

**PROCEEDINGS FOR THE OPENING
OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

*Tuesday, December 6, 2005
3 o'clock p.m.*

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, will arrive at the Legislative Assembly Building at 2.15 o'clock p.m. and, at that time, will receive military honours before the Legislative Building.

At approximately 2.30 o'clock p.m., the military honours having been completed, His Honour will be ready to enter the Legislative Building.

His Honour will be met at the main door by the Premier who will escort him to the Legislative Librarian's office. His Honour will wait in the Librarian's office until such time as the Sergeant-at-Arms arrives to ascertain if His Honour is ready to be announced to the Legislative Assembly.

At 3 o'clock p.m., before His Honour's entrance to the Assembly Chamber, the Speaker, the Clerk, the Clerks Assistant, and the Sergeant-at-Arms will enter the Assembly Chamber. The Speaker takes his place on the Throne and the Sergeant-at-Arms places the Mace upon the Clerk's Table.

The Sergeant-at-Arms will retire to inform His Honour that the House is now ready and to ask if His Honour is now ready to enter the Assembly Chamber. The Sergeant-at-Arms will return to the Assembly Chamber and inform the Speaker that His Honour has arrived by saying:

"Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor is without."

The Speaker will then say to the Sergeant-at-Arms:

"Admit His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor."

The Sergeant-at-Arms will then bow and take the Mace from the Table, Mr. Speaker will rise and leave the Chair, and, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying the Mace, and followed by the Clerk and the Clerks Assistant, will leave the Assembly Chamber.

His Honour will then enter the Assembly Chamber, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the military escort, and take his place on the Throne.

His Honour: *"Pray be seated. Veuillez vous asseoir."*

Then the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying the Mace, the Speaker and the Clerks will enter the Assembly Chamber by the main door. They will walk to the Clerk's Table and stand with the Clerks Assistant on the Speaker's left, the Clerk on his right and the Sergeant-at-Arms behind him. All four will bow to the Lieutenant-Governor. The Speaker will then remove his hat and they will take the seats provided for the occasion.

At this point, the Premier will leave his seat in the House and take the chair at the right of the Throne. The Sergeant-at-Arms takes a seat, holding the Mace.

His Honour will then deliver his Speech from the Throne.

At the conclusion of the speech, the Premier will bow to the Lieutenant-Governor and resume his seat in the House. The Speech from the Throne will be handed by the Lieutenant-Governor's Aide to the Clerk. The Speaker, Clerks and Sergeant-at-Arms will bow and the Speaker will replace his hat. They then retire from the House preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and return to the Speaker's office.

The Sergeant-at-Arms returns to escort the Lieutenant-Governor's party from the Chamber.

The Lieutenant-Governor and his party then retire from the Assembly Chamber. As soon as the Lieutenant-Governor's party has retired, the Speaker again preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying the Mace and followed by the Clerk and Clerk Assistant, re-enter the Assembly Chamber by the main door. Mr. Speaker takes his place on the Throne and the Sergeant-at-Arms places the Mace on the Clerk's Table.

The Premier will then ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled *"An Act to Perpetuate A Certain Ancient Right."* The Bill is sent to the Speaker who puts the motion and hands the Bill to the Clerk who reads the title of the Bill and returns to the Table.

The Speaker will then rise and inform the House that in order to prevent mistakes he has procured a copy of His Honour's speech which he offers to read. The Premier will say *"Dispense"*.

Mr. Stiles will move, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith taken into consideration. Mr. Stiles sends the motion to the Speaker by a Page. Mr. Speaker reads the motion and puts it to the House.

Mr. Stiles will then move that the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

*To His Honour,
The Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.*

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

After reading the motion, Mr. Stiles delivers his speech in support of the motion. At the end of his speech he sends the motion to the Speaker by a Page and resumes his seat.

Mr. Williams will then deliver his speech seconding the motion. At the conclusion of his speech, the Speaker reads the motion and puts it to the House. If when the motion is put, a member moves the adjournment of the debate, the motion for adjournment is put by the Speaker and carried.

If no member moves the adjournment of the debate, the motion for the Address is carried and the Premier moves, seconded by the Minister of Finance, that the Address be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker and presented to His Honour by a committee of the House. The Speaker puts this motion which is carried and then announces that he appoints Mr. Stiles, Mr. Williams and the Honourable Mr. Lord to be the committee to wait upon His Honour with the Address and present the same.

The Premier then moves the adjournment of the House. The Speaker puts the motion which is carried and then declares the House adjourned. The Speaker, Sergeant-at-Arms and the Clerks leave the Assembly Chamber.