THE

House of Assembly Debates

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

SESSION 1946—1948

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Friday 5th September, 1947

A meeting of the House of Assembly was held at 2.15 p.m. to-day.

Present:

His Honour Mr. G. B. EVELYN (*Speaker*), His Honour Mr. J. E. T. BRANCKER (*Deputy Speaker*), Mr. J. T. C. RAMSAY (*Chairman of Committees*), Dr. J. A. LeV. WILSON, Dr. H. G. CUMMINS, Messrs. E. L. WARD, J. A. HAYNES, B.A., A. E. S. LEWIS, H. D. BLACKMAN, V. C. GALE, M. E. COX, D. D. GARNER, L. E. SMITH, C. E. TALMA, S. A. WALCOTT, D. A. FOSTER, E. D. MOTTLEY and R. G. MAPP.

PRAYERS AND MINUTES

Prayers are read and the Minutes of the meeting which was held on the 2nd September having been circulated are taken as read and confirmed.

PROROGATION OF THE HOUSE

The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms enters the Chamber and informs Mr. Speaker that His Excellency the Governor is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the House.

Mr. SPEAKER, preceded by the Acting Marshal carrying the Mace, together with the other honourable members of the House, proceeds to the Council Chamber where His Excellency makes a speech, and presents Mr. SPEAKER with a copy of it.

At the close of His Excellency's speech, Mr. SPEAKER and the other members of the House, preceded by the Acting Marshal carrying the Mace cradlewise, return to the Assembly Chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER sits in the Chair of the Clerk of the House and says:—

"Gentlemen of the Assembly, I have the honour to acquaint you that when the House was summoned to the Counil Chamber, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to deliver a speech to the members of the House. I have been given a printed copy of his speech and ordinarily I should read it, but with your approval I shall take it as read, and I shall merely read the last paragraph of the speech which states:—

> 'By virtue and in exercise of the power in me vested by the Letters Patent of His Majesty the King dated the 4th June, 1941, I now prorogue the Legislature and I order that it stand prorogued until the 7th day of October, 1947'.

"Gentlemen of the Assembly, the Session is now ended."

All members of the Assembly in order of seniority leave the Chamber shaking Mr. SPEAKER's hand as they leave.

The House then stands prorogued.