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ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



*His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Knight Commander of
the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
1887.

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD:

J. C. WITHERS, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor.
[L. S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of JULY instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the NINTH day of SEPTEMBER next. I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the NINTH day of SEPTEMBER next, as aforesaid; of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Seventh day of July, A. D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,
pro Colonial Secretary.



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G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.
[L. S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the NINTH day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of NOVEMBER next. I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of NOVEMBER next, as aforesaid; of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Second day of September, A. D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



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Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor.
[L. S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of NOVEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of DECEMBER next. I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of DECEMBER next, as aforesaid; of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Eighth day of November, A. D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor.
[L. S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of FEBRUARY next. I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of FEBRUARY next, as aforesaid, *then to meet for despatch of business*; of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.

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G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS I did, by Proclamation, dated the THIRTEENTH day of DECEMBER, A. D. 1886, summon the Legislature of this Colony to meet on this day (THURSDAY) the SEVENTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, for the despatch of business; and whereas I had appointed the hour of Two of the clock of this day for the opening of the Session; and whereas I am unable, personally, to meet the Legislative Council and House of Assembly upon their coming together for the business of the said Session, and to declare in person the causes of their being summoned; and whereas I have declared the said causes in writing, under my hand of the same date as these presents:

Now, therefore, I do, by this my Proclamation, declare the Second Session of the Fifteenth General Assembly for this Colony to be now opened for the despatch of business.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, February 17th, 1887.

This being the day appointed for the meeting
of the Legislature,

At One of the Clock the House met.

Council meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Hon. Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

At Two o'clock, P. M., the Honorables Edward D. Shea, Augustus W. Harvey, and Charles R. Ayre, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor to read His Excellency's Speech, who was unable, from illness, to attend at the opening of the Legislature, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and having taken their seats, the Honor-

Commissioners
appointed to read
His Excellency's
Speech.

able the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that their attendance is desired at the Bar of the Council; and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

To the Honorables EDWARD
G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, D. SHEA, AUGUSTUS W.
[L. S.] HARVEY, and CHARLES R.
AYRE.

Commission to
Hon'bles E. D.
Shea, A. W.
Harvey and C. R.
Ayre.

KNOW YE, that I, G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, being unable, from illness, to attend in my own proper person at the meeting of the Second Session of the Fifteenth General Assembly of the Legislature, appointed by Proclamation to take place on this (Thursday) the Seventeenth day of February instant, do hereby nominate and appoint you, the said Honorables EDWARD D. SHEA, AUGUSTUS W. HARVEY, and CHARLES R. AYRE, Commissioners, for me and on my behalf as Governor as aforesaid, to attend at the time and place appointed for meeting of the said Legislature, and for me and on my behalf as Governor aforesaid, to read the Speech, copy whereof is written and certified under my hand, and to observe all such ceremonies as are usual and proper.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, at St. John's,
this Seventeenth day of February,
A. D. 1887.

His Excellency's
Speech read.

Then the Hon'ble Edward D. Shea, one of the said Commissioners, read the following Speech to both Houses:—

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly;

I have much pleasure in meeting you again in Session, and am especially glad that at a time of unusual moment the affairs of the Colony will have the advantage of your combined attention.

I regret that I am unable to offer you congratulations upon a condition of public prosperity.

The staple industries of the Colony have, during the past year, been attended with very unfavorable results, which have seriously affected our population.

The Seal fishery was only partially successful, and the diminished produce sold at very low prices.

The Herring and Salmon fisheries were also exceptionally unproductive.

As regards our most important industry, the Cod-fishery, the results have been equally unfavorable. Along the Northern coast of the Island it has been an almost complete failure, and on the Labrador coast the quantity of the product has been fully one-third below the average, and though the reduction thus occasioned in the amount of our exports, has probably been largely compensated by the good fortune which attended the fishermen on the Banks and on the Western coast; the advantage hence derivable have been neutralized by the extreme depression of prices produced by the bounty-supported competition of foreigners.

Agricultural operations, though in some districts the potato crop was a failure from disease, have, on the whole, been attended with a fair measure of success.

Governor's
Speech—

(Continued.)

The mining industry has, during the year, shown a substantial increase of activity, and gives indications of further development in the near future.

Though there was thus not an entire absence of promising features in the record of our industrial pursuits, their general results were such as to render evident that a large proportion of the population of the Eastern and Northern coasts of the Island had failed to secure the means of subsistence for the coming winter, and that, in the absence of remedial measures, severe and wide-spread destitution was inevitable.

In devising such measures my Government was guided by a desire to avoid, wherever possible, the evils of gratuitous relief, and has confined the necessary expenditure, as far as practicable, to wages for labor on works of public utility.

The details of this expenditure will, in due course, be laid before you, from which you will find that my Government has had special regard to the recommendations of the recent joint address of your Honorable Houses for the construction of new lines of roads in agricultural districts. It may thus be hoped that one result of this outlay will be increased attention on the part of our people to the cultivation of the soil.

In inviting you to confirm the action of my Government taken under those circumstances, I take the opportunity of expressing the hope that that action will not be regarded as implying either a duty or an intention on their part to undertake similar relief-works in future, except under the pressure of an equally serious emergency. The resources of the Colony are unable to bear the frequent repetition of such a strain; and it is only by greater providence on the part of the people, during times of comparative abundance, that we

can hope to escape very serious calamities in the not distant future. I will, therefore, earnestly urge upon all persons of influence in the community to inculcate this virtue to the utmost of their ability and by all means within their reach.

Governor's
Speech—
(Continued.)

Nr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly;

I regret to inform you that owing to the causes already referred to, the Customs' Revenue has fallen below the estimate. I rely upon you to make such provision as the circumstances render expedient.

The public accounts for the past and the estimates for the coming year, will, in due course, be laid before you.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly;

I am glad to be able to announce that during the past summer a convention was concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of Spain, by which the tariff inequalities were removed that have hitherto affected our fishery products in the markets of that country.

The Colony has been invited to take part in an International Exhibition of fish and fish products, to take place at Barcelona in the autumn of the present year, and the Government has intimated their acceptance of this invitation. I confidently hope that this concurrence of favorable influences will tend to the improvement and extension of commercial relations between the kingdom of Spain and this Colony.

I have further to announce that a proposition has been made by Her Majesty's Government for

Governor's
Speech—
(Continued.)

the participation of this Colony in a Conference of Colonial Representatives, which it is intended to hold early this year in London, for the purpose of consultation upon matters of general interest, including questions relating to defences, postal and telegraph arrangements, and other important subjects. I trust that my Government may be in a position to respond to this invitation, and that the Colony may derive benefit from the proposed deliberations.

The period provided by the contract with the Newfoundland Railway Company, for the completion of the line to Hall's Bay, having terminated in May last, the failure of the Company to construct by far the larger portion of this line has raised the question as to the liability of the Colony to continue payment of subsidy; and that question is now the subject of litigation between the Government and Company.

The contract with the Allan Company for the Ocean Mail Service being terminable by either party upon twelve months' notice, to be given in the month of January in any year, my Government, deeming it inexpedient to continue the Service on the present basis, have given notice to the Company of the termination of the contract in January of next year.

The occasion appears to be opportune for dealing at the same time with the Coastal Steam Service, with a view to its establishment on an improved footing for the future, and my Government is, therefore, giving to this subject its careful consideration.

The question of the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, including the improvement of its sewerage, appears to be now ripe for final disposition, and I do not doubt that the proposals which may be made to you will receive

that attention which the importance of the subject deserves.

Governor's
Speech—
(Continued.)

I had earnestly hoped to be able to inform you of Her Majesty's gracious allowance and confirmation of the Bill for the preservation of Bait fishes, which was passed unanimously last Session by both of your Honorable Houses, and was generally regarded as the sole available means of relieving the trade of the Colony from its existing depression.

It is, therefore, with profound regret that I announce the receipt, a few days ago, of a telegraphic message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying the intimation of the inability of Her Majesty's Government to allow the Bill for this year, owing to the near approach of the fishery season, and to the fact that foreign capital has already been expended in connection with the season's operations.

The promised despatch, which is to give further explanation of the grounds of this decision, has not yet arrived, but my ministers, inferring from the above message that a similar measure will be permitted to take effect after the coming season, will forthwith submit to you another Bill with the same objects.

If their view should prove correct, I trust that there is reason for hoping that the Colony will enjoy greatly improved prospects in 1888.

But as the delay of a whole year, which will cause very serious loss to the Colony, has been presumably occasioned out of consideration for Imperial interests, my ministers contemplate representations to Her Majesty's Government such as they hope will have the effect of securing that the whole weight of the burthen shall not be borne by this small community.

Governor's
Speech—
(Continued.)

In conclusion, I have to note, with gratitude to the Almighty, that the country has during the year been entirely free from dangerous epidemic disease, and that the conduct of our people, notwithstanding their severe trials, has, on the whole, shown a remarkable absence of serious crime.

In now inviting you to commence your deliberations, I earnestly trust that our united efforts may, under the Divine blessing, result in advantage to the Colony and its people.

(Signed,) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

His Excellency's
Speech read by
Clerk.

A copy of his Excellency's Speech having been left with the Hon'ble the President, it was read by the Clerk.

Hon'ble Mr.
Fenelon's Com-
mission read.

The Commission appointing the Honorable Maurice Fenelon a member of the Legislative Council was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme,

Select Committee
on Address of
Thanks.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His gracious Speech.

Ordered,—That Honorables Messrs. Syme, Pitts, Harvey, Cleary, and Monroe, be appointed for that purpose.

Resolution on
death of Hon. E.
White.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the following Resolution was moved and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Legislature Council have to regret the demise, since the last Session, of the Hon. Edward White, who for a very long period was engaged in public life in this Colony. His vast practical experience in its trade

and fisheries was always at the service of the Legislature, and this Island has profitted greatly by his experience. The Council beg to tender their sincere sympathy with Mrs. White and family.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session. Notices of motion,

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House all Despatches which have passed between His Excellency the Governor or the Government of this Colony and the Imperial Government on the subject of the Bait Bill, and the French claims for fishery privileges on the Newfoundland Coast ;

Also, for a copy of Instructions issued to Sir Ambrose Shea on these subjects, on his late visit to the Colonial Office, and any communication that may have been received from that gentleman on these subjects, and at as early a date as possible.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Saturday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Saturday, February 19th, 1887.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Hon. Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Deputation with Bait Bill. A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes."

The Deputation having retired,

Bait Bill read 1st time. The said Bill, upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice of motion. The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of the House as regards the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes."

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies. Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Colonial Secretary and Hons. Messrs. Harvey, Ayre, Cleary and Monroe, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe laid upon the Table a ^{Petition laid upon Table.} Petition from Henry W. Seymour, praying to be appointed to the vacant post of Doorkeeper.

Ordered,—To be referred to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harvey asked ^{Question asked.} the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House all Despatches which have passed between His Excellency the Governor or the Government of this Colony and the Imperial Government on the subject of the Bait Bill, and the French claims for fishing privileges on the Newfoundland coast; also, for a copy of Instructions issued to Sir Ambrose Shea on these subjects, on his late visit to the Colonial Office, and any communication that may have been received from that gentleman on these subjects, and at as early a date as possible.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the ^{Reply.} papers should be laid on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, ^{Notice of Bill.} on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals.

