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INTRODUCTION

Throughout the latter part of the 1960's and into the early 1970's, the Province of Ontario became increasingly aware of the need to examine the Legislature, both from the standpoint of the role of the backbencher and changes which might be required to improve the institution in terms of procedure and administration. This awareness culminated with the appointment in June, 1972 of the Ontario Commission on the Legislature, which undertook, as a part of its overall mandate, a thorough analysis of administrative requirements. The Commission's recommendations were generally accepted by the Legislature and are reflected in amendments to The Legislative Assembly Act passed on December 20, 1974.

Under the terms of the Act, a Board of Internal Economy was constituted and given the authority and responsibility to establish, implement, and control all financial policy applicable to the administration of the Legislative Assembly.

Throughout five years of operation, the Board has met on an average of 14 times per year, and has addressed widely divergent questions ranging from office furniture entitlements, to Committee budgets, to Members' constituency office funding, to leasing arrangements for the Ombudsman. Some decisions might appear at first glance to be strictly house-keeping in nature, but they were all necessary in order to ensure that a new administrative structure was properly established. As a result of these decisions, it was possible in 1980 to finalize a three-volume Manual of Administration for the Office of the Assembly.

The material that follows is a complete set of the Minutes passed by the Board of Internal Economy from 1974-1979. The Minutes are produced in chronological order and are indexed by subject matter. All policies established by the Board during this five year period are contained in these two volumes and it is hoped that this material may be a worthwhile reference source to those interested in the history of the development of administrative procedures for the Ontario Legislature.

1 August, 1980

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Fleming', written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Fleming
Director of Administration and
Secretary, Board of Internal
Economy