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Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

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Proclamation.

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

G. W. DESVŒUX,
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 Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Seventh day of July, A.D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,
pro Colonial Sec'y.



Proclamation.

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

G. W. DESVŒUX,
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 Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Second day of September, A.D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary



Proclamation.

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

G. W. DESVŒUX,
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 Saint 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 DESVŒUX,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

G. W. DESVŒUX,
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 Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1886.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



Proclamation.

*By His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DESVŒUX
Knight Commander of the Most Dis-
tinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief, in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

G. W. DESVŒUX,
Governor,
[L.S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

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 17th 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.

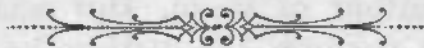
Given under my Hand and Seal, at
the Government House, at St.
John's, in the aforesaid Island,
this Seventeenth day of Feb-
ruary, A. D. 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON.

Colonial Secretary.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND SESSION
OF THE
FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.



THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1887.

THE General Assembly having, by several Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day, the members thereof met in the Assembly Room.

By virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of this Island, to the Honorables Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, and Robert Thorbourne, member of the Executive Council, which is as follows:—

SIR G. W. DESVÆUX,
Governor.
[L. S.]

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of God,
of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, Queen,
Defender of the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

KNOW YE that We have appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint, the Honorables E. D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and ROBERT THORBURN, member of the Executive

Council of the Island of Newfoundland, to be Commissioners, they or either of them to administer the oath of allegiance to the Honorable MAURICE FENELON, appointed by Commission from Our Governor of Our said Island, to be a member, (provisionally), of Our Legislative Council of Our said Island; and also, the undermentioned persons, elected to serve in the General Assembly of Our said Island for the Districts, or divisions of Districts, set opposite their names, respectively:—

WILLIAM J. S. DONNELLY : *Placentia and St. Mary's,*

ALFRED A. PENNEY : *Carbonear,*

MICHAEL T. KNIGHT : *Twillingate,*

ALFRED B. MORINE : *Bonavista,*

THOMAS J. McC. MURPHY : *St. John's East,*

Giving to them and either of them, Our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all whatsoever they or either of them do and perform in this behalf, and thereof they, or either of them, are to make due return under their hands and seals to Our Governor of Our said Island with these Presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of Our said Island of Newfoundland.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved SIR G. WILLIAM DESVŒUX, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in Our said Island, this Sixteenth day of February, A.D., 1887, and in the Fiftieth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.

Examined,

J. S. WINTER,

H. M. Attorney General.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of Twelve and One o'clock, on the Seventeenth inst., into the Council Chamber, Richard B. Holden, Esq., Clerk of the General Assembly, as in duty bound, attending, when the Honorable W. J. S. Donnelly, returned member for the District of Placentia and St. Mary's, Alfred A. Penney, Esq., returned member for the District of Carbonear, Michael T. Knight, Esq., returned member for the District of Twillingate, Alfred B. Morine, Esq., returned member for the District of Bonavista, and Thomas J. M'C. Murphy, Esq., returned member for the District of St. John's East, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance, in presence of the said Commissioners.

And the said Honorables William J. S. Donnelly, Alfred A. Penney, Michael T. Knight, Esq., Thomas J. M'C. Murphy, Esq., and Alfred B. Morine, Esq., took their seats for the said several Districts.

At Two o'clock p. m., Wm. F. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, being announced, informed the House that the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor, who was unable from illness to attend the opening of the Legislature, desired the immediate attendance of this House in the Chamber of the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended the Commissioners in the Council Chamber, when the Commission, appointing the Honorables E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, Charles R. Ayre, and A. W. Harvey, was read by the Clerk of the Council.

The House being returned to the Assembly room, and Mr. Speaker in the Chair, informed the House that, when in attendance in the Council Chamber, the Honorable E. D. Shea, one of the said Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, read the Speech of His Excellency to both branches of the Legislature, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House, as follows :—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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 codfishery—the results have been equally unfavorable. Along the Northern Coasts of the Island it has been an almost complete failure, and on the Labrador Coast the quantity of produce 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 has 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,

The mining industry has, during the year, shewn 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 labour 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 these 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 would, 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.

Mr. 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 favourable 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 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 the defences, postal, and telegraphic 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 the 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 expedient 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 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.

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 fishing 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 improve 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.

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 blessings, result in advantage to the Colony and its people.

The Hon. the PREMIER moved, seconded by the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the following Resolution,—

Whereas the Legislature has been informed by His Excellency the Governor, in the Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present session, that the Act which was passed last session, for the protection of the Bait fisheries of the Colony, had not received the assent of Her Majesty, and,

Whereas, it is deemed of urgent and paramount importance, that, a measure to the same effect should be, without delay, introduced and enacted, in the hope that the same may receive the assent of Her Majesty, and that the consideration of His Excellency's Speech be deferred until after the introduction and enactment of the measure referred to.

That leave be given to introduce the Bill, forthwith.

And the question being put thereon, passed in the affirmative, and,

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. the PREMIER, on leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid and other Bait fishes, which was read a first time.

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

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, move for the Suspension of the Rules of this House in respect of the Bill for the regulation of the exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid and other Bait fishes.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until half-past three of the clock, each day, unless otherwise ordered.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY, 1887.

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, move the adoption of a dutiful address to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the occasion of this the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign.

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the Bill for prohibiting the exportation and sale of Bait.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled, "An Act to regulate the exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid and other Bait fishes," was read a second time, and on motion of the Hon. the Premier,

The House went into Committee of the Whole, on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that, they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said report be received.

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into Committee of the Whole, on the following Resolutions :—

WHEREAS, Her Majesty Queen Victoria did, by Letters Patent, dated the 28th March, 1876, make provision for constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies,

And whereas, Her Majesty did by Royal Sign, Manual and Signet, commission and appoint His Excellency Sir G. W. DesVœux, K.C.M.G., to the said office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

And whereas, by the said Letters Patent, it is provided that in the event of the death, incapacity, removal or absence of the Governor out of the Colony, all and every the powers therein granted to him shall be vested in the person appointed under Her Majesty's Sign, Manual and Signet, to administer the Government of this Colony.

And whereas, His Excellency Sir G. W. DesVœux did by proclamation dated the 17th day February, declare that he was unable personally to meet the Legislative Council and House of Assembly upon their coming together for the business of the session, and to declare in person the causes of their being summoned.

Fact. A - mere temporary incapacity

And whereas, because of incapacity in the Governor as aforesaid the duty of meeting the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and of declaring the causes of calling them together devolved upon the officer appointed to administer the Government of this Colony to wit: the Hon. Sir F. B. T. Carter, K.C.M.G.

And whereas, neither the said Governor nor the officer appointed to administer the Government of the Colony has met the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and declared the causes of calling them together.

And whereas, no Proclamation declaring the General Assembly of this Colony open for the dispatch of business has been issued.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of the representatives of the electoral districts of this Colony here assembled, that the General Assembly or Legislature of this Colony is not now in session according to Law, and that it is incompetent and *ultra vires* for the said representatives to proceed with the business of Legislation until the General Assembly or Legislature shall be legally in session for that purpose.

Resolved,—That the foregoing resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor by the Hon. Sir Ambrose Shea, K. C. M. G. and the Hon. Robert Thorburn.

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, move the adoption of an address to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in relation to the Bill for the regulation of the exportation and sale of Bait fishes.

Fact. Sprained back

*incapacity - illness - defectiveness
a subsequent Proclamation was issued
D. as to delegate delegating his authority - not named
Proclamation cured defects - by any?
Probably - Proclamation*

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1887.

The Hon. the SPEAKER ordered Mr. Morine's notice of motion to be excided from the Journals as being in derogation of the dignity and privileges of the House and as tending to invalidate the proceedings of both branches of the Legislature.

The Hon. the PREMIER moved, seconded by Sir A. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the occasion of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loving subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Session convened, beg to approach Your Majesty, on this auspicious occasion, the Jubilee year of Your reign, and to express our feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God, who has, in His infinite goodness and wisdom, seen fit so long to spare Your Majesty to rule over a happy, united and loyal people.

Representing, in our legislative capacity, the oldest of Your Majesty's Colonial possessions, we feel a special honour and pleasure at being permitted to join in the congratulations of the vast Empire

under the beneficent sway of Your Majesty, the people of which cannot fail to be drawn closer together, by one common bond of loyalty and devotion—the spontaneous outcome of an event of world-wide interest and celebrity.

We humbly join in the universal prayer of Your Majesty's subjects throughout the world: that many years may yet be added to Your reign, and that those years may be cheered by the affectionate solicitude evoked from so many loyal hearts in this ever-memorable year of Jubilee.

A. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
19th February, 1887.

Ordered,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency.

*To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM
DESVŒUX, Knight Grand Cross of
the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-
ernor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty upon Her happy attainment of the Jubilee year of Her reign, which Address they respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased

to transmit to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

A. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
February 19, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of the Hon. the PREMIER,

Ordered.—That the consideration of His Excellency's Speech, on the opening of the present Session, be deferred until Tuesday next.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next at two of the clock.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at two of the clock.

MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1887.

House met at two o'clock.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that

they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid and other Bait Fishes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
21st February, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Letter from Colonial Secretary to Sir Ambrose Shea, having reference to his mission to London.