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} Monday next, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.



Monday, February 21st, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT,

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

TALBOT,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday last were read.

Motion for discussion with closed doors on Bait Bill.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the discussion on the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes," be conducted with closed doors.

The question being put, there appeared,—

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| Cleary, | Syme. |
| Pitts, | |
| McLoughlan, | |
| Monroe, | |
| Bowring. | |

So it passed in the affirmative, and
Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table a Petition laid on Table. Petition from the Merchants, Planters, and Fishermen of Harbor Grace, upon the subject of the Sale and Exportation of Bait.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Bait Bill read 2nd time. motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes," was read a second time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of the House, 35th Rule suspended on Bait Bill. as regards the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes," be suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Committee on Bait Bill. House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes."

The Hon. Mr. Syme in the Chair. Chair taken.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend- Bill reported. ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received. Report received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and Bait Bill read 3rd time and passed, and sent to Assembly, passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Message from
Assembly.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up the following message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and also the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Exportation and Sale of Bait, to which they request the concurrence of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
21st February, 1887. }

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

The following are the Addresses:—

Address to His
Excellency the
Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint Your Excellency that they have passed the accompanying Address to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and they beg that Your Excellency in Council will be pleased to appoint such suitable persons as Your Excellency may approve as Delegates to London, forthwith, to present the said Address, and to urge the favorable consideration thereof upon Her Majesty's Government.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
February 21st, 1887. }

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker,

*To the Right Honorable Her Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for the
Colonies :*

SIR,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Session convened, have had under consideration the subject of our Coast fisheries, in relation to the operations of foreign fishermen and their competition in our markets. The history of this important matter was exhaustively examined in an Address, from both branches of our Legislature, to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies in May last. This Address accompanied a Bill, passed in the last Session, to control the sale of Bait to foreigners, and set forth the reasons for the adoption of that measure, and with such completeness and force as to claim its confirmation by Her Majesty's Government, for whose sanction it had been reserved.

Address to the
Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

The Council and House of Assembly had not contemplated the possibility of successful opposition to their views in this case. The measure was the outcome of a state of things which placed all our interests in a perilous position. We accordingly passed the Bait Act as a measure of self-preservation, and this was so clearly shown in the Address that accompanied it, that we saw no room for doubt of the cordial concurrence of Her Majesty's Government in this endeavour to guard the integrity of our trade and the well-being of our population.

It was, therefore, with feelings of profound disappointment and regret that we learned from His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, and from your Despatch to him, of the 3rd instant, that Her Majesty will not be advised to give her sanction to this Bill.

Address to the
Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

—(Continued.)

This announcement awakened a public sentiment that has had its expression in the immediate passage of another similar Bill, which took precedence of all other business in the Legislature, and will be transmitted immediately for the approval of Her Majesty's Government. We most earnestly trust that the result of this renewed effort in support of our rights may not be another disappointment with its ruinous consequences.

When we learn from your Despatch that the main reason for the refusal of our Bill is that its present adoption would "inflict grave loss on the French fishermen," we cannot forbear from the expression of our surprise at this apparent disregard of the sufferings of our fishermen, and of the British interests which are thus made subservient to the purposes of foreigners. The people of this Colony have the right in our fisheries, and foreigners have not; and we cannot see those rights surrendered in defiance of our appeals, without expressing our deep sense of the injustice to which our people are thus called on to submit.

Your Despatch sets forth that, further information is required to enable Her Majesty's Government to appreciate the true character and bearings of our Bait Bill. The Address of the Legislature, already referred to, in possession of Her Majesty's Government, is pregnant with facts in justification of that measure, and appears to us to exhaust the whole subject. But while we fail to see any want of completeness in the evidence already supplied, every desire is felt to satisfy any further reasonable requirements in this respect.

It would further appear from your Despatch that, in support of the objections to the measure, much importance is given to the fact that, the Bait traffic has been long recognized, and has only of late been resisted. We thought the reasons for this change of view had been fully explained in

the representations recently made to Her Majesty's Government. The traffic was permitted so long as the bounty-assisted fisheries of France found a market in that country for their produce. But within the last three years the great increase in their fisheries has gone far beyond the requirements of their home markets, and we find them meeting us in Spain, Italy and other European countries, and with the bounty equal to sixty per cent. of the value of the fish, they are fast supplanting us; the reduced value of our staple industry from this cause already representing a fairly estimated sum of £250,000 per annum, under conditions that menace us with a still more serious decline. In these facts our change of view of the Bait traffic is but too well warranted, and we have abundant reason for the application of the remedy provided in the Bait Act. In furnishing our rivals with bait we promote the evils we have to contend with, and our only course is to terminate this suicidal traffic.

Address to the
Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

—(Continued.)

We are but too conscious that, from the causes referred to, the condition of our trade awakens a sense of great anxiety at the present moment; while we have full trust in the future, if only permitted by Her Majesty's Government to legislate as we see fit for the protection of what belongs to us. We regret we cannot safely accept your view of waiting to test by further experience the question how much longer, and to what further extent our trade will bear up against the adverse influences that now prevail. Our ability to sustain ourselves against undue competition would be no argument for obliging us to contribute to its continuance, while the perils of such an experiment are too obvious to warrant its acceptance.

Her Majesty's Government, in proposing that they should be the judges of the effect of our measures on our local interests, are not, we humbly submit, in a position to discharge that duty with safety or advantage. When it is suggested that, as

Address to the
Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

—(Continued.)

regards our Bait Act, a consultation with the French may lead to a remedy being found in some other direction for the admitted evils, this proposal would appear to have originated with a want of knowledge of the situation. A free supply of Bait to the French from our coasts means the effacement of our British trade and the exodus of our population, and forbids all thought of possible equivalents. We, moreover, must decline respectfully to accept the view that the French, or any other foreign power, has a status or consultative claim in the control or disposition of our property, and we humbly demur to any recognition of their pretensions in this respect. We acknowledge no authority but that of the Imperial Government, and their rights of dominion are wisely limited by our constitutional powers, which secure for us the free exercise of our instructed intelligence in the management of our local affairs.

The decision of Her Majesty's Government leaves us to deal with disheartening prospects for another year, the effects being already seen in the restriction and abandonment of proposed enterprise, but we cannot believe that any alleged difficulties will be allowed further to supersede the rights and mar the fortunes of the loyal people of this Colony struggling to maintain their position as an independent and honorable appendage of the British Crown.

House of Assembly, }
Feb. 21st, 1887. }

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Address to the
Secretary of State
for the Colonies
read and adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the Exportation and Sale of Bait was read and adopted, and

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House concurs in the said Address.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Address to His Excellency the Governor on the above subject be concurred in. Motion for Address to the Governor.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Harvey moved in amendment,

That after the words "suitable persons" in the Address, insert the following words, "Members of Her Majesty's Council and House of Assembly;" and the question on the original motion having been put, there appeared Amendment.

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So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the foregoing amendment having been put, there appeared

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So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Address, as amended, was then read and adopted, and Amended Address read and adopted.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the said Address with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

The amendments are as follows:—

Amendments.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Address to His Excellency the Governor for concurrence respecting the Delegation to proceed to London on the subject of the Bill to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes.

After the words "suitable persons" in said Address, insert the words "Members of Her Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly," and insert at head of the said Address the words "The Legislative Council and."

President informs the House of the Governor's assent to Bait Bill.

The Hon. the President having left the House for some time, upon his return announced that he had, in company with the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly, attended at Government House, and that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to signify his assent to the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes."

Address of Thanks read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. Syme, from the Select Committee to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice to suspend 35th Rule as to Address of Thanks.

The Hon. Mr. Syme gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of the House as regards the Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, February 24th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present,

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Minutes read.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, February 28th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Report of
Printing and
Contingencies
Committee,

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House, submitted the following Report, which was received and read:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
28th February, 1887. }

The Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies of the Legislative Council submit the following appointment,—That Edward Morris be appointed Door-keeper of the Legislative Council at a Salary of One hundred and eighty Dollars a year, and that a part of his duty shall be to see that the Council Chamber will be kept in a cleanly condition throughout the year and the Newspapers furnished duly filed.

(Signed,) M. FENELON,
Chairman.

A. W. HARVEY,
C. R. AYRE,
P. CLEARY,
M. MONROE.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Notice of motion.

Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Committee to inspect the Journals of the Honorable House of Assembly in reference to the Joint Address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and, also the proposed Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the Exportation and Sale of Bait, and a message be sent to the House of Assembly acquainting them thereof.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 1st, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHIAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme, the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor was read a second time, and

Address of
Thanks read
2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented "A Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals." which was read a first time.

Sealing Bill
read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved the appointment of a Committee to inspect the Journals of the Honorable House of Assembly in reference to the Joint Address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and, also the proposed Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the Exportation and Sale of Bait, and that a

Committee to
inspect Journals
of Assembly.

message be sent to the House of Assembly acquainting them thereof.

Ordered,—Accordingly, and that the Hon'bles Messrs. Pitts, Monroe and Syme, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, March 2nd, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Committee on
Address of
Thanks.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme, the House went into Committee on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

A message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

A Deputation from the Assembly brought up the following message :

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they consent to the inspection of its Journals in reference to the proceedings upon the Address respecting the Bill for the regulation and Sale of Bait by the Committee of the Council appointed for that purpose, in the Office of the Clerk, presently, or at such time as may be found convenient by the Council and notified to the Clerk.

Message from Assembly consenting to inspection of Journals,

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
2nd March, 1887. }

The Deputation having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement shewing—

Notices of motion,

First—What is the amount of Customs' duties collected in the various Outports of the Colony for the last three years ;

Second—What are the amounts of salaries and other sums paid for the collection of said duties, and to whom paid ;

Third—Whether there have been any seizures made for smuggling or violation of the Customs' Act, and if so, the amount of value of goods so

seized, by whom and where the seizures were made and the names of the smugglers, if any ;

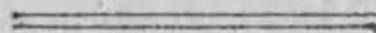
Fourth—Whether it is the intention of the Government to put forth any special effort during the coming season to more fully carry out the Customs' Act on the Western and South-western Coasts of this Island, and to cripple the extensive system of smuggling carried on from St. Pierre.

Hon. Mr. McLoughlan gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to provide means for improving the Harbor accommodation for small crafts in the Harbor of St. John's, by opening, dredging, and improving that part of the Harbor public domain, immediately to the Eastward and to the Westward of the Long Bridge, in said Harbor.

Hon. Mr. McLoughlan gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any action will be taken by the Government to provide a public wharf and landing place in the Harbor of St. John's.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.



Thursday, March 3rd, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present,

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme, the House went into Committee on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

Chair taken.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address.

Address reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Syme moved that the 35th Rule of the House, with reference to the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, be suspended, and

35th Rule suspended.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Syme, the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Address of Thanks read 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Deputation of the whole House.

The Address is as follows :—

Address.

*To His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ;—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech on the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

We share in the regret expressed by Your Excellency, that the present industrial condition of the Colony is not a subject of congratulation.

We concur in the views expressed by Your Excellency, respecting the unfavourable results of our Fisheries during the past year, affecting as they do, not only our operative population, but the people in general, as all are more or less dependent on these staple industries.

It is satisfactory to find, that notwithstanding the partial failure of the potato crop, Agricultural operations have been fairly successful.

It is gratifying to be informed that Mining operations afford evidence of still further development in the near future.

