

INTRODUCTION

In 1953, after consultation with Mr. E.K. DeBeck, Clerk of the House, and Dr. W.E. Ireland, Provincial Librarian and Archivist, it was decided that a start should be made on an over-all index to the Journals of the Legislative Assembly. By 1968, the index had covered the years from 1872 to 1938 in card form. The Journals are indexed annually under general headings. In this index an attempt has been made to be more specific, including the listing of names.

In the Spring of 1971, Mr. W.H. Murray, who was then Speaker of the House, was approached with the suggestion that it might be considered as a centennial publication to which he agreed. Work resumed, but, in addition to covering the years from 1938 to 1971, it was found that a great deal of editing and revision had to be done on the earlier part of the index. This delayed publication beyond centennial year.

Until 1970, when the Debates were first published, the Journals were the only official account of the proceedings of the House. Progress of bills, questions and answers, reports of Committees, motions and their disposal, are among the subjects covered.

The Votes and Proceedings are printed daily and the Journals are compiled from this record and published annually. Some anomalies occur in the Journals. In 1894-95 the certificate of the General Election is not printed, although it was ordered to be appended to the Journals. There are several instances where the third reading of the bill is not noted, but Royal Assent is given. In some years statutory reports are not shown as being tabled, yet they have been printed.

From the Third Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament, 1955, to the Second Session of the Twenty-ninth Parliament, 1971, a summary of the number of sittings, questions, bills presented, etc., appears following the Prorogation Ceremonies.

All material regarding the functions and decisions of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker appear under the heading Speaker, not under the individual names of the holders of the offices. Their appointments and certain routine functions are indexed in the years they act as Speaker under their names.

Prayers are read every day, usually by a clergyman. No attempt has been made to list this day by day. If there is anything unusual about the ceremony, e.g. the Speaker, Clerk of the House, etc. that has been indicated.

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ABBREVIATIONS

app. Appendix.
bills 1 r, 2 r, 3 r, 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading.
C of W Committee of Whole.
M.L.A. Member of the Legislative Assembly.
O in C Order in Council.
Q.A. Question, Answer.
R.A. Royal Assent.
R.S. Revised Statutes.
s. Section.
s.s. Sub-section.
supp. Supplement.
v. Versus.