Despatch from Governor to Colonial Office, dated 14th January, 1887.

Despatch from His Excellency to Colonial Office, dated 25th May, 1886.

Despatch from Governor to Colonial Office, dated 19th June, 1886.

Despatch from Governor to Colonial Office, dated July 20th, 1886.

Despatch from Governor to Colonial Office, dated 26th May, 1886.

Despatch from Governor to Colonial Office, dated 3rd February, 1887, all in reference to Bait Bill.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

On motion of the Hon. the PREMIER,

Ordered,—That the following Address, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Bait Bill, be adopted :—

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.

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.

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 consequence.

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 recognised 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.

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 do 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 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, had 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.

On motion of the Hon. PREMIER,

Ordered,—That the following Address be adopted, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the Honorable Executive Council :

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DESVŒUX, 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,—

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 proceed to London forthwith,

to present the said Address, and to urge the favourable consideration thereof upon Her Majesty's Government.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

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

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence in the Address passed by this House on the subject of the Bait Bill.

Ordered,—That the Hon. the Premier and Sir A. Shea do take the said Message to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Master-in-Chancery, attending the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in the accompanying Address to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Exportation and Sale of Bait.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
21st February, 1887.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the sub-

ject of the Delegates to proceed to London, respecting the Exportation and Sale of Bait, with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
21st February, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The 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, was read a first time, and are as follows :—

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 the head of said Address, the words “The Legislative Council and.”

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Passed the Legislative Council,
21st February, 1887.

The Hon. SPEAKER informed the House that, while in attendance upon His Excellency the Governor at Government House, with the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, His Excellency was 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.”

On motion of the Hon. the PREMIER,

Ordered,—That the following Address do pass :

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,—

SIR,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons 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.

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.

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 consequence.

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 recognised 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.

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 do 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 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, had a status or consultative claim in the control or disposition of our property, and we humbly demur to any recognition of their pre-

tensions 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.

Ordered,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by such members of this House as are of the Honorable Executive Council, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Address:

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DESVŒUX, 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,—

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 proceed to London forthwith to present the said Address, and to urge the favourable consideration thereof upon Her Majesty's Government.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the gracious Speech with which His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. GRIEVE, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed, to draft an Address of Thanks, in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Ordered,—That Mr. Grieve, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Shea, Mr. O'Mara and Mr. Watson do form the Committee.

Mr. GRIEVE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of the House, in reference to the Address in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Election of Members of the General Assembly.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table of the House a statement shewing, in detail, the number, quantity and value of Anchors, Canvas, Sail-cloth and Tarpaulin Canvas, for ships' use, Mast-pieces and Spars, (of what material), manufactured and unmanufactured, Dories and Dory Oars; and Ready-made Clothing, namely, Coats, Jackets, Trousers, Waistcoats, South-westerns, Mantles, Drawers, Cloaks, Sacques and Shirts; also, empty Casks, Cask Staves, and, also, the amount of Revenue collected thereon.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for a detailed statement of the expenditure of \$2,000, voted in 1886 for the Northern Mail Route, showing by whom, and for what it was expended, and for copies of all correspondence and vouchers in connection therewith.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to make any allocation of monies, to give the laboring poor of St. John's East employment on Public Works, many of whom are now in a state of great destitution.

Ordered,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Friday next.

Then the House adjourned until Friday, 25th inst., at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY, 1887.

Mr. GRIEVE, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious Speech of His Excellency the Governor, on opening the present Session of the Legislature, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Address.

And, the Rules being suspended accordingly,

Ordered,—That the Address be now read a second time,

And the Address was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. CARTY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill in relation to appeals from summary jurisdiction.

Mr. WHITE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to prevent the extermination of Seals in this country.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to define the liability of employers to their workmen.

Ordered,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday, the 28th inst., at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor on opening the present Session.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made

some progress in the Address to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit on to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General how many Wheelbarrows were imported during 1886 for the use of the Colony, and for a statement of their cost, landed here.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table a statement shewing, in detail, the numbers, quantity and value of Anchors, Canvas, Sail-cloth and Tarpaulin Canvas, for ships' use, Mast-pieces and Spars, (of what material), manufactured and unmanufactured, Dory Oars, Dories, and Beady-made Clothing, namely, Coats, Trousers, Waistcoats, South-westerns, Mantles, Dresses, Cloaks, Sacques and Shirts imported into this Colony in 1886; also, empty Casks, Cask Staves, and, also, the amount of Revenue collected on all the above articles.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table the Report of the Government Engineer on the Placentia Line.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General whether it is true, as has been publicly stated by a member of the Executive, that the Government are not building a Railroad to Placentia, or that they have no authority to build a Railroad.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General for copies of all correspondence in reference to the employment of G. W. Hierlihy upon the road recently constructed from Harbor Grace to Spaniard's Bay, and subsequently dismissed; and, also, for a statement of the expenditure upon the said road.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon.

Attorney General whether Counsel learned in the law in England were consulted in reference to the legal obligations of this Colony to the Newfoundland Railway Company, under the Newfoundland Railway Act, and if any opinion thereon has been received from such Counsel, and, if so, to lay the same on the table.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General for a copy of the Minute in Council, authorizing the construction of the road from Clark's Beach to the Railway, and for a statement of the expenditure thereon, showing in whose name the warrants for wages were paid out.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for a list of the names of all persons employed on the Dildo Road, showing by whom they were recommended for employment; and, also, for a statement of the expenditure, showing in whose names the warrants were made out; also, to ask the Hon. Surveyor General whether any part of the Parade has recently been leased to any person; if so, how much, to whom, and upon what terms, and for copies of all correspondence and documents referring thereto.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1887.

Mr. BOND, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly, which was read a first time.

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

Mr. CARTY, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill in relation to appeals from Summary Jurisdiction, which was read a first time.

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

Mr. WHITE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to prevent the Extermination of Seals in this Colony, which was read a first time.

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

Mr MORRIS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service, which was read a first time.

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

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have appointed a Committee, consisting of the Honorables Messrs. Pitts, Syme and Monroe, to inspect the Journals of the 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 they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly therein.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
1st March, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Moved by the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—That a Message be sent to the Hon. the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House consent to the inspection of the Journals, in reference to the proceedings upon the Addresses 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 of the Assembly, presently, or at such time as may be found convenient by the Council, and notified to the Clerk.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee on the Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of this House during the present Session.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, 1887.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the address to them referred, and had passed the same with-

out amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DESVŒUX, Knight Grand Cross 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 Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, while thanking your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature, deeply lament the cause of Your Excellency's inability to meet us personally in session, at a time of such moment in the affairs of the Colony.

We share in your Excellency's regret that the results of our staple industries, the cod, herring, seal and salmon fisheries, having been exceptionally unproductive in respect of quantity and value, cannot form subjects of congratulation, and we recognize, with Your Excellency, that the depression of prices in our most important industry—the cod fishery—has been produced by the bounty-supported competition of foreigners.

Mining operations have been, we are glad to learn from Your Excellency, fairly active and successful, and though agricultural produces, with the exception of the potato crop, have been remunerative, we earnestly hope that these industries will, during the present year, be attended with an increasing measure of success.

We are gratified to know that the measures devised by Your Government, to secure the means of subsistence for the large proportion of the population of the eastern and northern coasts of the Island, doomed, in the absence of remedial measures, to destitution, were directed, as far as practicable, to provide wages for labour or works of public utility, such as the construction of new lines of roads in agricultural districts, by which attention to cultivation of the soil will be encouraged and facilitated.

While promising to confirm the action of Your Government, taken under these circumstances of extreme exigency, we concur with Your Excellency in the expression of the hope that similar relief works will not be expected in the future, unless circumstances, which we hardly dare to contemplate, may necessitate them.

We recognize the dangerous pressure which such an expenditure threatens, and rely on the intelligence and good sense of our population to husband their resources in years of plenty to meet the times of need.

We are sorry to be informed that the Revenue of the past year has fallen below the estimate, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall endeavour to make due provision for the requirements of the public service for the current year.

We are glad to be informed that a convention has been concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of Spain, removing the tariff inequalities affecting the exportation of our staple to the markets of that country, and that Your Government has accepted the invitation to take part in an International Exhibition of Fish Products, to be held in Barcelona in the present year, and we have no doubt that the commercial relations of the Kingdom of Spain and this Colony will be thereby improved and extended.

With Your Excellency we also confidently hope that this Island will derive benefit from the deliberations of the Conference of Colonial Representatives in London, in which we are invited to participate.

We note that the liability of the Colony for the subsidy to the Newfoundland Railway Company is in litigation between the Government and the Company, owing to the failure of the Company to perform its contract, and, in the interests of the Colony, we trust for a speedy solution of the question.

It is satisfactory to know that Your Excellency's Government, deeming the Ocean Mail Service on its present basis inexpedient, have notified the Messrs. Allen that the contract must terminate next January, and that regarding the occasion as opportune for improving the Coastal Steam Service, are giving the subject their careful consideration.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that the question of the management of its local affairs by the town of St. John's, including an improved system of sewerage, will receive the earnest attention of this House.