We hope the measures devised by Your Excellency's Government for meeting the wide-spread destitution, consequent on the failure of our fisheries, and for confining the Expenditure, as far as practicable, to wages on public works, may result

in the attainment of the desired end ; but the Council cannot but look with the greatest apprehension on the effects that may be produced by accustoming the people to depend on the Government providing employment for those who do not provide for themselves during the fishing season.

Address—

(Continued.)

We thank your Excellency for the promise to lay before us the details of this expenditure, and we trust that such outlay may result in increased attention to agricultural pursuits. Any measures submitted to us with reference to these matters will receive our best attention.

We are pleased with your Excellency's announcement that during the past summer a Convention was concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of Spain, by which the Tariff inequalities were removed that have hitherto unfavourably affected our staple in the Spanish markets.

We trust that the International Exhibition of fish and fish products, to take place at Barcelona in the course of the present year, an invitation to participate therein having been accepted by your Excellency's Government, may promote the extension of Commercial relations between the Kingdom of Spain and Newfoundland.

We regret to notice the failure of the Newfoundland Railway Company to complete the line to Hall's Bay within the period provided by the Charter, the construction of by far the larger portion of the line remaining unfinished, and that the question of the Colony's liability is at present the subject of litigation.

The Ocean Mail Service, as well as the Coastal Steam Service, are subjects of the first importance. We will give our best attention to any measures that may be suggested for their improvement.

Address—
(Continued.)

Any proposals that may be made respecting the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, including the improvement of its Sewerage, will be fully considered.

We received with deep regret the announcement of a telegraphic message from the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating the inability of Her Majesty's Government to allow the Bill for the preservation of Bait Fishes for this year, owing to the near approach of the fishery season, and to the fact that Foreign capital has already been expended in connection with the season's operations. We feel that great injury has thus been inflicted on this Colony; and believing that the objection as suggested applies only to the present season, the Legislature has already passed another Bill for the preservation of our Bait Fishes, to which your Excellency has been graciously pleased to assent. We therefore trust that the beneficial effects hoped for from this measure may be soon fully experienced.

We agree with your Excellency in the opinion, that the delay has been presumably occasioned out of consideration for Imperial interests, and we anticipate that the contemplated representations on the matter will have the effect of securing that the whole burthen of the loss involved shall not be borne by this Colony.

We unite in the expression of gratitude to the Almighty that this country has, during the past year, been entirely free from dangerous epidemics.

The absence of serious crime, always a pleasing characteristic of our people, notwithstanding the hardships and privations to which they are occasionally subjected, cannot be too highly commended.

With Your Excellency we earnestly hope that our united efforts may, under the Divine blessing, result in advantage to the Colony. Address—
(Continued.)

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Legislative Council, }
3rd March, 1887. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, March 4th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
Honorable Messrs. HARVEY,
AYRE,
CLEARY,
PITTS,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals, was read a second time, and Sealing Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Questions asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement shewing—

First—What is the amount of Customs' duties collected in the various Outports of the Colony for the last three years ;

Second—What are the amounts of salaries and other sums paid for the collection of said duties, and to whom paid ;

Third—Whether there have been any seizures made for smuggling or violation of the Customs' Act, and if so, the amount of value of goods so seized, by whom and where the seizures were made and the names of the smugglers, if any ;

Fourth—Whether it is the intention of the Government to put forth any special effort during the coming season to more fully carry out the Customs' Act on the Western and South-western Coasts of this Island, and to cripple the extensive system of smuggling carried on from St. Pierre.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the papers should be prepared.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. McLoughlan asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to provide means for improving the Harbor accommodation for small crafts in the Harbor of St. John's, by opening, dredging, and improving that part of the Harbor public domain, immediately to the Eastward and to the Westward of the Long Bridge, in said Harbor.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. McLoughlan asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any action will be taken by the Government to provide a public wharf and landing place in the Harbor of St. John's.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Reply.

The Hon. the President read the following communication :—

Communication as to reception of Address.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
4th March, 1887. }

SIR,—

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor will be prepared to receive the Legislative Council with their Address in Reply to his opening Speech, on Saturday, the 5th instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

M. FENELON,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. the President,
Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre, from the Joint Select Committee on the Printing and Publishing of the Sessional Papers of both Houses, presented a Report of the same, which was received and read.

The Report is as follows :—

The Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislature to deliberate on the Printing and Publishing of the Sessional Papers of both Houses with power to sit out of Session thereon, beg to report that they have considered the matters to them referred, and have come to the following Resolutions which they submit as their Report ;

Report of Joint Committee on the Printing of Journals and Sessional Papers.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Joint Committee that it is expedient that the Journals of each House should be printed separately, and that the Papers which heretofore have been printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each House should be printed in a separate volume as a Blue Book of Sessional Papers.

Resolved,—That the selection of such Sessional Papers as are to be printed, should be relegated to a Joint Committee of both Houses, and that no Paper shall be printed without the signature of the Chairman of such Committee.

Resolved,—That these Resolutions be submitted to both Houses.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) CHAS. R. AYRE,
Chairman.

J. SYME,
CHAS. BOWRING,
PHILIP CLEARY,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
PATRICK J. SCOTT,
STEPHEN R. MARCH,
GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,
D. J. GREENE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
House of Assembly,
February 12, 1887.

Report adopted,

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Adjourned,

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at a quarter to Twelve o'clock, A. M.

Saturday, March 5th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Minutes read.

At 12 o'clock, noon, the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Council proceeds to Government House with Address of Thanks.

At a quarter past 12 o'clock the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return an answer thereto in the following words :

Council returns.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

His Excellency's Reply.

I have heard your Address with pleasure, and am glad to receive therefrom additional assurance that the subjects brought by me to your notice will have your attentive consideration.

(Signed,) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

Government House,
 5th March, 1887. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present, The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read,

The Minutes of Saturday last were read.

The Honorable the President read the following communication :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Nfld., 8th March, 1887. }

SIR,—

Leave of absence
granted to Hon.
J. S. Pitts.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has granted leave of absence to the Hon. James S. Pitts, from to-day, for probably the remainder of the Session.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) SLINGSBY W. BETHELL,
Private Secretary.

The Hon. the President
of the Legislative Council.

Committee on
Sealing Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the House went into Committee on the Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals.

The Hon. Mr. Syme in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Hon. Mr. Bowring gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to state the reason why the Post Office was not open on Sunday last for the delivery of Mails by S. S. *Newfoundland*, (all of which were not put into the boxes on Saturday night), and by whose authority the said delivery of Mail matter did not take place as usual on Sunday, as has always been the case heretofore. Notices of motion,

Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Public Analyst in connection with the sale of Spirituous and Malt Liquors and such purposes.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Thursday, March 10th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*. Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read. Minutes read,

Committee on
Sealing Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the House went into Committee on the Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress
reported.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Bowring asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to state the reason why the Post Office was not open on Sunday last for the delivery of Mails by *S. S. Newfoundland*, (all of which were not put into the boxes on Saturday night), and by whose authority the said delivery of Mail matter did not take place as usual on Sunday, as has always been the case heretofore.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied by laying on the Table a letter from the Chief Clerk of the Post Office.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Public Analyst in connection with the sale of Spirituous and Malt Liquors and such purposes.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the number of miles that is shewn by preliminary Survey to be the probable length of the road now being built from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia;

Also, showing at what part of Placentia the road is to have its termination ;

Also, stating how many miles of the road were graded up to March 1st, and what is the greatest distance from Harbor Grace Junction at which gangs are now working ;

Also, to ask how many sleepers have been contracted for by the Government to date, and for what purpose they are intended ;

Also, whether it is the intention of the Government to continue work on the Placentia Line after the present season of distress is ended and the outfit for the codfishery commenced.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, March 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Monday, March 14th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*. Members present,
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the House went Committee on Sealing Bill,

into Committee on the Bill to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals.

The Hon. Mr. Syme in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harvey asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House a statement shewing the number of miles that is shewn by preliminary Survey to be the probable length of the road now being built from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia;

Also, showing at what part of Placentia the road is to have its termination;

Also, stating how many miles of the road were graded up to March 1st, and what is the greatest distance from Harbor Grace Junction at which gangs are now working;

Also, to ask how many sleepers have been contracted for by the Government to date, and for what purpose they are intended;

Also, whether it is the intention of the Government to continue work on the Placentia Line after the present season of distress is ended and the outfit for the codfishery commenced.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the statement asked for should be laid on the Table.

Notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Syme gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any effort has been made by the Government to make an arrangement with the Newfoundland and

New York Telegraph Company whereby a reduction in the cost of Messages to the Northward may be effected.

The Hon. Mr. Syme gives notice that he will, Notice of notice.
on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to inform this House if any action has been taken by the Government to appoint Delegates to attend the Conference of Colonial Representatives in London, and if such appointments have been made, that copies of instructions to them be laid on the Table.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up the following Message:— Message from Assembly respecting Municipal Affairs.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly have appointed a Select Committee of their Body, consisting of eight members, to consider and report upon the subject of the management of the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's and other matters, and respectfully request that the Legislative Council will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their Honorable Body to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Assembly on this subject.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

House of Assembly, }
March 14th, 1887. }

The Deputation retired.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he Notice of motion.
will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the Amendment of the Criminal Law.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he Notice of motion.
will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to Repeal an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep and other purposes," and to make other provision for the same.

Notice of motion. The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly appointed on the subject of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's and other matters.

Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 15th, 1887.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Sealing Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the Bill to regulate the taking and right of property in Seals, was read a third time, and

Passed and entitled. Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass, and be entitled “An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in Seals,” and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to Assembly with Bill. Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, informing them

that this House had passed the same and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Syme asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any effort has been made by the Government to make an arrangement with the Newfoundland and New York Telegraph Company, whereby a reduction in the cost of Messages to the Northward may be effected. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Syme asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to inform this House if any action has been taken by the Government to appoint Delegates to attend the Conference of Colonial Representatives in London, and if such appointments have been made, that copies of Instructions to them be laid on the Table. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill for the amendment of the Criminal Law was read a first time, and Criminal Law Amendment Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," and to make other provision for the same, was read a first time, and Sheep Protection Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Select Committee on Municipal Affairs.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to confer with the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of

the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's and other matters; and that the Honorables Messrs. Harvey, McLoughlan, Monroe and Syme, be a Committee for that purpose, and that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly to this effect.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Arrangement between the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and the Government, with regard to messages from and to points in this Island beyond the lines of the Anglo-American Line.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, March 18th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, March 18th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present, The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill for the amendment of the Criminal Law was read a second time, and

Criminal Law amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harvey asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Arrangement between the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and the Government, with regard to Messages from and to points in this Island beyond the lines of the Anglo-American line.

Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Reply.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 22nd day of March, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Mr. HARVEY, *Senior Member presiding.*
The Hon. Mr. McLOUGHLAN.

Members present:

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, Senior Member presiding, declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 23rd March, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Hon. Mr. HARVEY, *Senior Member presiding.*

Hons. Messrs. TALBOT,
AYRE,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, March 18th, and Tuesday, March 22nd, were read.

Committee on
Criminal Law
Bill,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme, the House went into Committee on the Bill for the amendment of the Criminal Law.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Deputations with
Preservation of
Books;
Discipline in
H. M. Ships;
and Post Office
Bills,

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books;"

Also, a Bill entitled "An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on

board Her Majesty's Ships, without the consent of the Commander thereof;"

Also, a Bill entitled "An Act for the Protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office."

