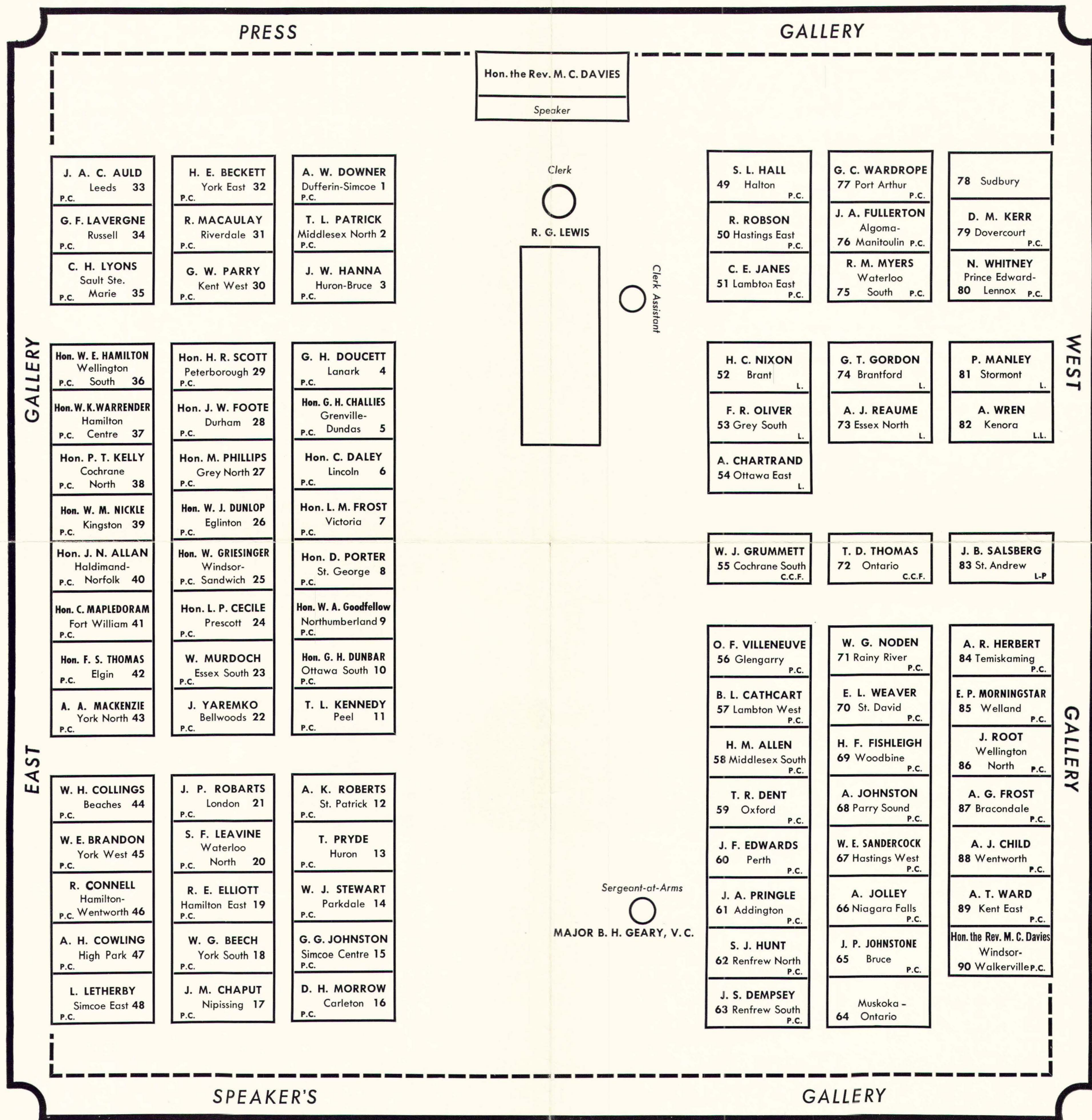


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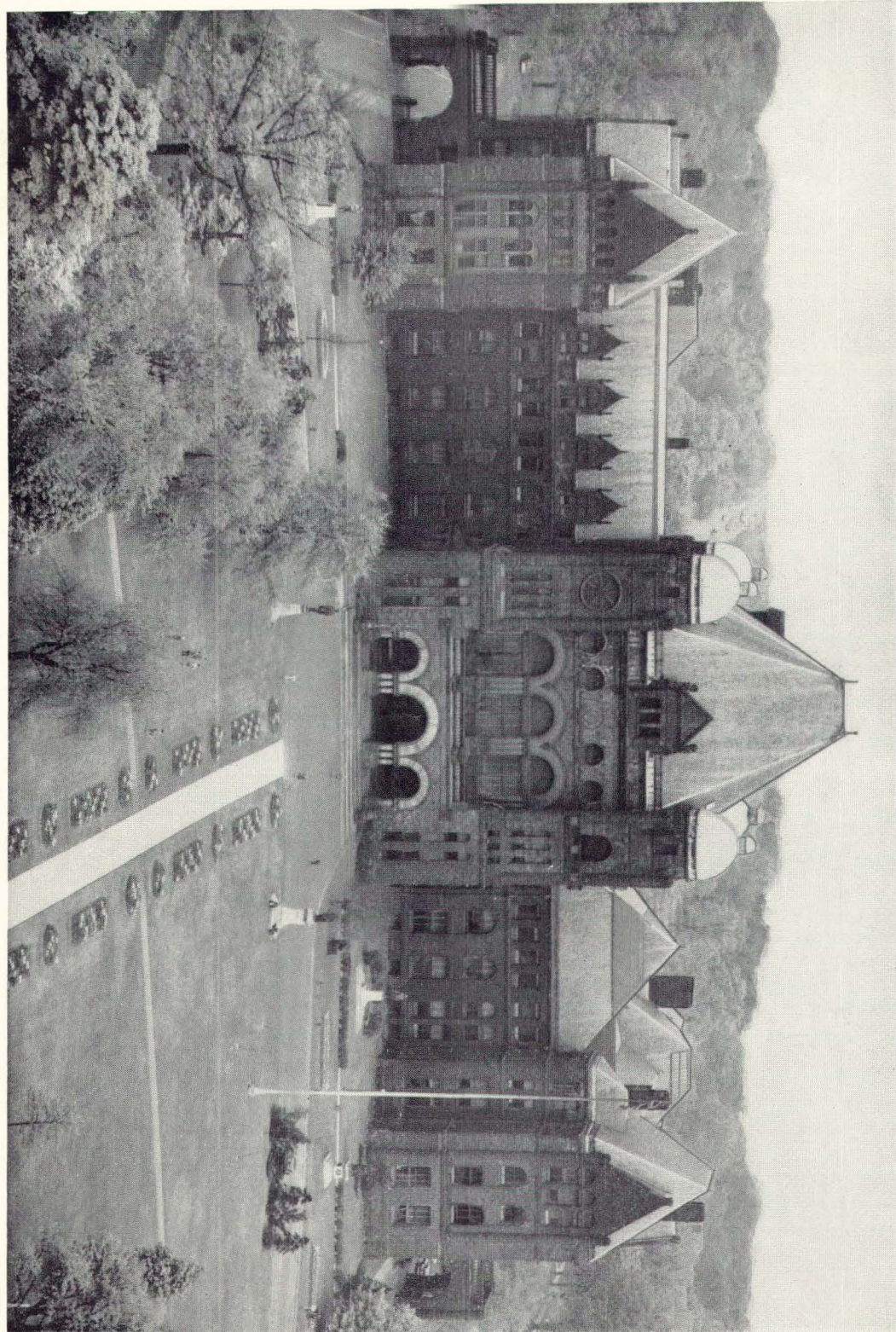


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PRAYERS

*Read by the Speaker at the Opening of the Legislature each day
(All Standing)*

O, Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and so replenish her with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way: Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies, and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Charles, Duke of Cornwall, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for Great Britain, Ireland and Her Majesty's other Dominions, so especially for this Province, and herein more particularly for The Lieutenant-Governor, and the House of Assembly, in their legislative capacity at this time assembled; that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and Her Province of Ontario, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessities for them, and for us, we humbly beg in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.—*Amen.*

HON. LOUIS O. BREITHAUP, LL.D. *Lieutenant-Governor*

HON. THE REV. M. C. DAVIES *Speaker of the House*

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— MACE —

It is interesting to note the development of the mace as an emblem of authority in British Parliaments. Originally it was a medieval weapon. Tradition has it that the mace was used in close combat, especially by ecclesiastics, to whom the sword was a forbidden weapon. Then it found a place among assembled lawmakers, not so much as an emblem of authority but as a very effective weapon, when vigorously wielded, in preserving order.

Wherever a British Legislature meets, a mace will be found on the table. The mace is the emblem of the Speaker's authority as the servant of the House, and is removed from its place on the table when the Speaker leaves the chair or the House goes into committee, or rises.