We profoundly deplore the intelligence which it has been Your Excellency's painful task to announce, that Her Majesty has not been advised to allow the Bill for the preservation of our Bait-fishes, which was unanimously passed last Session by both Houses of the Legislature, and was, and is, justly regarded as the only possible remedy for the depression of our Colonial trade. Although we do not recognize that the investment of foreign capital in fisheries, mainly dependent for their existence on our bait supply, should receive consideration, precedent to that of our own commerce, struggling against the unfair bounty-fed competition of foreign nations, still we appreciate the delicacy of Her Majesty's Government upon the subject of sufficient notice to foreign capitalists, and therefore we have, concurrently with the other Branch of the Legislature, re-considered and re-enacted the Bill to which Your Excellency refers; and hope that the grounds for disallowing it being now removed, Your Excellency will be enabled, before the close of this Session, to announce to this General Assembly that it has received Her Majesty's most gracious sanction. In this connection we desire to express our grateful appreciation of Your Excellency's sympathy with the interests of the people over whom you are called to rule, and more especially of the zeal and energy which you have been pleased to employ with Her Majesty's Government on our behalf, and we join with Your Excellency in the expression of the hope that Your Ministers' representations to Her Majesty's Government will relieve this comparatively small community from a part of the burthen of the heavy loss resulting from the delay occasioned by the postponement of Colonial to high Imperial interests.

We unite with Your Excellency in gratitude to Providence for our immunity from dangerous epidemic disease, and for the remarkable absence of serious crime during the past year, and in the earnest trust that, with the Divine blessing, our united efforts will result in advantage to the people of this Colony.

On motion that the Report be adopted, Mr. BOND moved, seconded by Mr. MORINE, that the following amendments to the Address of Thanks do pass :

“ We are deeply pained to hear from Your Excellency that, along the Eastern and Northern coasts of the Island, the cod-fishery was almost a complete failure, and that a large portion of the population thereof had failed to secure the means of subsistence for the coming winter. This unfortunate condition of the people would seem to have demanded a remedy which the Legislature should have been called upon to devise; and we are of opinion that it should have been as-

sembled to concert a suitable scheme for meeting the calamity so vividly portrayed by Your Excellency, when, it may be reasonably presumed, such measures would have been adopted as were best calculated to meet the exigency, with a due regard to a judicious expenditure upon works of utility.

We do not regard the Joint Address, to which Your Excellency refers, as in any way authorizing or excusing a lavish expenditure of the public monies under the head of relief-works. At the time of the passing of that Address, the cod-fishery had not been commenced, and the calamitous result to which Your Excellency refers was not known or imagined. The Address, therefore, was not intended to meet the emergency referred to, but was passed with an entirely different object in view; and we respectfully submit that, in the hands of Your Executive, the Joint Address has been perverted to carry out party schemes, and for purposes never contemplated by this House.

We realize that the immense outlay of money, and particularly upon the so-called Placentia Branch Railway, was not, as ostensibly set forth, for the purpose of relieving distress, for Your Excellency does not allege such to have existed in the Southern and Western districts, and we deeply deplore the ignoring, by the Government, of the legitimate claims of the Northern districts, especially as regards Railway extension.

We hope that measures will at once be adopted to carry out the extension of the Railway to the Northern Districts, where it is so much needed, to enable the people of the Colony to avail of now dormant resources.

We notice that the liability of the Colony for the subsidy claimed by the Newfoundland Railway Co. for that part of the Railway now constructed and in operation, has been made the subject of litigation by the refusal of Your Government to pay the subsidy, and we deeply regret the fact that the good name of this Colony has thereby been jeopardised. We feel that an amicable arrangement should have been made between the Government and the Railway Company, and we hope that no time will be lost in bringing this about. It is only by coming to some such agreement that we can reasonably hope to see the Railway to Hall's Bay and the Carbonear Branch proceeded with; and we feel that it is unfair to delay to the districts of Trinity, Bonavista, Fogo, Twillingate, St. Barbe, Bay St. George, Burgeo and LaPoile, and Fortune Bay, Carbonear and Bav-de-Verds, the extension of those facilities which are enjoyed by other parts of the Island, and for which they are each called upon to pay.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that mining operations have substantially increased, and give indications of development in future. The enthusiastic labor of Murray, Howley, and others, have shown Newfoundland to be possessed of great deposits of copper, coal, and other minerals; and we feel assured that when means of speedy communication and easy transportation have been provided, the development of these resources will materially benefit the whole people of this Colony. And in view of the numbers who are likely to be engaged in the prosecution of this industry, we shall be glad to give prompt attention to the placing of measures on the Statute-Book which will afford to operative miners protection from injury to life and limb whilst engaged in their avocations. It is also pleasing to hear from Your Excellency that the labors of the agriculturist have, upon the whole, been well rewarded. We regret, however, to observe, upon perusal of a Despatch recently sent by Your Excellency to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that you have been misinformed as to the agricultural capabilities of this Colony. In that Despatch you stated that "wheat, barley, maize, apples, etc., cannot, unless under exceptional circumstances, be brought to maturity here, while oats frequently fail to ripen, and have to be cut as fodder for cattle." Your Excellency also compares our lands unfavorably with those of Manitoba and the Western United States, and you express the opinion that farming operations cannot, "in any appreciable degree, hinder the rapid decay of wealth that would result from continuously unremunerative fisheries." We beg to assure Your Excellency that, even upon the Peninsula of Avalon, it is possible to ripen wheat, barley, oats, apples, etc., with fair success, and that they are ripened with ease upon the fertile lands of the main part of the Island. Our proximity to European markets make one acre of fertile land here worth many in Manitoba or the Western States; and we have every reason to believe that the Island possesses agricultural resources sufficient, were they properly developed, to maintain its whole population. We deeply regret that Your Excellency should have been informed to the contrary, and that such damaging statements should have been published to the world. We are fully alive to the necessity of restrictive legislation for the preservation of the Bait Fishes upon our Coasts, especially when considered in connection with the encouragement given to the fishing industry by the Governments of the United States and France in large bounties and protective duties. We are, however, conscious of the solicitude of Her Majesty's Government for the welfare and sustentation of our fishing interests, and we regret that disallowed Bait Bill of last Session should have been re-introduced before the House was made aware of the reasons which influenced Her Majesty's Government in advising Her Majesty to withhold her assent to that Bill.

We are of opinion that more mature consideration of the subject would have enabled the Legislature to have enacted a Law within our power to carry into execution, sufficiently restrictive in its operation, and which would have readily met with the approval of Her Majesty's Government. We hope that, should Her Majesty be advised to assent to the Bill which has been passed by the Legislature during the present session, ample provisions will be made for the indemnity of the large number of people whose sole support hitherto has been derived from the trade carried on by them in the taking and sale of Bait Fishes."

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

For the Amendment—5.

Against the Amendment—16.

Mr. Bond,
 " Morine,
 " Murphy,
 " Morris,
 " McGrath.

Hon. Attorney General,
 " Surveyor General,
 " A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Emerson,
 " Rolls,
 " Godden,
 " Grieve,
 " Watson,
 " Kean,
 " Veitch,
 " Hutchings,
 " Bradshaw,
 " March,
 " Peters.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being put on the original motion, and the names appearing the same, it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Address be now read a third time; and the said Address was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Address do pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

Pursuant to order, the Bill 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 second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, from the Select Committee on printing of Journals and Sessional Papers, presented the following Report, which was read, and 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 Resolution, which they submit as their Report :—

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 Journal 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 as a Report to both Houses.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. AYRE, *Chairman*,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
J. SYME,
STEPHEN R. MARCH,
PHILIP CLEARY,
GEORGE HUTCHINGS,
P. J. SCOTT,
D. J. GREENE.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 12th Feb., 1887.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, from the Select Committee appointed, during last Session, to consider and report upon the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Sewerage of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes," and to whom power was given, by resolution of the House, to continue their labors during recess, and to imitate and carry out certain works specifically set forth in the said resolution, beg to submit the following Report :

The Select Committee, appointed during the last Session to consider and report upon the Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the Sewerage of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes," and to whom power was given, by resolution of the House, to continue their labors during recess, and to initiate and carry out certain works, specifically set forth in the said resolution, beg to submit the following Report :—

The Committee have, during the recess, applied themselves mainly to the work of collecting the necessary data and information for devising and preparing an improved system of sewerage and cleansing for the town of St. John's.

They have further acted upon the powers conferred upon them so far as to procure the importation of a considerable quantity of sewer pipes and other material, suitable for the commencement of the work, and capable of being adapted to any plan that may be finally adopted, with which operations may be commenced as soon as considered desirable.

The work of collecting and preparing the data and information referred to has been carried on under the direction and supervision of Mr. Burchell, the Government Engineer.

His report, which is herewith appended, presents the result of the labors of the season, as regards facts ascertained and collected, and his opinions and recommendations in relation to the several important, practical and scientific questions affecting the general scheme under consideration.

The Committee deem it unnecessary to offer any observations in relation to the various subjects dealt with in Mr. Burchell's Report. They would, however, take this opportunity of inviting special attention to the great industry, fidelity, and ability, which are conspicuous in the Report itself, and in the performance of the work, of which that Report is a synopsis.

It may be stated generally that the result of the work so far done has been to put the Legislature in possession of sufficient data to enable them to proceed to the intelligent consideration of this important subject in all its most essential features.