The Deputations having retired, the said Bills, ^{Bills read first time.} upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, were severally read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Thursday, at half-past Four o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, March 24th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
TALBOT,
AYRE,
CROWDY,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Minutes read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill ^{Criminal Law} for the amendment of the Criminal Law was re-^{Bill re-committed.} committed.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Ordered that the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time, pursuant to the Order of the Day, and

Bill read 3rd time, passed and entitled.

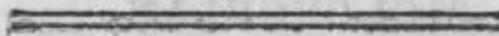
Ordered,—That the said Bill do now pass, and be entitled “An Act for the amendment of the Criminal Law,” and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Sent to Assembly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same, and requesting concurrence therein.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, March 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.



Monday, March 28th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CROWDY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

Members present,

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better Preservation of Sheep and other purposes, and to make other provision for the same," was read a second time, and

Sheep Protection Bill, read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Copies of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books," was read a second time, and

Preservation of Books Bill, read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board Her

Bill relating to Discipline in H. M. Ships, read 2nd time.

Majesty's Ships without the consent of the Commander thereof," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Post Office
Protection Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Protection of the Post Office," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Dr. Crowdy gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether the Government purpose putting into operation at any time a law which already exists on the Statute Book for Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, the 30th March, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 30th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read,

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books." Committee on Preservation Books' Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep and other purposes, and to make other provision for the same." Committee on Sheep Protection Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Currency." Message from Assembly with Currency Bill.

The Deputation having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Currency Bill
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Currency," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 31st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, March 31st, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Preservation of
Books' Bill read
3rd time and
passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books," was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep and other purposes, and to make other provision for the same." Committee on Sheep Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 1st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, April 1st, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

McLOUGHLAN,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled Committee on Bill relating to Discipline in H. M. Ships.

“An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board Her Majesty's Ships without the consent of the Commander thereof.”

The Hon. Dr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Post Office Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for the Protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office.”

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Currency Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Currency,’ ” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Dr. Crowdy asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether the Govern-

ment purpose putting into operation at any time a Law which already exists on the Statute Book for Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 4th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Monday, April 4th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday, April 1st, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President having announced to the House the recent death of the Hon. Edward Morris,

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Ordered—That this House do forthwith adjourn until To-morrow, (Tuesday), at half-past Four o'clock, and the House adjourned accordingly. House adjourned upon death of Hon. Edward Morris.

Tuesday, April 5th, 1887.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
TALBOT,
AYRE,
CLEARY,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYMNE,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Monday last were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the following Resolution was moved and unanimously adopted:—

Resolution on death of Hon. Edward Morris.

Resolved,—The Legislative Council have learned with deep regret of the death of the Honorable Edward Morris, late President of this Council, and by virtue of that office at different times Administrator of the Government.

The Council desire to place on record their high sense of Mr. Morris's long and valuable services, and to convey to Mrs. Morris and her family the expression of their sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Ordered—That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mrs. Morris, with a letter from the President, expressing their sympathy.

Deputation with Culling of Codfish Bill.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board Her Majesty's Ships without the consent of the Commander thereof," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Bill relating to Discipline in H. M. Ships, read 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Protection of the Post Office and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Post Office Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill "To provide for the better preservation of Sheep and for other purposes."

Committee on Sheep Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled

Committee on Currency Bill.

“An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “Of the Currency.”

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Culling of Cod-fish Bill read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish,” was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Petition laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre laid upon the Table a Petition from Colin R. Taylor of Carbonear, upon the subject of the prohibition of Liquors.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to continue work on the Placentia Line after the present season of distress is ended and the outfit for the Cod-fishery commenced.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 12th, at half-past Four o'clock, P.M.

Tuesday, April 12th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 5th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following letter from Mrs. Morris :—

Letter from
Mrs. Morris.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1887.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of condolence to me in my trouble, and the copy of the Resolutions passed by the Honorable Legislative Council, conveying their expressions of esteem and regret for their late President. I tender to you and the Members of the Council my heartfelt thanks with those of my family for your generous and cordial sympathy and for the high appreciation of your Honorable Body of the merits and services of my dear husband.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. MORRIS.

The Hon. the President of the
Legislative Council.

Re-Committal of
Sheep Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill
“To provide for the better preservation of Sheep
and for other purposes,” was re-committed.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third
time to-morrow.

Currency Bill
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on
motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill
sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Title 25,
Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of
the Currency,’” was read a third time and passed,
and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem-
bly, with message, that this House had passed the
same without amendment.

Culling of Cod-
fish Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on
motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill
sent up, entitled “An Act to regulate the Culling
of Cod-fish,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harvey asked
the Hon. Colonial Secretary whether it is the in-
tention of the Government to continue work on
the Placentia Line after the present season of dis-
tress is ended and the outfit for the Cod-fishery
commenced:

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Notice of Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Syme gives notice that he will,
on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend

Chapter 90 of the Consolidated Statutes, "Of Insolvency."

On motion made, the House adjourned until **Adjourned.**
To-morrow, Wednesday, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

AYRE,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill "To provide for the better preservation of Sheep and for other purposes," was read a third time.

Sheep Bill read
3rd time and
passed.

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep and for other purposes," and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, informing them that this House had passed the same and requesting concurrence therein.

Committee on
Culling of Cod-
fish Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish."

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress
reported.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

Referred to Select
Committee.

Ordered,—That the Bill entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish," be referred to a Select Committee of this House, and

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Honorables Messrs. Colonial Secretary, Monroe and Bowring, be a Committee for that purpose.

Insolvency Bill
read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Syme, the Bill to amend Cap. 90 of the Consolidated Statutes, "Of Insolvency," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until To-morrow, Thursday, at half-past Four o'clock, P.M.

Thursday, April 14th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Minutes read.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education"; also, a Bill entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company"; which Bills, upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, were severally read a first time, and

Deputations with Bills.

Bills read 1st time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 18th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, April 18th, 1887.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 20th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 20th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*. Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 CROWDY,
 PITTS,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 SYME,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read. Minutes read.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
 Friday next, April 22nd, at half-past Four o'clock,
 P. M.

Friday, April 22nd, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*. Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CROWDY,
 CLEARY,
 PITTS,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read. Minutes read.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Postmaster General for 1886.

Report of Surveyor General for 1886.

Report of Medical Officer, Labrador, for 1886.

Criminal Statistics and Report of Governor Penetentiary for 1886.

Expenditure for Relief of Poor, 1886.

Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank for 1886.

Report of the Affairs of the Union Bank for 1886.

General Statement of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland, 1886.

Report of Pickled Fish Inspection Service, 1886.

Report of Superintendent Methodist Schools, 1886.

Education Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Water Company
Bill read 2nd
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the General Water Company," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table a Petition laid on Table. Petition from the Planters, Fishermen and others resident of Harbor Grace upon the subject of a Labrador Bank Fishery.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Monday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 25th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

- The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 AYRE,
 CROWDY,
 PITTS,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary from the Select Report of Select Committee on Culling of Cod-fish Bill, presented and adopted. Committee on the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish," presented the following Report, which was received and read, and

Ordered,—To be referred to the Committee of the Whole on said Bill.

The following is the Report :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
25th April, 1887. }

Report.

The Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council to consider the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish," report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and that they recommend the adoption of the Bill with certain amendments, which they beg to submit to the Council.

(Signed,) M. MONROE,
CHAS. BOWRING,
M. FENELON.

Committee on
Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education."

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress
reported.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Notices of motion.

Hon. Mr. Syme gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if, on the resumption of the Northern Mail Service on the opening of navigation, the Government are making arrangements, or have already done so, to bring the District of St. Barbe into fortnightly communication with St. John's.

Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, call the attention of the Hon. Colonial Secretary to a statement made in the *Evening Tele-*

gram of 17th January last, to the effect that previous to 1st January, 1887, the London and Westminster Bank had advanced a large Sum of Money in Newfoundland Debentures, and to ask where the Record of such a transaction in the Accounts submitted to the Legislature by the Government or the Savings' Bank may be found; and if no such Record exist to explain how any such transaction could have taken place without such a Record.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. to-morrow, Tuesday, the 26th April, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, April 26th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education."

Committee on Education Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

Deputations with Bills.

Deputations from the Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship Building and for other purposes";

Also, a Bill entitled "An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service."

Chair resumed.

The Deputations having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

Education Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Water Company Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the General Water Company."

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Ship-building Bill read 1st time. Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building and for other purposes," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Liability of Employers' Bill read a 1st time. Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. To-morrow, Wednesday, April 27th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 27th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 PITTS,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read. Minutes read.

Water Company
Bill read 3rd
time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the General Water Company," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Ship-building Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Syme asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary if, on the resumption of the Northern Mail Service on the opening of navigation, the Government are making arrangements, or have already done so, to bring the District of St. Barbe into fortnightly communication with St. John's.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Petition read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Petition of the Planters, Fishermen and other residents of Harbor Grace, relative to a Labrador Bank Fishery was read

Deputation with
Message.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Administrator based upon the Resolutions therein set forth, and they respectfully request the concur-

rence of the Legislative Council to the same as a Joint Address of both branches of the Legislature.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
April 26, 1887. }

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland and its Dependencies. Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration and passed the following Resolutions :—

Whereas the competition which our fish products encounter from other countries operating so seriously to the disadvantage of our own fishermen, teaches us that the fisheries of this country require more attention, encouragement and scientific care and supervision. And whereas, this attention, encouragement, care and supervision can be best secured and attained by the formation of a special department having the management and control of all matters relating to our fisheries ;

Be it therefore Resolved,—That House of Assembly respectfully request His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to cause a Commission to be appointed to enquire into and report upon the constitution and working of Fishery Departments in other countries, with a view to the establishment of a similar department in this country, most respect-

fully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into consideration and appoint a Commission, with such instructions and powers as may be considered necessary, to inquire into and report upon the constitution and working of Fishery Departments in other countries, with a view to the establishment of a similar department in this country, and provision will be made for the same.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
April 26th, 1887. }

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the Address sent up from the House of Assembly upon the subject of an enquiry as to a Fishery Department.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until To-morrow, Thursday, April 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, April 28th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish."

Committee on Culling of Cod-fish Bill.

Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

Deputations from the Assembly brought up for concurrence,—

Deputations with Bills.

A Bill, entitled "An Act to make provision for the trial of Controverted Elections";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly."

The Deputations have retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building and for other purposes.”

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Election Members, Corrupt practices, and Controverted Elections Bills, read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly” ;

Also, “An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections” ;

Also, “An Act to make provision for the Trial of Controverted Elections,” were severally read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until To-morrow, Friday, April 29th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, April 29th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish."

Committee on Culling of Codfish Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Bill reported with Amendments.

Ordered,—That the report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation

Liability of Employer's Bill, read 2nd time.

for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Deputations with
Bills.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries."

Election Mem-
bers Bill read
second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Corrupt Practices
Bill read second
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Controverted
Elections Bill
read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for

the Trial of Controverted Elections," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," was re-committed. Re-committal Education Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bills sent up, entitled respectively: "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies;" "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes;" "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries;" "An Act to amend Title XXVI., Chapter 99, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of a Marine Court of Enquiry;'" were severally read a first time, and Revenue, Supply, Coast Fisheries, and Marine Court of Enquiries Bills, read a first time,

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Documents:— Documents laid on Table.

