

**SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

In seventy years there have been only 65 Speakers of the House of Commons. Mr. Abbot was chosen in 1862, and remained fifteen years, retiring in 1887. Mr. Lowther was succeeded by Mr. Charles Mancroft, who was a Speaker until the dissolution of the last Parliament. In the meeting of the next Parliament Mr. Lowe renounced his seat, and the Speaker was then elected Mr. Granville Leveson-Gower, a gentleman of large majority. Mr. Lowther was then created Viscount Leveson.

Mr. Granville Leveson-Gower, Speaker, was returned for the division of the West Riding of Yorkshire, and in the election of the new Parliament Mr. Granville Leveson-Gower was again returned. At the meeting of the new Parliament, in March 1862, as Viscount Leveson. On the 30th of April, 1867, Mr. E. B. Pendarves, who had been Speaker, resigning his high position after a service of nearly nineteen years, was returned for the division of the Oldham constituency, in Lancashire, and his successor in the Speaker's chair was Mr. John A. W. Peel. Mr. Peel was succeeded by Mr. A. J. Balfour, who has been Speaker in the House of Commons. Mr. Balfour is the younger son of the late Mr. A. J. Balfour, of South Kensington, London. He is succeeded by Sir Henry E. Swinburne, who is the younger son of the late Mr. E. Swinburne, of South Kensington, London. He is a member of the present House of Commons.

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