Appended to Mr. Burchell's Report is a statement of the expenditures incurred under the authority of the Committee.

ROBERT THORBURN,
Chairman.

J. S. WINTER,
P. J. SCOTT,
W. J. S. DONNELLY,
J. E. P. PETERS,
A. F. GOODRIDGE.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
February 12, 1887.

For Report of Mr. Burchell, accompanying,

(See Appendix.)

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the subject of the management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and other matters; also, to ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the preservation of copies of Books published in this Colony; also, a Bill for the protection of the Post Office,

and to punish offences committed in relation to that department; also, for Bill in relation to the discipline on board of Her Majesty's ships in the ports of this Colony; also, for Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Education.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Title XXV, Chap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, "Of the Currency."

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive Mr. Speaker and the House, with the Address of Thanks, on Saturday next, at half-past twelve o'clock.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINGS, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

• *Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed on Contingencies.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hutchings, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Green, Mr. LeMessurier, Mr. Scott, Mr. Rolls, Mr. March and Mr. Speaker do form the said Committee.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General whether it is the intention of the Government to make arrangements for recording all those deeds, documents, and miscellaneous papers, of date antecedent to the present century, and later, and indexing those books of record of deeds, public and private, which now lie in confusion, and unindexed, in the archives of the Supreme Court.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until Saturday next at half-past twelve of the clock.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past twelve of the clock.

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1887.

It being the hour appointed by His Excellency the Governor to receive Mr. Speaker and the House, with the Address of Thanks, in reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor on opening the present Session of the Legislature,

Mr. SPEAKER and the House went to Government House, and, being returned to the Assembly Room,

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that, while in attendance on His Excellency at Government House, he had presented the Address of Thanks, to which His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows :
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

I thank you sincerely for your Address, and am glad of your expressed appreciation of my profound regard for the public interest, chiefly as indicating the assurance that that will be the sole object of your deliberations.

GEORGE WILLIAM DESVŒUX.

Mr. CARTY presented a petition from Joseph English, on the subject of publishing the Debates of the Assembly.

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from D. C. Webber, of Trinity, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said petitions be referred to the Contingencies Committee.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General whether any loan on the credit of the Colony has been raised, or negotiated for, in England, and, if so, to what amount, and by what agency the same has been effected; also, to ask the Hon. Attorney General whether the Government has been, since the first of Jan.,

1887, and still is, expending money on what is termed the construction of the Placentia Line, and why the Government continue such expenditure without the authority of this House ; also, to ask the Hon. Attorney General to inform the House of the date on which the work on the Placentia Line was authorized by the Government, whether, prior to such authorization, any survey of the said proposed Line has been made, and by whom, and at what cost ; and, also, for a copy of the instructions to the person or persons directed or authorized to make such survey ; and, also, for a return shewing the names and places of residence of the men employed at work on the said Line, from the commencement of such work to the 31st January last, past.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Thursday next, the 10th inst.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1887.

On the Order of the Day being called for the second reading of the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to extend and regulate the liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,”

On motion of Mr. MORRIS, it was

Ordered,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to be hereafter named.

Mr. HUTCHINGS presented the following petitions, which were received and read :

From George C. Jerritt, and others, of Brigus, on the subject of the Bait Bill.

From Rev. J. Brett, and others, of Cupids and Clark's Beach, on the subject of the Daily Mail Service.

From Benjamin Butler, Constable, of Brigus, on the subject of increase of salary.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Second reading of Bill to amend the Law respecting the election of Members of the General Assembly, deferred till Mouday next, and to stand first on the Order of the Day.

Also, second reading of Bill for regulating Appeals from Summary Jurisdiction, deferred until Tuesday next, and to stand first on the Order of the Day.

Also, the second reading of Bill to astrain persons from killing Old Seals, deferred *sine die*.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of a Select Committee to consider and report upon the subject of the management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and other matters.

Ordered,—That the Hon. the Premier, the Hon. Receiver General, the Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Scott, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Peters and Mr. Greene do form the said Committee.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Hon. Legislative Council, requesting their co-operation on the same subject.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were read a first time :

Bill to provide for the preservation of copies of Books published in this Colony.

Bill for the protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to that department.

Bill in relation to the discipline on board of Her Majesty's ships, in the ports of this Colony.

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

The second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to Education deferred.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend Title XXV, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Currency," which was read a first time.

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General whether the Government have sent any relief to Greenspond, Goose Bay and King's Cove, in the district of Bonavista, or ordered the expenditure of money for the relief of distress in either of those places ; if so, how much, and if he will lay upon the table of this House copies of all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 11th MARCH, 1887.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to Books published in this Colony.

Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to discipline on board of Her Majesty's ships.

Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to the Post Office.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

(For which see Appendix.)

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. WATSON—From H. C. Morris and others, of Scilly Cove, on the subject of the Placentia Railway.

From Jacob Carbery, on the subject of Roads.

From John Loder, and others, of Snook's Harbor, Random, on Roads.

From Thomas Baker, and others, of Bird Island Cove, on Roads.

From Thomas Dallon, and others, of Smith's Point, Smith's Sound, on Roads.

By Mr. KEAN—From Edwin Weary and others, inhabitants of Greenspond, on the subject of a Public Wharf; also, from William

Kelly and others, inhabitants of Gambo, on the subject of a Bridge ; also, from the inhabitants of Bayly's Cove, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of a Public Well.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Chapter 96 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, "Of the Culling of Cod-fish."

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of Contingencies why the report of the Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies has not been laid on the table, and to lay the same thereon.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if any offers have been received by the Government since April last past, from F. H. Evans, Esq., Receiver of the Newfoundland Railway Company, relative to the extension of the Railway to the North, and the Building of a Branch Line of Railway to Placentia ; and, if so, to lay the same on the table of this House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were read a second time :

A Bill to provide for the preservation of copies of Books published in this Colony.

A Bill for the protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to that department.

A Bill in relation to the discipline on board of Her Majesty's ships in the ports of this Colony.

A Bill to amend Title XXV of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Currency."

Ordered,—That the said several Bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws respecting Education, which was read a first time.

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

Mr. EMERSON, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company, which was read a first time.

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

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill relating to enquiries into the Public Service.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Thos. H. Alcock, and others, of Otterbury, on the subject of a Public Wharf ; also, from Thomas Drover, and others, of Upper Island Cove, Conception Bay, on the subject of a Line of Road ; also, from John Munn, and others, of Harbor Grace, on the subject of the Bait Bill.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Wm. Swansborough, and others, of Upper Gullies, on the subject of a Landing Place.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Ordered,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 14th MARCH, 1887.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, as Chairman of the Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of the House, presented the following Report and recommendations :

The Committee recommend the re-appointment of the present Reporting Staff, at the same salaries as last Session.

The Committee recommend that the publication of the Debates be done by the proprietor of the *Evening Mercury* Newspaper, at the same terms as last Session, viz. : \$1,000

That the copying of Debates be given to the *Colonist* Newspaper, at \$500 for the Session, and to the Harbor Grace *Standard* and *Twilight Sun*, at \$300 each.

That the Miscellaneous Printing of the House be done by the *Evening Mercury* at the same terms as last Session, viz. : \$5 per sheet for plain, and \$7 per sheet for tabular, printing.

That the printing of the Journals of this House and the Index thereto be done by F. W. Bowden, at the same terms as last Session, being the same rates as those given for Miscellaneous Printing.

The Committee beg to confirm and recommend the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the subject of the printing and binding of Sessional Papers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,
STEPHEN R. MARCH,
JAMES ROLLS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
4th March, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Luke Pittman, and others, fishermen, of Old Perlican, which was received and read, on the subject of the Tariff.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law respecting the election of Members of the General Assembly,

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved, in amendment, the following Resolutions :

Resolved,—That this House approves of the (adoption of the) principle of voting by ballot at the election of members for the House of Assembly, and of the enactment of suitable legislation, to give effect to that principle.

That having regard to the large interests involved in the Bill now before the House, affecting, as it assumes to do, much existing legislation in respect of the election of members of the House of Assembly, the necessary amendment of which legislation is not provided for in this Bill, and,

Having regard to the fact that matters which should be the subjects of separate enactments, are conjoined in this Bill.

Therefore,—This House is of opinion that, the questions—(1) Of voting at Elections,—(2) Of corrupt practices at elections, and,—(3) Of the trial of controverted elections ; whilst considered in conjunction each with the others, should be made the subject of separate enactments, and that the whole subject matter of, and embracing these several questions, should be relegated to the consideration of a Select Committee of the House.

That, for these reasons, it is not expedient now, to proceed with the second reading of this Bill.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

For the Amendment—18.

Against the Amendment—11.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Godden,
 “ Grieve,
 “ Watson,
 “ Kean,
 “ White,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ Greene,

Mr. Scott,
 “ O'Mara,
 “ Callanan,
 “ G. Shea,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Bond,
 “ Morine,
 “ Murphy,
 “ A. M. MacKay,

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill relating to enquiries into the Public Service, which was read a first time.

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

Mr. BOND gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the following Resolutions :

Resolved,—That the suppression of the debates upon the amendment to the section of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, which referred to the Bait Bill, was an improper interference

with the practice and well-understood wishes of this House, regarding the publication of its debates, and an unauthorized interference with the freedom of members.