Report of Examiner-in-Chief Masters and Mates, 1886.

Report of Philip Hubert, on Herring Fishery Protection Service, 1886.

Report of Philip Hubert on cruise of S. S. *Greyhound*, to prevent Barring of Herring.

Report of Thomas Marshall, on Herring Fishery Protection Service, 1886.

Report of Henry Camp, on Fishery Protection Service, 1886.

Annual Report of St. John's Electric Light Company, 1886.

Annual Report of Colonial Cordage Company, 1886.

Annual Report of the Avalon Gold Mining Company, 1886.

Annual Report of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company, 1886.

Annual Report of Newfoundland Steam Screw Tug Company, 1886.

Annual Report of Archibald's Tobacco Works, 1886.

Annual Report of Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, 1886.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to place on the Table of the House a list of the Members of the Directors of the Church of England Academy; and also to enquire from the Secretary of this Board, and acquaint the House, whether the alterations in the status of the said Academy made by the proposed Bill had been submitted to such Board for their discussion before the 25th day of April instant.

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, May 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 2nd, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Culling of Codfish Bill, as amended, read third time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same with some amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish."

Amendments.

Expunge the first five Sections of the Bill and insert in place thereof the following :—

I.—No person shall Cull Codfish as between Vendor and Vendee in place or places under the

Amendments—
(Continued.) operation of this Act, unless such person shall have been previously sworn before a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, faithfully, and without fear, favor, or affection, to discharge the duties of a Fish-culler.

II.—The oath to be taken by such Culler shall be in the form of Schedule A to this Act.

III.—No person shall Cull Codfish as between Vendor and Vendee in the Towns of St. John's, Harbor Grace, Carbonear, Trinity, Catalina, King's Cove, Greenspond, Bonavista, Twillingate, Fogo, Burgeo, Harbor Briton, Gaultois, and such other ports or places as the Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, direct, without first having obtained a Culler's License from a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.

IV.—No person shall be Licensed as a Culler to Cull Fish as between Vendor and Vendee in any of the places that may come under the operation of this Act, unless upon the recommendation of three persons of known experience as Cullers, which recommendation shall state that the applicant for such License is competent to perform the duties of a Culler of Codfish, and is a fit and proper person to be granted a Culler's License under this Act.

V.—The License to be granted as aforesaid shall be in the form of Schedule B to this Act: Provided, that such License shall continue in force for a period of five years, and may be renewed at the expiration of that time for a like period, and so on from time to time for the number of years aforesaid. The fees for such License shall be One dollar for the first License and Fifty cents for each renewal of License; the said fees shall be paid to the Receiver General for the use of the Colony: Provided, that this charge shall not apply to such Culler who shall satisfy such Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace that he has regularly

acted as a Culler for three years previous to the Amendments—
passing of this Act. (Continued.)

VI.—Any person who shall Cull Codfish as between Vendor and Vendee in any of the aforesaid Towns, or in any other places under the operation of this Act, without being the holder of a License, shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding Ten dollars, or, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a period of not exceeding ten days for said offence.

VII.—Any person who shall accept from any Vendor or Vendee by whom he shall be employed, or from any person on behalf of such Vendor or Vendee, any payment, reward, or gift of any kind whatsoever for his services as a Culler of Codfish, other than the market rate for Culling Codfish, shall be subject to a penalty of not exceeding Fifty dollars, or, in default of payment thereof, imprisonment for a period of not exceeding two months for any such offence as aforesaid contained in this Section, and also shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit his License as a Culler of Codfish.

Re-number the 6th Section of the Bill as the 8th. Expunge the word "or" from the first line thereof, and after the word "Carbonear" in the second line, insert the words "Twillingate, Fogo, Greenspond, Bonavista, King's Cove, Catalina, Trinity, Harbor Briton, Burgeo, or Gaultois."

IX.—In case of any dispute arising between a Vendor and Vendee as to the Culling of any Codfish by any Licensed Culler engaged in Culling the Fish of such Vendor, such dispute shall be forthwith referred to the immediate determination of two sworn Cullers, one to be appointed by the Vendor or his Agent, and one by the Vendee or his Agent, and the decision of such sworn Cullers shall be final and binding between the parties; and in case the said two Arbitrators cannot agree

Amendments—
(Continued.)

they shall call in the assistance of a third competent person, and the decision of any two such Arbitrators shall be final and binding between the parties. The fee for such arbitrament shall be One dollar to each Culler, and Five dollars for Umpire, one-half to be paid by each party.

X.—Every Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace granting such Licenses as aforesaid, shall, in each year, make out, sign, and transmit to the Colonial Secretary a statement shewing the person or persons to whom such License or Licenses has or have been granted, and the date of such License or Licenses.

11th. Re-number Section 7 of the said Bill as the 11th, and from the first and second lines thereof expunge the words "Collectors and Sub-Collectors of Customs and Preventive Officers."

Re-number the 8th, 9th, and 10th Sections of the Bill as the 12th, 13th, and 14th Sections respectively.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harvey asked the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to place on the Table of the House a list of the Members of the Directors of the Church of England Academy, and also to enquire from the Secretary of this Board, and acquaint the House, whether the alterations in the status of said Academy made by the proposed Bill had been submitted to such Board for their discussion before the 25th day of April instant.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied.

Committee on
Amendments on
Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Amendments upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education."

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of Money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury for the service of the Colony." Deputation with Bill.

The Deputation having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Amendments without amendment. Amendments on Education Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the House go into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes." Motion for Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Whereupon, the Hon. Mr. Cleary moved in amendment, Amendment.

That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House to report thereon.

And the motion upon the Amendment being put—

Ordered,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon; and Referred to Select Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Cleary, Harvey, Monroe, Syme, and Colonial Secretary, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled Committee on Liability of Employer's Bill.

“An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.”

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Bill Election of Members of Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly.”

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Corrupt Practices Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections.”

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received ; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the Trial of Controverted Elections." Committee on Controverted Election's Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received ; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was read a second time ; and Revenue Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes," was read a second time ; and Supply Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Coast Fisheries
Bill, read second
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries," was read a second time; and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Marine Court of
Enquiry Bill,
read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Title XXVI, Chapter 99, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of a Marine Court of Enquiry," was read a second time; and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 3rd, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Education Bill, motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill read third time, sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," as amended, was read a third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Liability of Employers Bill, read third time and passed. motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service," was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Election of Members of Assembly Bill, read third time and passed. motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly," was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Corrupt Practices Bill, read third time and passed. motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Amendment is as follows :—

18th Section.—From the last line thereof Amendment. expunge the words "Guilty of an offence against

this Act," and insert in place thereof the words "liable to a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, to be recovered in a summary manner before a Stipendiary Magistrate."

Controverted
Elections Bill,
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the Trial of Controverted Elections," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary—

Education Bill
passed.

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education" do pass, and be sent to the Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same with some amendments, in which they request their concurrence.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education."

Amendments on
Education Bill.

Section 62.—From the second and third lines expunge the words "for the Supervision and Inspection of all Board and Training Schools in the Colony."

Section 66.—From the first line expunge the word "the," and from the second line of same Section expunge the words "of both sexes."

Section 72.—At the end thereof add the words "the General Protestant Academy and of the Harbor Grace Grammar School."

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes"; Deputations with Bills.

Also, the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals," to which Bills they had made certain amendments, and in which amendments they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies." Committee on Revenue Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes." Committee on Supply Bill.

The Hon. Dr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received ; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Coast Fisheries'
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 47th Vic., Cap. 8, relating to the Coast Fisheries."

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received ; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Marine Court of
Enquiry Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Title XXVI., Cap. 99, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of a Marine Court of Enquiry.'"

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received ; and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of the Colony," was read a first time; and Indemnity Bill
read first time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

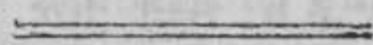
On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," were read a first time; and Amendments on
Sheep Bill read
first time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals," were read a first time; and Amendments on
Sealing Bill read
first time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.



Wednesday, May 4th, 1887.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
TALBOT,
CLEARY,
PITTS,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Revenue Bill,
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Supply Bill, read
third time and
passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes," was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Act 47th Vic., Cap. 8, relating to the Coast Fisheries,” as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Coast Fisheries Bill, read third time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 3.—After the word “person” in the 2nd line, expunge the word “having,” and insert in place thereof the words “shall have.”

Amendments.

After the word “bultow” insert the word “and.”

From the 4th line, same Section, expunge the words “not thereby forfeit his,” and insert in place thereof the words “have the.”

At the end of the Section add the words “for a period of One Week from the time when it was so taken up.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Title XXVI., Cap. 99, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of a Marine Court of Enquiry,’” was read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same.

Marine Court of Enquiry Bill, read third time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Indemnity Bill,
read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of the Colony," was read a second time; and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Amendments on
Sheep Bill, read
second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," were read a second time; and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Deputations with
Amendments,
Message, and
Address relative
to Fishery rights.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish";

Also, the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the question of the proper arrangement between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of France, relative to the Newfoundland Fisheries, beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Address and Resolutions, to which they respectfully request the concurrence of your Honorable House.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
May 4th, 1887. }

ADDRESS.

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
K. C. M. G., Administrator of the Govern-
ment of Newfoundland and its Depen-
dencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had under Address.
consideration the arrangement entered into be-
tween Her Majesty's Government and the Govern-
ment of the Republic of France, dated at Paris,
the Fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1885, re-
lative to the Newfoundland Fisheries, and trans-
mitted for ratification to the Legislature of this
Colony, through Your Excellency, by the Despatch
of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for
the Colonies, No. 14, of date the 26th day of Janu-
ary, A. D. 1886, beg to inform Your Excellency
that they have, after considerable deliberation,
passed the following Resolutions, which they res-
pectfully request Your Excellency to transmit to
Her Majesty's Government with expressions of
our respect and loyalty.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
May 4th, 1887. }

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have re- Resolutions.
cognized in the most solemn manner the jurisdic-
tion of the Government of this Colony over the
Coastal Fisheries and Territory of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies, and have acknowledged that
the said Fisheries and Territory cannot be alien-
ated except with the consent of the Local Legisla-
ture, and have, by the Despatch accompanying the
arrangement of 1885, made between France and
Great Britain concerning that part of our Coasts

Resolutions—
(Continued.) whereon the French have certain fishery privileges, further recognized, as essential to the validity of the said arrangement, its ratification by our Local Legislature;

And whereas the arrangement would place the French in possession of the principal Harbors on the Coast between Cape Ray and Cape John, to the practical exclusion of British Fishermen from any of the fishing privileges of that Coast;

And whereas the said arrangement gives jurisdiction to Commanders of French cruisers in matters criminal as well as civil, to the disregarding of those principles and procedures to which, as British subjects, we are accustomed and entitled in Tribunals of Justice;

And whereas the French Fisheries on our Coasts are sustained and stimulated by an enormous bounty from the French Government to French fishermen, and our people are in consequence unduly burdened in their competition in foreign markets to the almost complete exclusion of their fish products from the said markets;

And whereas this proposed arrangement seeks to assert, perpetuate, and legalize a claim to the purchasing of Bait by the French in all the parts of this Colony, without any reservation of power on the part of the Colony to restrict them by Local Legislation;

And whereas the great decline of late years of the inshore Fishery of this Colony has necessitated the turning of our attention to the Bank Fishery and the economizing of the supply of bait fishes, in which ample proof of a marked decadence has been shewn within the past few years;

And whereas the power of restricting the supply of Bait on our Coasts to nations competing with

our people in an industry which is the staple support of the Colony, is vital to the commercial existence of this Country, which relies principally on its fisheries for the maintenance of its population;

Resolutions—
(Continued.)

