.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at noon.

The CLERK OF PARLIAMENTS read the proclamation convening Parliament.

The PRESIDENT acquainted the House,—That his Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, had been pleased to cause a commission to be issued, under the great seal of the colony, appointing the Honorable the President, the Honorable A. H. Jacob, and the Honorable E. Barton commissioners, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament.

The commissioners present being seated, the President commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to acquaint the Assembly

that the commissioners required their immediate attendance to hear the commission for opening the Parliament read.

The Assembly being come,—

The PRESIDENT said :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

His Excellency the Governor, not deeming it fit to be personally present here 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 and on the part of her Majesty the Queen, or in the name and on the part of his Excellency the Governor of the colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament as will more fully appear by the commission itself, which must now be read.

Commission read by the clerk.

The PRESIDENT said :
HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that after the members of both houses shall have been sworn the causes of his Excellency calling this Parliament 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.

The Assembly being withdrawn :

NEW MEMBERS.

The PRESIDENT reported that the under-mentioned gentlemen had been appointed members of the Legislative Council :— David Buchanan, Esq., George Day, Esq., Louis Francis Heydon, Esq., James Hoskins, Esq., Henry Edward Kater, Esq., William Laidley, Esq., Walter Lamb, Esq., Henry Norman MacLaurin, Esq., M.D., and Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esq.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH.

The PRESIDENT produced a commission constituting him and the other members of the Council therein named commissioners to administer the oath required by law to be taken by members of the Council.

Commission read by the clerk.

The PRESIDENT and the other commissioners and the members present took the oath and signed the roll.

SEATS VACATED.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William Grabame and the Honorable Edward David Stuart Ogilvie having been absent from the House during two successive sessions without leave obtained either from her Majesty or from his Excellency the Governor, their seats had become vacant in accordance with the 5th section of the Constitution Act ; and he therefore directed the removal of their names from the alphabetical list of members of the Council.

The President adjourned the House at 12:52 p.m. until 11:30 a.m to-morrow.

Legislative Assembly.

Wednesday, 27 February, 1889.

Members Sworn—Election of Speaker.

The House met at noon, pursuant to proclamation of his Excellency the Governor convening Parliament.

The CLERK read the proclamation.

The CLERK announced that he had received a list certified by his Excellency the Governor of the names of the members to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective writs on which they were so returned ; further certificates that no returns had yet been made in the case of the writs for the electoral districts of Sturt and Wilcannia, and that in the case of Bourke the election of the members returned for that district had been duly declared to be valid, notwithstanding certain informalities.

The USHER OF THE BLACK ROD being admitted, delivered a message that " the commissioners request the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the commission for opening Parliament read."

The House went, and hon. members being returned,

The CLERK informed the House that his Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a commission under the seal of the territory, authorising Mr. G. R. Dibbs and two other members of the House therein named to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made by members of the Assembly.

The CLERK read the commission.

MEMBERS SWORN.

One hundred and thirty members took the oath and subscribed the roll.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Mr. BURDEKIN rose to move :

That James Henry Young, Esquire, do take the chair of this House as Speaker.

He said : Two years ago I had the honor to propose Mr. Young as Speaker, and I have the same honorable duty cast upon me on the present occasion. When I proposed Mr. Young on the last occasion, I