Resolved,—That the publication of the said debates be proceeded with forthwith.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the following Resolutions :

That the Report of the Committee on Reporting, Printing and Contingencies, laid on the table of this House, be amended by striking out all of the said Report, except the paragraph referring to the appointment of Reporters, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof :

That the publication of the Debates, and the copying of the same, except by Outport Newspapers, the printing of the Journals of this House, and the Index thereto, and, also, the Miscellaneous Papers of this House, be put up to Tender, notice of the desire for Tender to be advertized at once by the Clerk of the House, the Tender to be sent in to the Chairman of the Select Committee on Reporting, Printing and Contingencies, for submission to this House.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the subject, 1—Of the manner of Voting at Elections ; 2—Of corrupt practices at Elections, and 3—Of the trial of controverted elections, and to report to this House thereupon.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From inhabitants of Coley's Point, Bay Roberts and other settlements, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From the inhabitants of Joe Batt's Arm, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Newman's Cove and Upper Amherst Cove, on the subject of a Road Board.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From inhabitants of Lance Cove, on the subject of a Road and Bridge ; also from the inhabitants of Pouch Cove, on the subject of Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. EMERSON,—From Robert Jarvis, of Famish Gut, Placentia Bay, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From the inhabitants of Belle Isle, on the subject of the appointment of a constable.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Squid Tickle, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. White,—From the inhabitants of Broad Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Isaac John Coles, and others, inhabitants of Bird Island Cove, on the subject of Roads ; also, from Charles Handford, and others, of Shoal Harbor, on the subject of Roads ; also, from the inhabitants of Hopewell, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads ; also, from Robert Perry, and others, of Heart's Content, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From the inhabitants of Salvage, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill for regulating of Appeals from Summary Jurisdiction be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to provide for the Preservation of Copies of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McGRATH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board of Her Majesty's Ships without the consent of the commander thereof.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in the appointment of a Select Committee 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 that the Council have appointed the Honorables Mr. Monroe, Harvey, Syme and McLoughlan, a Committee to co-operate with the Committee of the Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

Council Chamber,
15th March, 1887.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
15th March, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

And the said Bill was then read a first time, and

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

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW took the Chair of Committee.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

On motion that the Report be adopted,

Mr. MORINE moved, in amendment, to insert the following words : after the word "or," in the fifth line, "when ordered by any Commission officer for any," insert the following after the word "offender," in the sixth line from the bottom, "tried and if found guilty," and to strike out "one half of * * * to the party who may inform and sue for the same, and the other half."

And on the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative.

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

Pursuant to notice given and leave granted, a Bill to amend Chap. 96, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Culling of Cod-fish," was read a first time, and •

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

On motion of Mr. BOND,—

That the following Resolutions be adopted :—

Resolved,—That the suppression of the debate upon the amendment to the section of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne which referred to the Bait Bill was an improper interference with the practice and well-understood wishes of this House regarding the publication of its debates, and an unauthorized interference with the freedom of Members.

Resolved,—That the publication of the said debate be proceeded with forthwith.

And the House divided thereon, when there appeared

For the Motion—9.

Mr. Bond,
 " Morine,
 " Murphy,
 " Scott,
 " Greene,
 " O'Mara,
 " Callanan,
 " Morris,
 " McGrath.

Against the motion—13.

Hon. Attorney General,
 " Receiver General,
 " Surveyor General,
 " A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board Works,
 Mr. Emerson,
 " Rolls,
 " Watson,
 " Kean,
 " White,
 " Veitch,
 " March,
 " Peters.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The following were appointed as a Select Committee to consider upon the Bill to define the Liability of Employers towards Workmen

Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Goodridge, Messrs. Morris, Greene, Watson, Grieve and Emerson.

On motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the following were appointed as a Select Committee to consider the subjects, (1), Of the manner of Voting at Elections; (2), Of corrupt Practices at Elections and (3), Of the trial of controverted Elections:—

Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. the Speaker, Messrs. Bond, Scott, Emerson, Carty, O'Mara and Peters.

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to continue Act 46 Vic., Cap. III, entitled "Of the Encouragement of Shipbuilding," and for other purposes.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he would move, as an amendment to the motion for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Education Act, "that, in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when free public and non-sectarian education should be inaugurated, and that the Bill now before the House should be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to frame such amendments as may be necessary to establish such a system."

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor asking that a sum of money sufficient to erect a first-class Light House at Little Denier Island and a Harbor Light House on the Western Head of King's Cove, both in the district of Bonavista, be included in the estimates for the present year.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the

Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies, and that he will then move the following Resolutions:—

“ That the Report of the Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of this House, laid on the table, be amended by striking out all of the said Report except the paragraph referring to the appointment of Reporters, and to the copying of debates in newspapers published in the Outports, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof :

“ ‘ That the publication of the Debates, the printing of the Journals of the House, and Index therto, and also the printing of Miscellaneous Papers, be put up to tender, notice of the desire for tender to be advertised at once by the Clerk of the House, the tenders to be sent to the Chairman of Select Committee aforesaid, for submission to this House.’ ”

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, on the motion of the hon. member for St. John's West, Mr. Scott, “ that the House go into Committee on the Resolutions to be proposed by him on the Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of this House during the present Session,” move an amendment thereof “ that the Report now on the table of the House of the Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies be adopted.”

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Philip Pease, and others, inhabitants of Joe Batt's Arm, District of Fogo, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WHITE,—From John Hann, Schoolmaster at Pinchard's Island, District of Bonavista, praying for compensation for his long services in that capacity.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Flower's Cove, Straits of Belle Isle, praying for the erection of a Light House on Flower's Island.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From inhabitants of Lance Cove, Belle Isle, on the subject of Roads; also, from J. Sullivan, and others, inhabitants of Pouch Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. WATSON,—From W. Smith, and others, of Random Sound, on the subject of a Bridge; also, from Solomon Miller, and others, of Chance Cove, on the same subject; also, from H. Piddle, and others, of the same locality, on the same subject.

By Mr. KEAN,—From the inhabitants of Cole Harbor, District of Bonavista, on the same subject; also, from J. Groves, and others, of Bonavista, on the same subject.

By Mr. MARCH,—From John G. Jeans, and others, inhabitants of Broad Cove, District of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of a Wharf.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From the members of the Dorcas Society, Trinity, praying for a grant of money in aid of their funds.

Ordered, —That the said petitions lie on the table.

On motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the Bill to continue Act 46, Cap. III, entitled "Of the Encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes," was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in this Colony, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of copies of books printed in this Colony, and for the registration of such books."

The Bill for the protection of the Post Office was read a third time, pursuant to order.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for the protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office."

The Bill to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board Her Majesty's ships was read a third time, pursuant to order.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to prevent Spirituous or Fermented Liquors being brought on board of Her Majesty's ships without the consent of the commander thereof."

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, desiring their concurrence to the said Bills.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the second reading of the Bill to amend Title XXV, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated Statutes be deferred.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the 2nd reading of the Bill to amend the Education Act be deferred until Thursday, the 24th inst., and to stand first on the Order of the Day.

Pursuant to order, the Bill relating to enquiries into the Public Service was read a second time.

Ordered,—That this Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the 2nd reading of the following Bills be deferred :—

The Bill to amend the General Water Company Act.

The Bill to amend Chapter 96 of the Consolidated Statutes.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the right to vote at an election of Members of the House of Assembly should be extended to every male British subject who is twenty-one years of age, or more, and who has been a resident of this Colony for one year, or more, prior to the election.

Resolved,—That the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon (1), The manner of voting at elections; (2), Of corrupt practices at elections, and, (3), Of the trial of controverted elections, be instructed that they have power to prepare and report a Bill to effectuate the foregoing Resolution.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce the following Bills :—

A Bill to amend the law relating to Habitual Offenders and Juvenile Offenders.

A Bill relating to claims for compensation for Lands taken for Public Purposes.

A Bill to amend the law relating to the Registration of Deeds.

A Bill to prohibit the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 22nd inst., at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1887.

At 4 o'clock the Hon. Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair. Present :—Mr. Rolls, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Bond—and adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1887.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House Imports and Exports for the Colony of Newfoundland, 1886.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

The following petitions* were severally presented, received and read.

By the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads; also, from R. H. Taylor, and others, of Bay Roberts, on the subject of Duties.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Menshington Cove, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From P. Grouchy, and others, of Pouch Cove, on the subject of a Branch Road; also, from Bennett, and others, of Belle Isle, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Wm. Goss, and others, of Torbay, on the subject of a Road leading to their fishing rooms.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Wm. Kennedy, and others, of Conception Harbor, District of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Public Wharf; also, from the inhabitants of Bacon Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Rev. Father Walker, and others, of Tilton Harbor, on the subject of Steam Communication.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Groais Islands, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From Weston Spracklin, and others, of Musgrave Town, Bonavista Bay; also, from William Butler, and others, of Bonavista proper, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee of four, two from each side of the House, be appointed to examine the Public Accounts, without compensation for the same.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Richard Tucker, of Broad Cove; also, from Esau Tucker, and others, of Broad Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From John Short, and others, of Hants Harbor, on the subject of a Breakwater.