And whereas no acceptable equivalent is ceded to this Colony for those large and important concessions proposed to be made by us to the French by this arrangement:

Be it therefore Resolved,—That for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, and by virtue of that Constitutional Right which has been so often and so clearly admitted by Her Majesty's Government to exist in the Legislature of this Colony, we do consider it our bounden duty in the interests of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in Newfoundland and elsewhere, to respectfully decline to assent to the arrangement now proposed for our ratification.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
May 4th, 1887. }

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly to consider the arrangement proposed to be entered into by the Governments of Great Britain and France, relative to the Treaties between the two Countries on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries, presented the following Report, which was received, read and adopted:—

Report of Select Committee on Fishery Treaty Rights, presented and adopted.

Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the proposed Arrangement on the Treaties between Great Britain and France on the Newfoundland Fisheries.

The Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly to

Report.

Report—

(Continued.)

consider the Arrangement proposed to be entered into by the Governments of Great Britain and France, relative to the Treaties between the two Countries on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries, beg to report:

That they gave, during the last Session of the Legislature, their most earnest consideration to the matter to them referred;

That they arrived at the conclusion that several of the stipulations contained in the Arrangement would be most detrimental to the interests of this Colony;

That they had prepared certain Resolutions, as herein contained, which would have been presented during the last Session of the Legislature as a Report, but that communications were made to the Committee, on behalf of the Colonial Office, requesting them to await the arrival of His Excellency the Governor and Mr. Pennell, delegate, who would meet the Committee and more freely explain the views of the Imperial authorities;

That this Committee accordingly acceded to this request, and had several interviews with Mr. Pennell, whereat very free discussion and interchange of opinions took place, as will be seen from a report of these conferences submitted herewith.

These led in the end to a very clear understanding on both sides of the points which this Colony could never yield—the one of greatest importance being contained in the 16th clause of the Arrangement, which provided for a permanent and unlimited supply of bait to the French.

The impossibility of the Colony assenting to this proposition being made perfectly clear to the representatives of the Imperial authorities, it was

pressed on the Committee that they should not shut the door to further negotiations for the time being by making their final report, but should ask to be allowed to sit during the recess of the Legislature, to receive communications from His Excellency the Governor touching the Imperial policy upon the subject matter to them referred, which, it was suggested, might lead to satisfactory results. Report—
(Continued.)

The Committee reported to the Legislature in this sense, and leave was granted to carry out their suggestion, and the Committee was strengthened by the appointment of additional members.

Contrary to the intention evidenced by the request on the one side and acquiescence on the other, in this suggestion, no such communication has been received; and an application to His Excellency for information whether the Committee might expect to receive any such communication has not resulted in a response leading the Committee to suppose that any proposition will be submitted to them.

The Committee, as at present constituted, therefore beg to confirm the following Resolutions of last Session, and submit them, together with the foregoing, as their Report:—

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have recognized in the most solemn manner the jurisdiction of the Government of this Colony over the Coastal Fisheries and Territory of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and have acknowledged that the said Fisheries and Territory cannot be alienated except with the consent of the Local Legislature, and have, by the Despatch accompanying the Arrangement of 1885, made between France and Great Britain concerning that part of our Coasts whereon the French have certain Fishery privileges, further recognized, as essential to

Report—
(Continued.) the validity of the said Arrangement, its ratification by our Local Legislature ;

And whereas the Arrangement would place the French in possession of the principal Harbors on the Coast between Cape Ray and Cape John, to the practical exclusion of British Fishermen from any of the fishing privileges of that Coast ;

And whereas the said Arrangement gives jurisdiction to Commanders of French cruisers in matters criminal as well as civil, to the disregarding of those principles and procedures to which, as British subjects, we are accustomed and entitled in Tribunals of Justice ;

And whereas the French Fisheries on our Coasts are sustained and stimulated by an enormous bounty from the French Government to French Fishermen, and our people are in consequence unduly burdened in their competition in foreign markets to the almost complete exclusion of their fish products from the said markets ;

And whereas this proposed Arrangement seeks to assert, perpetuate, and legalize a claim to the purchasing of bait by the French in all the parts of this Colony, without any reservation of power on the part of the Colony to restrict them by Local Legislation ;

And whereas the great decline of late years of the inshore Fishery of this Colony has necessitated the turning of our attention to the Bank Fishery and the economizing of the supply of bait fishes, in which ample proof of a marked decadence has been shewn within the past few years ;

And whereas the power of restricting the supply of bait on our Coasts to nations competing with our people in an industry which is the staple sup-

port of the Colony, is vital to the commercial existence of this country, which relies principally on its Fisheries for the maintenance of its population; Report—
(Continued.)

And whereas no acceptable equivalent is ceded to this Colony for those large and important concessions proposed to be made by us to the French by this Arrangement:

Be it therefore Resolved,—That for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, and by virtue of that Constitutional Right, which has been so often and so clearly admitted by Her Majesty's Government to exist in the Legislature of this Colony, we do consider it our bounden duty, in the interests of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in Newfoundland and elsewhere, to respectfully decline to assent to the Arrangement now proposed for our ratification.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*;
 M. MONROE,
 CHAS. R. AYRE,
 J. SYME,
 CHAS. CROWDY,
 CHAS. BOWRING,
 ROBERT THORBURN,
 J. S. WINTER,
 W. J. S. DONNELLY,
 A. F. GOODRIDGE,
 ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
 M. H. CARTY,
 GEO. H. EMERSON,
 ELLIS C. WATSON,
 A. BRADSHAW,
 H. W. LEMESSURIER,
 A. M. MACKAY.

COMMITTEE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, }
 St. John's, March, 1887. }

Committee on
Address upon
Fishery Depart-
ment Enquiry.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee of the Whole upon the Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, sent up from the House of Assembly, relative to an enquiry as to a Fishery Department.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Address reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received; and

Address passed.

Ordered,—That the said Address do now pass, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Amendments on
Sealing Bill read
second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals," were read a second time; and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Notices of
motion.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if it is correct that an order has been issued at the Customs' Department whereby duplicates of all Invoices presented there are to be deposited at the Customs' Department at the time goods are entered, and, if so, that he will ascertain the object of such order.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the following Address:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA;—

Address.

We, Your Majesty's Legislative Council of Newfoundland, humbly beg to tender our heartfelt congratulations on the attainment of the Jubilee Year of Your Majesty's most glorious Reign.

The years during which Your Majesty has Address—
 presided over the destinies of the British Empire (Continued.)
 have proved to it a period of unexampled happiness and prosperity. Its sphere of greatness and usefulness has extended until it has become a nation without parallel in the history of the world.

Still more without precedent is the affectionate loyalty which fills the hearts of the millions of Your Majesty's subjects toward Your Royal person.

The virtues which adorn the character of Your Most Gracious Majesty produce their bright reflection in every community over which British rule extends, and we would humbly express the hope that Your Majesty may long continue to exercise your most beneficent sway over the destinies, as well as the hearts of your loving subjects.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned,
 to-morrow, Thursday, May 5th, at half-past Four
 o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, May 5th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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| The Honorable Mr. SHEA, <i>President.</i> | Members present. |
| Honorables Messrs. HARVEY, | |
| TALBOT, | |
| AYRE, | |
| CROWDY, | |
| CLEARY, | |
| PITTS, | |
| McLOUGHLAN, | |
| MONROE, | |
| SYME, | |
| BOWRING, | |
| FENELON. | |

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read. Minutes read.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Commission upon the Consolidation of the Statute Law of the Colony.

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Church of England Boards, for the year ended 31st December, 1886.

Committee on
Indemnity Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the Service of the Colony."

The Hon. Dr. Crowdy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Sheep Bill
Amendments.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendments
reported.

The Chairman reported the Amendments without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the House went into Committee on the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals." Committee on Sealing Bill Amendments.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Amendments without amendment. Amendments reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary if it is correct that an order has been issued at the Customs' Department whereby duplicates of all Invoices presented there are to be deposited at the Customs' Department at the time goods are entered; and, if so, that he will ascertain the object of such order. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish," were read, and on motion, the said Amendments were adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Amendments on Culling of Codfish adopted and passed.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Assembly, informing them that this House had passed the said Amendments without Amendment.

Address and
Resolutions on
Fishery Rights,
read and adopted.

On motion of the Hon Mr. Harvey, the Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government and the Resolutions thereto annexed, relative to the arrangement entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of France respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries, were read, and

On motion the said Address and Resolutions were passed, and the Honorable the President signed the same; and

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Deputation with
Education Bill,
Amendments and
Bills.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant";

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes."

The Deputations retired.

Motion.

The Hon. Dr. Crowdy moved that the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," be read.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Harvey moved in Amendment
 amendment, that the said Amendments be read a
 first time ;

And the question on the Amendment being
 put, it was resolved in the affirmative ; and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Amendments were then read a first
 time ; and

Amendments on
 Education Bill,
 read first time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the
 Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act respecting Contracts
 and Agreements as between Landlord and Tenant,”
 was read a first time ; and

Landlord and
 Tenant Bill, read
 first time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

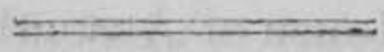
On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the
 Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to enable the Har-
 bor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital
 Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes,”
 was read a first time ; and

Harbor Grace
 Water Company
 Bill, read first
 time.

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until
 to-morrow, Friday, May 6th, at half-past Four
 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.



Friday, May 6th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Indemnity Bill,
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain Sums of Money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury for the service of the Colony," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Sheep Bill
Amendments,
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down from the Honorable the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," were read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that this House had passed the said Amendments without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals," were read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Sealing Bill Amendments, read third time and passed.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that this House had passed the said Amendments without Amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Crowdy the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," were read a second time, and

Amendments upon Amendments on Education Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant," was read a second time, and

Landlord and Tenant Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes," was read a second time, and

Harbor Grace Water Company Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-

Report of Select Committee on Shipbuilding, presented and read.

building, and for other purposes," presented the following Report, which was received and read:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
May 5th, 1887. }

Report.

The Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council to consider the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes," report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and that they recommend the adoption of the Bill, with certain Amendments, which they beg to submit to the Council.

(Signed,) PHILIP CLEARY, *Chairman.*
A. W. HARVEY,
J. SYME,
M. MONROE.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

1. The General Water Company Statement for 1886.
2. Volunteer Fire Company Detailed Statement, 1886.
3. Report of Mr. John Martin, Engineer of Water Company.
4. Report of Superintendent F. Winsor, of St. John's Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Deputation with
Bill.

Road Bill, read
first time.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for Constructing and Repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the Protection and Preservation of the same," which said Bill,

upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Monday next, May 9th, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Monday, May 9th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
TALBOT,
AYRE,
CROWDY,
CLEARY,
PITTS,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday, May 6th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Committee on
motion of the Hon. Dr. Crowdy, the House went Amendments
into Committee upon the Amendments made by upon Amend-
the House of Assembly in and upon the Amend- ments on Educa-
ments made by the Legislative Council in and upon tion Bill.
the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate
and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of
Education."

