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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18 AND
25 BERKELEY STREET AND
265 AND 271 FRONT STREET EAST
CITY OF TORONTO, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, on the 28th and 29th days of October, 1996 decided to designate the lands and buildings known municipally as 25 Berkeley Street and 265 and 271 Front Street East (First Parliament Site).

Short Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Designation

The properties at 25 Berkeley Street, 265 Front Street East, and 271 Front Street East, collectively known as the First Parliament Site, are recommended for designation for historical reasons.


After moving the capital of Upper Canada from Newark to York (Toronto) in 1793, Lt. Gov. Simcoe commissioned the construction of a new legislature on land south of Front Street, between Berkeley and Parliament streets. It consisted of two brick buildings joined by a covered walkway. The buildings opened in 1797. The buildings were destroyed during the American invasion of 1813, rebuilt, and inadvertently burned again in 1824. Parliament moved to a new location on Front Street West in 1829.

The legislative buildings were instrumental in helping to establish York as the new capital of Upper Canada.

The Toronto Historical Board's Heritage Property Report (Long Statement of Reasons for Designation) respecting the property is available for viewing at the City Clerk's Department at City Hall and the offices of the Toronto Historical Board.

Notice of an objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk, Second Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, M5H 2N2, within thirty days of the 10th day of December, 1996, setting out the reason(s) for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Toronto this 10th day of December, 1996.


for Sydney K. Baxter
City Clerk