By the Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,—From Jonathan Burt, and others, inhabitants of Twillingate, on the subject of connecting, by road, Purcell's Harbor with Main Tickle; also, from Frederick Slade, and others, of Loom Bay, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. McGRATH,—From inhabitants of Harbor Buffett, Long Harbor and Placentia, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. O'MARA gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the protection of Sheep, and for other purposes.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if an amount of mail matter, (chiefly newspapers,) which should have been despatched Northward by the last and previous overland mails, is now lying in the General Post Office in this city, if so, why? and when it is to be forwarded to its proper destination?

Also, that, he will on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General, if two of the members for Bonavista District, (Messrs. White and Morine), have recommended the appointment of a Road Board for Flat Islands, in the District of Bonavista, and the three members for Bonavista, a Road Board for what is commonly called the South Shore of Bonavista, if so, why the Board have not yet been appointed, and when they will be appointed.

Mr. MORINE, pursuant to notice, moved the House into Committee to consider the following Resolutions:

Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the right to vote at an election of Members of the House of Assembly should be extended to every male British subject who is twenty-one years of age or more, and who has been a resident of this Colony for one year, or more, prior to the election.

Resolved,—That the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon (1), The manner of voting at elections; (2), Of corrupt practices at elections, and, (3), Of the trial of controverted elections, be instructed that they have power to prepare and report a Bill to effectuate the foregoing Resolution.

And the House divided thereon, when there appeared

For the Motion—8.

Mr. Morine,
 “ Bond,
 “ Murphy,
 “ Kean,
 “ White,
 “ G. Shea,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath.

Against the motion—17.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Grieve,
 “ Watson,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Peters.
 “ Greene,

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

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow,—

A Bill to amend the Law relating to Habitual Offenders.

A Bill relating to claims for compensation for lands taken for public purposes.

A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Deeds.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend Title XXV, Chapter 92, was read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 24th MARCH, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. BOND,—From Richard Bradshaw, and others, inhabitants of Gaultois and Hermitage Cove, on the subject of the erection of a Public Wharf at Gaultois.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Richard Cook, and others, residents on the Logy Bay Road, on the subject of a connecting line of road between Torbay and Logy Bay.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From the Rev. Father Morris, and others, inhabitants of Lower Gulleys, Conception Bay, on the subject of a Landing Place.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved, pursuant to the Order of the Day, that the Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education be now read a second time.

Mr. MORINE moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. BOND,

“ That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when free public and non-sectarian education should be inaugurated, and that the Bill now before the House should be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to frame such amendments as may be necessary to establish such a system.”

And the question being put thereon, the House divided thereon, when there appeared

For the Amendment—2.

Mr. Morine,
“ Bond,

Against the Amendment—25.

Hon. Attorney General,
“ Receiver General,
“ Surveyor General,
“ A. F. Goodridge,
Chairman Board Works,
The Financial Secretary,
Mr. Carty,
“ Emerson,
“ Rolls,
“ Grieve,
“ Watson,
“ Kean,
“ White,
“ Veitch,
“ Hutchings,
“ Bradshaw,
“ Peters.
“ Scott,
“ Greene,
“ O'Mara,
“ Callanan,
“ G. Shea,
“ Morris,
“ McGrath.
“ Murphy,

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now read a second time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next, the 28th inst.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 28th MARCH, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. KEAN,—From the inhabitants of Sailors' Island, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of a Ferry ; also, from the inhabitants of Swain's Island, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BOND,—From Samuel Vallis, and others, inhabitants of Coombs Cove, Boxey, praying for an increase of salary to Edward Bartlett, Mail Carrier.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Greenspond, on the

subject of Railway Extension ; also, from the inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of discontinuance of work upon Placentia Railway.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of the Revs. A. E. Bayley, P. A. Carolan and R. W. Freeman, and others, on the subject of the discontinuance of work upon the Placentia Railway ; also, that he will, on Monday next, move the following Resolution :

That, as work upon the Placentia Line, so-called, was commenced, and is being continued, without the consent of the Legislature,

Resolved,—That operations thereon shall cease after the 15th day of April instant, and shall not be resumed thereafter, except by the authority of the Legislature.

Mr. MACKAY presented a petition from Renouf, Clement & Co., of Channel, which was received and read, on the subject of the Mail Service ; also, from John Penny, and others of Rameo, on the subject of a Light House ; also, from John Cunningham, and others, of Burgeo, on the same subject.

By the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL.—From the inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of traffic in Intoxicating Liquors ; also, from the inhabitants South Side Harbor Grace, on the same subject ; also, from the inhabitants of Spaniard's Bay, on the same subject ; also, from the inhabitants of Bay Roberts, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Committee on Public Service Inquiries Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, entitled "Of the Currency."

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled " An Act for the amendment of the Criminal Law," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
24th March, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the table.

The said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That Committee on Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education be deferred until Friday next, and stand first on the Order of the Day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were read a second time :

A Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and other purposes.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company.

A Bill to regulate the Culling of Cod-fish.

A Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled " An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, Seals.

A Bill to provide for the Registration of Deeds.

Ordered,—That the said several Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the second reading of the following Bills be deferred :

A Bill for the punishment of Habitual Offenders and Juvenile Offenders.

A Bill relating to claims for compensation for lands taken for public purposes.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

That the Bill to prohibit the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors be read a first time.

The Hon. the SPEAKER ruled that this Bill, affecting Trade and Commerce, must emanate from Committee of the whole House, and cannot be now introduced.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that, he will, on Thursday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole, on Ways and Means, and that this notice take precedence of the order of the day.

Also, that he will, on Monday next, move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from Aubrey J. Crocker, and others, members of the Loyal Orange Association, which was received and read, on the subject of Incorporating the said Association.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr Kean gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the petition of Aubrey J. Crocker, and others, praying for an Act to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay upon the table of the House, copies of all Telegrams and Letters, sent by the Premier and the Attorney General to Dr. J. G. Skelton, Returning Officer, and from him to them, in reference to election proceedings in Bonavista District, in June last; also, for a statement of the expenditure in connection with the election held in Twillingate and Bonavista Districts, in June last.

Also, to ask the Chairman of the Board of Works, for copies of all correspondence and vouchers, in connection with the payment of two sums of \$350 each, from the grant to the Northern Mail Route, in 1886, to J. J. Murphy of Gambo, in the District of Bonavista.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Chapter 29 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, "Of the Recovery of Claims *ex contractu* against the Government.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court.

Ordered,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Wednesday next.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH, 1887.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents, viz. :—

Treasury Accounts.

Statement of Public Debt of the Colony, on 31st Dec., 1886.

Statement of Treasury Balances.

Statement of Halifax Fishery Award.

Estimate for Maintenance of Newfoundland Lights.

Return of Ships built, 1886.

Consolidated Account of Receipts and Payments, Customs' Department.

Return of Duties for each Outport for 1884-5,-6, Salaries, Cash and other expenses of said collection.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Alexander Garland, and others, of Hant's Harbor, on Roads; from Samuel Mitchell, and others, of Green's Harbor, on the same subject; also, from the inhabitants of Hant's Harbor, on the same subject.

By Mr. EMERSON —From Jas. L. Noonan, on the subject of compensation.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Thos. Keough, and others, of Plate Cove, Bonavista Bay; also, from John Tibbo, and others, of Plate Cove; also, from inhabitants of Open Hall; also, from Alexander Tracey, and others, of Plate Cove; also, from Pierce Harney, and others, of Open Hall; also, from William Stears, and others, of Brooklyn; also, from the inhabitants of Seal Cove; also, from the inhabitants of Sweet Bay; also, from William Tilly, and others, of Seal Cove; also, from Thomas Moss, and others, of James' Cove; also, from John Murphy, and others, of Keels: all on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Rev. E. Colley, and others, South Shore; also, from Abraham Porter, and others, inhabitants of Long Pond; also, from James King, and others, South Shore: all on the subject of Roads.

By Hon. Mr. PENNY,—From the inhabitants of Valley Road, Carbonear; also, from Samuel Evans, and others, of Irish Town, Carbonear; also, from Edward Kenna, and others: all on the subject of Roads; also, from John Rorke, and others, inhabitants of Carbonear, on the subject of Prohibition.

By the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS,—From the inhabitants of Twillingate; also, from Robert Hall, and others, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. VEITCH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of Rev. Edward Colley, and others, of South Shore.

Mr. KEAN, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the petition of A. G. Crocker, and others, praying for an Act to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland.

Ordered,—That Mr. Kean, Mr. Watson, Hon. Mr. Goodridge, Mr. G. Shea, Mr. Greene, Mr. Grieve, Mr. Callanan, Mr. Bond and Mr. Rolls, do form the said Committee.

Mr. MORINE, pursuant to notice, moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM
DESVŒUX, Knight Commander of
the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-
ernor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the accompanying petition of Rev. A. E. Bayly, J. A. Carolan, R. Freeman, and others, of Bonavista, upon the subject of a Line of Railway Northward, and the discontinuance of work on the Placentia Railway until a Railway Northward has been provided for, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into consideration, and make such order thereon as may appear reasonable.

And the question being put thereon, there appeared

For the Motion—3.

Mr. Morine,
“ Bond,
“ Murphy.

Against the motion—20.