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Amendments
reported.

The Chairman reported the Amendments without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Landlord and
Tenant Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant."

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on
Harbor Grace
Water Company
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes." Committee upon Ship-building Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for Constructing and Repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same," was read a second time, and Road Bill, read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the following Address to Her Majesty the Queen upon the attainment of the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's Reign, was adopted and passed:— Jubilee Address to the Queen, passed.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA ;—

We, Your Majesty's Legislative Council of Newfoundland, humbly beg to tender our heartfelt congratulations on the attainment of the Jubilee Year of Your Majesty's most glorious Reign. Address to the Queen.

The years during which Your Majesty has presided over the destinies of the British Empire have proved to it a period of unexampled happiness and prosperity. Its sphere of greatness and usefulness has extended until it has become a nation without parallel in the history of the world.

Address to the
Queen—

(Continued.)

Still more without precedent is the affectionate loyalty which fills the hearts of the millions of Your Majesty's subjects toward Your Royal person.

The virtues which adorn the character of Your Most Gracious Majesty produce their bright reflection in every community over which British rule extends, and we would humbly express the hope that Your Majesty may long continue to exercise your most beneficent sway over the destinies, as well as the hearts of your loving subjects.

(Signed,) E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
May 9th, 1887. }

To be presented
by a Deputation.

Ordered,—That the foregoing Address be taken to His Excellency the Administrator by the Hons. Messrs. Harvey and Colonial Secretary, together with the following Address:—

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Administrator of the Government and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

Address to
Administrator.

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying congratulatory Address to Her Majesty upon the attainment of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's Reign.

The Council respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address.

(Signed,) E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
May 9th, 1887. }

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, ^{Notices of Motion.} on to-morrow, move for a Conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill now before the Council, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of the 35th Rule of the House as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow Tuesday, May 10th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 10th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 CROWDY,
 CLEARY,
 PITTS,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read. Minutes read.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table following Documents:—

Report of Mr. H. C. Burchell, Government Engineer on Placentia Line.

Report of Harbor Grace Water Company.

Report of Carbonear Water Company.

Report of Newfoundland Consolidated Copper Mining Company.

Report of Newfoundland Furniture and Moulding Company.

Annual Report of Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.

Amendments on
Amendments
on Education
Bill, read third
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," were read a third time.

Division.

And on motion that the said Amendments do now pass, there appeared for the motion:—

Contents—6.

Non-Contents—2.

Hons. Messrs. Ayre,
Crowdy,
Cleary,
McLoughlan,
Monroe,
Fenelon.

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Talbot.

Amendments
passed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly, and the Hon. the President signed the said Amendments.

Ordered,—That the said Amendments be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant,” was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Landlord and
Tenant Bill, read
third time and
passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes,” was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Harbor Grace
Water Company
Bill, read third
time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for Constructing and Repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.”

Committee on
Road Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled “An Act to make provision for the Construction of a

Deputations with
Railway Bill and
Message and
Address.

Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes” ;

Also, the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the matters of the accompanying Address, and having passed the same, respectfully request the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

(Signed,) ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
May 7th, 1887. }

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
K. C. M. G., Administrator of the Govern-
ment of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

Address.

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the expediency of providing a supply of Seed Potatoes for distribution throughout the Colony for the benefit of destitute persons in the several Districts, respectfully request that a Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars from the General Revenue be appropriated and applied for the purpose aforesaid, and this House will make provision for the same.

(Signed,) ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
May 6th, 1887. }

The Deputations having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend- Bill reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third
time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Placentia Rail-
way Bill, read
first time.
Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to make provision
for the Construction of a Line of Railway from the
Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Rail-
way to Placentia, and for other purposes,” was read
a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, from the Deputation Report of Depu-
tation on Jubilee
Address.
appointed to present the Address to His Excellency
the Administrator, to be forwarded to Her Majesty
the Queen, reported that His Excellency had been
pleased to receive the same, and to return the fol-
lowing Reply:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I shall have great satisfaction in forwarding to Administrator's
Reply.
Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the loyal
Address of the Legislative Council, congratulatory
on the attainment of the Jubilee year of Her Ma-
jesty's Reign.

(Signed,) F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Nfld., }
10th May, 1887. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
to-morrow, Wednesday, May 11th, at half-past
Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, May 11th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Road Bill, read
third time and
passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Constructing and Repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the Protection and Preservation of the same," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Committee on
Ship-building
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 45th Victoria, Chap. 6, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs'" ; Deputations with Bills.

Also, a Bill, entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony."

The Deputations having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of the House be suspended, as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., for the remainder of the Session, except as to the Bills, entitled respectively "An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes," and "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony," until they shall have passed through Committees of the Whole House. Thirty-fifth Rule suspended as regards all Bills, &c., except Railway and Loan Bills.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if, at the time of the present Hon. Receiver General being appointed, an Agreement was entered into by the Hon. the Premier to construct the Placentia Railway, and, if so, to lay a copy of that Agreement on the Table of the House. Notice of motion.

Customs' Consolidation Bill, read first time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 45th Victoria, Chap. 6, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs,'" was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Loan Bill, read first time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Address upon subject of Seed Potatoes, adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Address to His Excellency the Administrator sent up from the House of Assembly upon the subject of Seed Potatoes, was received, read and adopted.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them this House concurs in the said Address.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 12, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, May 12th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs, HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes."

Committee on Ship-building Bill.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

A Message from the House of Assembly being announced, the House resumed.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act respecting Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony";

Deputations with Bill, Message and Address.

Also, the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Address, to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Message.

(Signed,) ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, May 12th, 1887.

ADDRESS.

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
K. C. M. G., Administrator of the Govern-
ment of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

Address.

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the desirability of erecting Light-Houses upon certain parts of the Coast of this Colony, namely,—upon the Western Head of King's Cove; upon the Island of Marticot; upon Powles Head; upon Salmon Cove Points, at the entrance of the Bay of Islands; upon the Funk Islands; upon the Penguin Islands; at Herring Head, Fogo; on the Eastern Head of Random, Trinity Bay; and a Fog Alarm at the Southern Head, Baccalieu, respectively request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into consideration, and make such order thereon as may appear reasonable, and this House will make provision for the same.

(Signed,) ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, May 11th, 1887.

The Deputation having retired, the Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ship-building
Bill, read third
time and passed.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill, as amended, was read a third time presently and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same with an amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the construction of a Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes," be read a second time.

Motion to read Placentia Railway Bill second time.

Whereupon, the Hon. Mr. Harvey moved in Amendment, that the said Bill be read this day Six Months.

Amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Monroe,—

Ordered,—that the debate be adjourned.

Debate adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, May 13th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Friday, May 13th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present:

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

DEBTS

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Motion to read
Placentia Rail-
way Bill second
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes," be read a second time;

Amendment.

Whereupon, the Hon. Mr. Harvey moved in Amendment, that the said Bill be read this day Six Months.

And the question on the Amendment having been put, there appeared:—

Division.

| | <i>Contents :</i> | <i>Non-Contents :</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hons. Messrs. Harvey, | Hons. Messrs. Talbot, | |
| Ayre, | Cleary, | |
| Monroe, | Pitts, | |
| Syme, | McLoughlan, | |
| Bowring. | Fenelon. | |

And the votes being equal, the Hon. the President gave his casting vote against the Amendment,

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion been put, there appeared:—

Division.

| | <i>Contents :</i> | <i>Non-Contents :</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hons. Messrs. Talbot, | Hons. Messrs. Harvey, | |
| Cleary, | Ayre, | |
| Pitts, | Monroe, | |
| McLoughlan, | Syme, | |
| Fenelon. | Bowring. | |

And the votes being equal, the Hon. the President gave his casting vote in favor of the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and Bill read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 45th Victoria, Cap 6, entitled ‘An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs,’” Customs' Consolidation Bill, read second time. was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony,” Loan Bill, read second time. was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Address to His Excellency the Administrator, upon the subject of Light Houses, was received and read, and on motion that the said Address be adopted, there appeared :— Address on Light Houses read.

Contents—1.

Non-Contents—6.

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| Hons. Messrs. Talbot, Cleary, McLoughlan, Fenelon. | Hons. Messrs. Harvey, Ayre, Monroe, Syme, Pitts, Bowring. | <small>Division on motion for adoption.</small> |
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So it passed in the negative, and Rej eted.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Deputations from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled “An Act to make provision for the management of certain Municipal Affairs in the Town of St. John’s, and for other purposes” ; Deputations with Bill and Message.

Also, the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly request the Legislative Council to furnish them with the amount of their Contingencies for the present Session.

(Signed,) ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 12th, 1887. }

Railway Bill,
read first and
second time;

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony," was read a first and second time, and

Committed;

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported;

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read third time
and passed.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Municipal Bill,
read first and
second time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the Management of certain Municipal Affairs in the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, May 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, May 14th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
 TALBOT,
 AYRE,
 CLEARY,
 McLOUGHLAN,
 MONROE,
 SYME,
 BOWRING,
 FENELON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Minutes read.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes."

Deputation with Ship-building Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes."

Committee on Placentia Railway Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill reported.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Report be received,—

When there appeared,—

Contents :

Non-Contents :

Division on reception of Report.

Hons. Messrs. Talbot,
Cleary,
McLoughlan,
Fenelon.

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Ayre,
Monroe,
Bowring.

And the votes being equal, the Hon. the President gave his casting vote in favor of the motion.

Report received.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

When there appeared,—

Contents :

Non-Contents :

Division on third reading.

Hons. Messrs. Talbot,
Cleary,
McLoughlan,
Fenelon.

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Ayre,
Monroe,
Bowring.

And the votes being equal, the Hon. the President gave his casting vote.

Bill read third time.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill do now pass, and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Division on motion that the Bill do pass.

When there appeared a similar division as above.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he Notice of motion. will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole House upon the following Resolutions:—

Resolutions to be Moved in Committee of the Whole House.

Whereas at sundry time the House of Assembly Resolution have passed Resolutions and Addresses authorizing and requiring the expenditure of large sums of money, and the execution of works on account of the Colony, which Addresses and Resolutions have not been submitted to this Chamber for the assent of the Legislative Council;

And whereas large sums of money have been expended by His Excellency the Governor in Council, under cover of such Addresses, for which there has been no authorization by the Legislature, but which amounts of money have, during subsequent Sessions, been included in Loan and Indemnity Bills, containing provisions for other and legitimate expenditures, whereby the constitutional principle that no Legislative Act should be consummated without the assent of the three branches of the Legislature has been violated;

Resolved,—That the passing of Addresses to His Excellency the Governor in Council by the House of Assembly, and the expenditure of money under cover of or by virtue of the same by the Governor in Council, is a grave violation of the principles of the Constitution, and that it is the duty of this Chamber to reject any Loan or Indemnity Bill containing provisions for the legalising of such expenditures, and

Resolved,—That a copy of these Resolutions be submitted to His Excellency the Administrator, together with the accompanying Address:

ADDRESS.

Address.

