

PREMIER BALL: May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour's command, have proceeded to the choice of Speaker and have elected Tom Osborne, Member for the District of Waterford Valley, to that office, and by their direction I present him for the approbation of Your Honour.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Frank F. Fagan, CM, ONL, MBA): On behalf of Her Majesty, I assure you of my sense of your efficiency and I do most fully approve and confirm you as Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Honour, having approved the choice of this House in constituting me as their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of this province, respectfully to claim of Your Honour their accustomed rights and privileges, especially that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates and they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and I, as Speaker, may have full access to Your Honour's presence at all reasonable times and that they have confirmed to them their ancient rights and privileges which have been confirmed to them by Your Honour's predecessors.

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Mr. Speaker, I do confirm this House, on behalf of Her Majesty, in the enjoyment of all its ancient and undoubted rights and privileges.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Your Honour.