Hon. Attorney General,
“ Receiver General,
“ Surveyor General,
“ A. F. Goodridge,
Chairman Board Works,
Mr. Carty,
“ Emerson,
“ Rolls,
“ Godden,
“ Grieve,
“ Watson,
“ Kean,
“ White,
“ Bradshaw,
“ March,
“ Peters.
“ Scott,
“ O'Mara,
“ Callanan,
“ Morris,

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Mr. EMERSON, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend Cap. 29, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “Of the Recovery of Claims, *Ex Contractu*, against the Government,” which was read a first time.

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

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court, which was read a first time.

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

Committee on Bill relating to Enquiries into the Public Service deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. GRIEVE took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to regulate the Culling of Codfish.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The consideration of the following Bills was deferred until to-morrow :—

Second reading of Council's Bill for amendment of Criminal Law.

Committee on Bill relating to Enquiries into the Public Service.

Second reading of Bill relating to Claims for Compensation for Lands taken for Public Purposes.

Committee on Council's Bill to Regulate the Taking of, and Right of Property in, Seals.

On the order for committal of the Bill to provide for the Registration of Deeds,

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved,

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

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Scott, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Carty, Mr. Greene and the Hon. the Speaker, do form the said Committee.

The Financial Secretary presented to the House the following document :—

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure for the year ended 31st Dec., 1886.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on Monday next, he will move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that it is desirable that a Law be enacted by which an opportunity may be afforded to the Electors of this Colony of declaring their opinion and desire in relation to the Prohibition of the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and under which the opinion and desire of the majority of the Electors so declared shall pass into and become Law.

Then the House adjourned until to morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1887.

The Financial Secretary presented to the House the following documents, viz. :—

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure, on account of Local Roads, for the year ended Dec., 31st, 1886.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement of Expenditure for the year ended 31st Dec., 1886, 1-2.

(See Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Sweet Bay ; also, from the inhabitants of Open Hall, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Bradley's Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Thomas Mitchell, and others, of St. John's, on the subject of the Tariff.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed 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," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
31st March, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of the HON. RECEIVER GENERAL,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Bill in amendment, and the Consolidation of the General Water Company Acts.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Bill to Regulate the Culling of Cod-fish.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had

passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to Regulate the Taking of, and Right of Property in Seals."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Second reading of the following Bills deferred:—

A Bill relating to Habitual Offenders and Juvenile Offenders.

2nd reading of Bill relating to Claims for Compensation for Lands taken for Public Purposes.

2nd Reading of Council's Bill to amend Criminal Law.

Bill to amend Cap. 29 of Consolidated Statutes.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Law re-

lating to the Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court was read a second time, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed on Bill to provide for the Registration of Deeds.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. VEITCH,—From the inhabitants of Kelligrews, on the subject of a Well.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Cottell's Island, in the District of Bonavista, on the subject of the appointment of a Road Board ; also, from Solomon Drew, of St. Barbe's, on the subject of the Tariff.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, and others, on the subject of the Tariff and Fisheries ; also, from the Rev. Father Morris, and others, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts for the encouragement of Education.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on Monday next, on motion of the Hon. Member for Bonavista, Mr. Morine, for the adoption of the Resolution to be proposed by him relative to work on the Placentia Line, move, in amendment, the following Resolution:—

Whereas,—The House approves of the action of the Government, in commencing the construction of a Road from the Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, with the objects,

(1)—Of constructing a useful Road, the completion of which would be of great benefit and advantage to the general public,

(2)—Of providing, during the Autumn of 1886 and the Winter of 1887, remunerative employment to those rendered destitute by the failure of the Fisheries,

And, whereas,—The House approves of the Government in constructing the Road so that the same is capable of being adapted to the purposes of a Railroad,

And, whereas,—The House is of opinion that a Line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia would be a work of great public utility, and would, during construction, afford necessary remunerative employment to a large number of our people,

(1)—*Be it therefore enacted*,—That, in the opinion of this House, it is

desirable for the reasons aforesaid, that such a Line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia be constructed, following the direction of the said Road now under construction.

(2)—That such enactment as may be deemed expedient to provide the money necessary for the construction of the said Line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, and for other purposes connected therewith, be passed by this House.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of the names of the importers of goods entered between the 20th and 31st days of March last, past, both inclusive, for consumption, the amount of duty paid by each importer, and the amount each would have paid had the present Tariff been in force.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 4th APRIL, 1887.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if the Government have appointed Delegates to attend the Conference in London in reference to the Colonial Defence question ; if so, to name the said Delegates, and to lay on the table of

this House a copy of the instructions given to such Delegates; also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if it be the intention of the Government to propound to the Legislature propositions for celebrating and commemorating the Jubilee year of HER MAJESTY'S accession: and, if not, whether the Government does or does not believe that it is right and proper that this, the oldest Colony of the Crown, should take part in such celebration.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read:

By Mr. MORINE,—From John Crossman, and others, of the Blacksmith's Section of Home Industries Society, on the subject of the Tariff.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From Edward Bennett, and others, of St. John's, on the subject of the Tariff; also, from William McGrath, and others, Harness-makers, on the same subject; also, from Patrick Kennedy, and others, on the same subject.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of this House a Detailed Statement of the expenditure upon the following Public Works, showing the amount of each Warrant, in whose favor it was drawn, and whether it was for labor, or otherwise, upon the Agricultural Roads at Brigus, Channel, Carbonear, Dildo and Holyrood to Witless Bay, upon the Thorburn Road, from Torbay and Pouch Cove *via* Bauline Road, from Portugal Cove to Pouch Cove and Job's Bridge; on account of Relief Works in the following localities, namely: Bay-de-Verds, Bonavista, Carbonear, Ferryland, Harbor Grace, Trinity, Fogo, Twillingate, St. Barbe, Harbor Main, Labrador, and also on Placentia Road Survey and Construction.

On the order for the third reading of the Bill to amend the General Water Company Acts,

Mr. EMERSON moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to consolidate and amend the General Water Company Acts.”

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That Mr. Emerson and Mr. Scott do take the said Message to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow, and to stand first on the order of the day.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Financial Statement of the Affairs of the Colony of Newfoundland, 1887.

Return of Ships Entered and Cleared in Newfoundland Ports, 1886.

Abstract of Registered Shipping in Newfoundland, 31st December, 1886.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Bills be deferred :—

Committee on Bill relating to Inquiries into Public Service.

Committee on Bill to continue Act 46 Vic., Cap. 3, entitled “Of the Encouragement of Ship-building.”

Committee on a Bill from Legislative Council, relative to Right of Property in Seals.

Second reading Bill to amend the Law relating to Habitual Offenders.

Second reading Bill relative to Land taken for Public Purposes.

Second reading Bill to amend Cap. 29 of Consolidated Statutes.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved,

That the Bill sent from the Legislative Council, entitled “An Act for the amendment of the Criminal Law,” be now read a second time,

Whereupon Mr. SCOTT moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. GRIEVE,

That the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

And the question being put thereon, there appeared

For the Motion—5.

Hon. Attorney General,
Mr. Watson,
“ Bradshaw,
“ March,
“ Peters.

For the Amendment—14.

Mr. Scott,
“ O’Mara,
“ Callanan,
“ Morris,
“ McGrath,
“ Bond,
“ Morine,
“ Murphy,
The Financial Secretary,
Mr. Carty,
“ Grieve,
“ Kean,
“ White,
“ LeMessurier.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, in the absence of the RECEIVER GENERAL,

Resolved,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS presented to the House the following documents, viz. :—

Expenditure on Roads, St. John’s, and Main Roads, 1886.

Expenditure on account of Light Houses, 1886.

Expenditure on account of Public Works, 1886.

Expenditure on account of Public Institutions.

(*For which see Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Wednesday, the 13th, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 12th inst.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 12th inst., at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL, 1887.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table of the House, the following document, viz :—

Estimate for the year 1887.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

(*For which see Appendix.*)

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Hon. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Agreeably to order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled, “ An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education.

HON. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting-Master-in-Chancery, to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled, “ An Act to amend Title 25, Chapter 92 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, ‘ Of the Currency.’ ”

E. D. SHEA,

President.

Council Chamber,
12th April, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

The consideration of the following order was deferred,—

Committee of the Whole on Bill relative to Enquiries into Public Service.

Committee on Bill for Encouragement of Ship-building.

Committee on Council's Bill respecting Right of Property in Seals.

Second reading of Habitual Offenders' Bill.

Second reading of Bill for Compensation for Land taken for public purposes.

The order for the second reading of the Bill to amend Cap 29 of Consolidated Statutes, was on motion discharged.

The order for leave to introduce Bill for protection of Sheep, also, the order for Resolutions by Mr. Morine, in reference to Placentia Railway, were on motion discharged.

Mr. EMERSON moved, seconded by Mr. BRADSHAW, the following Resolutions,—

Whereas, the Government has commenced the construction of a Road from the Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, with the objects,

(1)—Of constructing a useful Road, the completion of which, would be of great benefit and advantage to the general public of this Colony.

(2)—Of providing, during the Autumn of 1886, and the Winter of 1887, remunerative employment to those rendered destitute by the failure of the fisheries.

And whereas, the said Road has been so constructed, that the same is capable of being adapted to the purposes of a Railroad.

Resolved,—(1) That the House approves of the action of the Government in the premises, and is of opinion that a line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, would be a work of great public utility, and would, during construction, afford necessary remunerative employment to a large number of our people.