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
K. C. M. G., Administrator of the Govern-
ment and Commander-in-Chief in and over
the Island of Newfoundland and its De-
pendencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ;—

The Legislative Council respectfully beg to submit to Your Excellency the accompanying Resolutions, relative to a very important matter of Constitutional practice, and humbly to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as may seem right in the premises, to prevent such a grave breach of Constitutional principle as is set forth therein.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday, May 16, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 16th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President.*
Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,
TALBOT,
AYRE,
CLEARY,
PITTS,
McLOUGHLAN,
MONROE,
SYME,
BOWRING,
FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday last were read.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre, from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislature to deliberate upon the Printing and Publishing of the Sessional Papers of both Houses, presented the following supplementary Report, which was received and read :

That the Printing of such Papers be given during the present term to Frederick W. Bowden upon the terms and conditions already arranged as to printing of Journals of the Assembly. Report on publishing Sessional papers.

That the previous Report of this Joint Committee be confirmed, except in this respect, that the selection of Sessional Papers to be printed should be relegated to a Joint Committee of both branches of the Legislature ; that said Committee have power to sit out of Session, and that such Committee shall, on or before the Twentieth day of May, decide as to what documents or papers shall be regarded as Sessional Papers to be so printed ; and that such Joint Committee shall be instructed to report to the Legislature, in the next Session, as to their proceedings and transactions in the premises.

(Signed,)

PHILIP CLEARY,
CHARLES R. AYRE,
CHARLES BOWRING,
J. SYME,
GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
H. W. LEMESSURIER,
STEPHEN R. MARCH,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
M. J. O'MARA,
P. J. SCOTT.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
May, 13, 1878. }

And, on motion of Hon. Mr. Ayre,—

Ordered—That the said Report be adopted.

Report adopted.

Petitions laid on
Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table a Petition from James T. Southcott and other Citizens of St. John's, upon the subject of the Municipal Bill ;

Also, a Petition from James Baird and other Citizens of St. John's, upon the same subject ;

Also, a Petition from John B. Ayre and other Citizens of St. John's, upon the same subject.

Committee on
Customs Con-
solidation Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 45th Victoria, Cap 6, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs.'"

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Bill read 3rd
time and passed.

The said Bill, upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, was then read a third time presently, and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Committee on
Loan Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony."

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend-^{Bill reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, upon motion, was read a third^{Bill read third time.} time presently, and passed, and the Hon. the Pre-
sident signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Peti-^{Petitions read.}tions from the Citizens of St John's upon the subject of the Municipal Bill, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the^{Shipbuilding Bill} Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the encourage-^{read a first and second time.}ment of Shipbuilding and for other purposes," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend-^{Bill reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and^{Read 3rd time and passed.} passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion made, the House adjourned until^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Tuesday, May 17th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 17th, 1887.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGELAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Document :—

Document laid on Table.

Report upon Public Schools of Newfoundland under Roman Catholic Boards for year ended December 31st, 1886.

Report on Printing and Contingencies read.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session, presented a Report of the same, which was received and read, and, on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege.

Committee of Privilege.

After some time the House resumed.

Report reported.

The Chairman reported the Report without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The Report is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to the Printing and Contingencies, report that they have examined the Accounts of the Acting Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod, and have considered other charges and expenses, and find them as follows:—

| | |
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| President Legislative Council | \$240 00 |
| Twelve Members of Legislative Council. | 1440 00 |
| Acting Clerk of Legislative Council | 600 00 |
| Contingent expenses of the Clerk | 88 88 |
| Usher of Black Rod | 600 00 |
| Contingent expenses of Usher of Black Rod | 334 57 |
| Reporter of Legislative Council | 850 00 |
| Acting Master-in-Chancery | 700 00 |
| For extra services | 50 00 |
| Doorkeeper of Council | 200 00 |
| Assistant Doorkeeper | 190 00 |
| Fireman of Legislative Council | 65 00 |
| Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Times</i> | 355 50 |
| Proprietor <i>Evening Telegram</i> , printing De- | |
| bates | 140 00 |
| Proprietor <i>Standard</i> , copying Debates ... | 100 00 |
| Proprietor <i>Times</i> , copying Debates | 100 00 |
| Proprietor <i>Colonist</i> , copying Debates | 100 00 |
| Proprietor <i>Twillingate Sun</i> , copying De- | |
| bates | 100 00 |
| Newspapers for Council and Members du- | |
| ring Session | 133 80 |
| Estimated expense for Printing and Bind- | |
| ing Journals | 500 00 |
| Mrs. Dicks, Binding Newspapers | 20 00 |
| Electric Light Co., for Session | 40 00 |
| | \$6.917 75 |

M. FENELON, *Chairman.*
 A. W. HARVEY,
 C. R. AYRE,
 PHILIP CLEARY,
 M. MONROE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, May 17th, 1887.

Ordered.—That the said Report be adopted and sent to the House of Assembly, with Message that this House had adopted the same, and requesting their concurrence therein.

Petitions read.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Petitions from certain Citizens of St. John's were read.

President read letter as to Prorogation.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Letter:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
17th May, 1887. }

SIR,—

Letter.

I have the honor to inform you that it is the intention of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to Prorogue the Legislature on tomorrow, the 18th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

M. FENELON.

The Hon. the President
Legislative Council,

Committee on Resolutions.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole House upon the following Resolutions:—

Resolutions.

Whereas, at sundry times the House of Assembly have passed Resolutions and Addresses authorizing and requiring the expenditure of large sums of money and the execution of works on account of the Colony, which Addresses and Resolutions have not been submitted to the Legislative Council for its assent;

And whereas large sums of money have been expended by His Excellency the Governor in Council under such Addresses, for which there has been no authorization by the Legislature, but which

amounts of money have, during subsequent Sessions, been included in Loan and Indemnity Bills containing provisions for other and legitimate expenditures, whereby the Constitutional principle that no Legislative Act should be consummated without the assent of the three branches of the Legislature, has been violated. Resolutions—
(Continued.)

Resolved,—That the expenditure of money by virtue of such Addresses is a grave violation of the principles of the Constitution, and that it is within the legitimate province of this Chamber to withhold ratification of expenditure contained in any Loan Bill to which previous assent had not been asked and given.

Resolved,—That a Copy of these Resolutions be submitted to His Excellency the Administrator, together with the accompanying Address.

(Signed,) E. D. SHEA,
President.

Passed the Legislative Council, }
May 17th, 1887. }

*To His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. Address.
CARTER, K. C. M. G., Administrator
of the Government and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ;—

The Legislative Council respectfully submit to your Excellency the accompanying Resolutions relative to a very important matter of Constitutional practice, and request that your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into consideration, and make such order thereon as may be deemed advisable.

(Signed,) E. D. SHEA,
President.

Legislative Council, }
17th May, 1887. }

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Resolutions reported.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That the said Address and Resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency the Administrator.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ayre,

Select Committee on Sessional Papers.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to co-operate with the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the Printing and Publishing of Sessional Papers, and that the Honorables Messrs. Ayre, Cleary, Syme and Bowring be a Committee for that purpose, and that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly to this effect.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow. Wednesday, May 18th, at half past Twelve o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, May 18th, 1887.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

Honorables Messrs. HARVEY,

TALBOT,

AYRE,

CROWDY,

CLEARY,

PITTS,

McLOUGHLAN,

MONROE,

SYME,

BOWRING,

FENELON.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Minutes read.

A Deputation from the House of Assembly brought up, for concurrence, a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature."

Deputation with Bill.

The Deputation having retired, the said Bill, upon motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, was read a first and second time, and

Contingency Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Administrator
arrives at
Council
Chamber.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Administrator, Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and acquaint the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

- Bills assented to
- An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.
 - An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for Constructing and Repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.
 - An Act to Consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education.
 - An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes.
 - An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board Her Majesty's Ships without the consent of the Commanders thereof.
 - An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers, and to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service.

An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements as Bills assented to.
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An Act to provide for the Preservation of Copies
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the Registration of such Books.

An Act for the Protection of the Post Office, and
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Post Office.

An Act to amend the Act Forty-five Victoria, Cap.
6, entitled "An Act to Consolidate the Laws
relating to the Customs."

An Act to amend Title XXVI, Chapter 99, of the
Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of a Marine
Court of Enquiry."

An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Con-
solidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Currency."

An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election
of Members of the General Assembly.

An Act for the Prevention of Corrupt and Illegal
Practices at Elections.

An Act to make Provision for the Trial of Contro-
verted Elections.

An Act to amend the Act Forty-seven Victoria,
Cap. 8, relating to the Coast Fisheries.

An Act to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish.

An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of pro-
perty in, Seals.

An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding,
and for other purposes.

An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts rela-
ting to the General Water Company.

- Bills assented to.
(Continued.)
- An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes.
- An Act respecting Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony.
- An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Line of Railway from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, and for other purposes.
- An Act to authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony.
- An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the Service of the Colony.
- An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven, and for other purposes.
- An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following gracious

S P E E C H :

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

In the absence of His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, it devolves upon me, on the completion of your Legislative duties, to terminate a protracted

Speech.

Session, and thus relieve you from further atten-
dance. Speech—
(Continued.)

I gladly acknowledge the assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the business of this Session, and you may retire from it with a feeling of confidence that your labours will be productive, in many important particulars, of substantial advantage to the community.

It affords matter for much gratification that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the Act which you passed at the opening of the Session for the restriction of the supply of Bait Fishes to foreign fishermen. The Colony is thus enabled to apply what has been considered the best practicable remedy for an evil which had already become most disastrous and far-reaching in its effects upon the material welfare of our people.

The proceedings of the Colonial Conference, which was held in London during last month, have naturally been viewed with deep interest to the people of these dependencies of the British Crown; and its results will assuredly establish, on an improved basis, the integrity of the Empire. We must all highly appreciate the honour of precedence accorded to the representatives of Newfoundland, as the oldest Colony, on that interesting occasion.

We have to regret that the Seal fishery of this year has yielded but an indifferent return for the capital and labour invested in this branch of our industries.

The alteration of the law relating to the exercise of the Electoral franchise will doubtless be attended with those salutary results which have marked its application in other countries possessing representative institutions.

The construction of a branch line of Railway to connect with Placentia, the line now in opera-

Speech—
(Continued.)

tion, is a work of great public importance. I confidently trust that the facilities of this new and improved means of communication between the Eastern and Western portions of the Colony will confer large benefits upon commerce while appreciably promoting the convenience of the travelling public, and that lumbering and mining operations will derive from this agency a new and invigorating impetus.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

I thank you for the readiness with which you have provided for the expenditure, rendered necessary during the past autumn and winter, and which were undertaken on the responsibility of the Government,

I have also to acknowledge the liberality with which you have adopted those measures in relation to the Revenue, which are essential to the sustenance of the public credit, as well as the provision made for the Service of the present year.

Those appropriations shall be applied with due regard to economy and efficiency.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

I notice with pleasure the provision you have made for the permanent increase of the grants in support of Education, a just recognition of the necessities of our growing population in connection with this important public question.

The attention you have bestowed upon various matters affecting the prosecution and protection of

the fishery industries of the Colony cannot but be regarded with much general satisfaction.

I desire, in conclusion, to convey to you my sincere wishes for your welfare and prosperity.

The Hon. the President of the Council then ^{Prorogation.} said,—It is His Excellency the Administrator's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of JULY next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,
Acting Clerk Legislative Council.

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