(2)—That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, for the reasons aforesaid, that such a line of Railway, from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, be constructed, following the direction of the said Road now under construction.

(3)—That such enactments as may be deemed expedient, to provide the money necessary for the construction of the said line of Railway, from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, and for other purposes connected therewith, be passed by this House.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—19.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Godden,
 “ Grieve,
 “ Watson,
 “ White,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ McGrath,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ O’Mara,
 “ G. Shea,
 “ Morris,

Against the motion—2.

Mr. Morine,
 “ Murphy,

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL’S Resolution in relation to the Prohibition of the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, was on motion deferred.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Bill in reference to Railways and Railway Companies, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MORRIS, as Chairman of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers, to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service, presented the following report,—

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill referred to them, entitled, "An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers, to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service," beg to report that, they have considered the Bill to them referred, and respectfully recommend the Bill, herewith annexed, for the consideration of the House.

E. P. MORRIS, *Chairman.*
GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.,
D. J. GREENE,
J. S. WINTER,
E. C. WATSON,
A. F. GOODRIDGE.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
March 31st, 1887.

Ordered,—That this Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General to lay on the Table of the House, a detailed Statement of the amounts paid as bonus, for the clearing of land under the Agricultural Act of last year; also, a Statement of any monies paid for any other purposes, under the said Act, up to the 31st of December, A.D., 1886.

Also, to ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the Table of the House, a detailed Statement of all monies paid out of the Treasury, during the past year, under the head of Relief of Shipwrecked Crews, Labrador.

Mr. O'MARA gave notice that, he will on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General, if the Wharf on the West side of Clift's Cove, St. John's, is a Public Wharf, if leased or held under agreement from the Government, to lay the lease or agreement upon the Table of the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. E WATSON,—From Samuel Martin, and others, of Perlican, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From Rev. J. Darrel, and others, of Lamaline, in the District of Burin, on the subject of Postal Steam Communication.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Richard Rolls, and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From the inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads; also, from Edward Parsons, and others, of the South-side of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads; also, from Wm. Dunn, and others, on the same subject; also, from Edward French, and others, of Bay Roberts, on the subject of an Agricultural Bull.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From inhabitants of Torbay, on the subject of opening up an Agricultural Road in Torbay; also, from Elizabeth Salter, of St. John's, widow, on the subject of a Government situation for her son.

By Mr. CALLANAN,—From John Dwyer, and others, of the Home Industrial Society, on the subject of the erection of three Public Wharves, in the town of St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the better preservation of sheep, and for other purposes," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
13th April, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on Friday next, move the following Resolution, as an amendment to the motion to go into Committee on Ways and Means,—

Whereas, in raising a revenue by a Customs' Tariff, it is just and wise that it be levied upon all classes, in proportion to their means, and this can best be affected by levying the duties upon the value of importations.

And whereas, it is just and wise, that those who can afford the luxuries of life, should be more heavily taxed than those who can only procure the necessities of existence, and this can be best brought about, by placing upon imported luxuries, higher rates of duty, than upon articles of food, of which, an adequate supply cannot now, or in the near future, be procured in this Colony.

And whereas, it is evident that the prosperity of this Colony de-

pend, in a large degree, upon preventing the exodus of its artizan and labouring classes, which can only be done by encouraging and sustaining the various labor, giving industries suited to this Colony, and by keeping within the Colony a large amount of money, annually sent abroad for the manufacturies and products of other countries, and this can be done by so adjusting the Tariff, that while yielding all necessary revenue, it will shield the industries of this Country from the destructive competition of foreigners, and by keeping Newfoundland for the Newfoundlanders.

And whereas, the present Tariff of this Colony, (1) by reason of its many specific rates, bears unequally upon classes, (2) taxes necessities heavily and luxuries lightly, and (3) places the struggling industries of this Colony at the mercy of foreign manufacturers.

Be it resolved, that a thorough re-adjustment of the Tariff is necessary, and that this House hereby pledges its best efforts to the task of framing a tariff, (1) which shall bear with equity upon all classes, (2) which shall fall upon the rich and poor alike, in proportion to their means, and (3) which shall encourage home industries as far as may be possible by means of a Tariff wisely levied.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. KEAN,—From Samuel Brown, and others, of King's Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Edward Brennan, and others, of Topsail Road ; also, from John Brennock, of Petty Harbor Road ; also, from Edward Hancock, and others, all on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Rev. James Brown, and others, of Harbor Main ; also, from George Battcock, and others, of Holyrood ; also, from the inhabitants of Chapel's Cove ; also, from John Wey, and others, of Conception Harbor, all on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. CARTY,—From A. J. Campbell, and others, of Campbell's Creek, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From John Tucker, and others, of Broad Cove, of the subject of Roads ; also, from the inhabitants of St. John's West, on the subject of a Wall near Browning's Bridge.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Rev. E. F. Walsh, and others, inhabitants of Port-de-Grave, on the subject of the appointment of a Relieving Officer ; also, from George Mackinson, and others, of Southern Gut, on the subject of a Landing Place.

By Mr. PETERS,—From Rev. Thomas Janes, and others, of Grand Bank, on the subject of the Revenue Protection.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From James Fitzgerald, and others, of Fogo, on the subject of Telegraph Extension.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Thomas Stack, and others, of Torbay ; also, from John Collyer, and others ; also, from Philip Lamey, and others, of Portugal Cove ; also, from Peter Quigley, and others, all on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions lie on the table.

Mr. ROLLS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, upon the subject of the petition of the inhabitants of the District of Fogo, on the subject of Telegraphic Communication to that District.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved the House into Committee of the Whole on the following Resolution,—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that a law be enacted, by which an opportunity may be afforded to the electors of this Colony, of declaring their opinion and desire in relation to the prohibition of the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and under which, the opinion and desire of the majority of the electors so declared, shall pass into and become Law.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Third reading of Bill in amendment of Education Act; also, Committee on Supply, and Committee on Bill for Enquiries into Public Service, deferred.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

The House then adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Henry Geo. Barnes, and others, of Salmon Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from Edward Gardner, and others, of British Harbor, on the same subject; also, from Arthur Watts, and others, on the subject of a Road Board; also, from Thos. Fowler, and others, of Trinity, on the subject of Roads; also, from A.

Doherty, and others, of Trinity, on the subject of Water Supply ; also, from Robert White, and others, Trinity Harbor, on the subject of a Wharf or Landing Place.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend and Consolidate the Education Acts was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “ An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Education Acts.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. MORINE do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

On the order for Resolution on Prohibition and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors being moved by the Hon. Attorney General,

Mr. EMERSON called attention to the fact that strangers were present.

The Hon. SPEAKER put the question to the House as to whether it is their pleasure that strangers withdraw.

Upon division, it was resolved in the negative.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the said Resolution.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTY took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

FRIDAY, 15th APRIL, 1887.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents viz:—

Report of Postmaster General, for 1886, from 1 to 13.

Report of Surveyor General, for 1886, and Returns Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Report of Medical Officers, Labrador, 1886.

Criminal Statistics and Report of Governor of Penitentiary, 1886.

Statement of Expenditure for the Relief of the Poor, for the year 1886.

Statement of Expenditure on account of Shipwrecked Crews, 1886.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at half-past three of the clock.

At half-past three o'clock, p.m., pursuant to adjournment, the Hon. the SPEAKER took the Chair.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Joseph Miller, and others, inhabitants of Topsail, on the subject of the improvement of Miller's Road, Topsail ; also, from Joseph A. Holden, and others, inhabitants of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Well.

By Mr. WATSON,—From John P. Smith, and others, inhabitants of Apsey Brook, Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General to cause to be placed on the Table of this House, a detailed statement of the amount of provisions, flour, molasses, etc., supplied to the several districts, between the first day of October and thirty-first day of March last past, from whom the said provisions were purchased, the prices paid, and the prices charged the people for the same.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had con-

sidered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Committee on Bill relating to enquiries into the Public Service, deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MORRIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow, on the further consideration thereof.

On the order being called for the House to go into Committee on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in Seals.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, the said Bill was referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered,—That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Grieve, Mr. Morine, Mr. Kean, Mr. Rolls and Mr. Callanan do form the said Committee.

Committee on Employees' Liability Bill deferred.

Order, second reading of Habitual Offenders' Bill, discharged.

Order for second reading of Bill for Compensation for land taken for public purposes, deferred ; also, for Bill relating to Railway and Railway Companies in this Country.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS presented to the House the following documents :—

Report of Quidi Vidi Hospital, 1886.

Report of Lunatic Asylum, 1886.

Report of Poor Asylum, 1886.

Report of Inspector of Light Houses and Public Buildings, 1886.

Expenditure on St. John's East and West, and Main Roads, 1886.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. EMERSON,—From the inhabitants of Little Placentia, on the subject of the Tariff.

By Mr. CALLANAN,—From David King, and others, inhabitants of St. John's, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Rev. J. Pratt, and others, of Cupids; also, from Rev. J. Dove, and others, of Brigus; also, from the inhabitants of Port-de-Grave; also, from Fanny Gardner, and others, of Port-de-Grave, all on the subject of Prohibition and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Walter Brown, and others, of Bonavista; also, from Wm. Sharpe, and others, of Canaille, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Wm. Kennedy, and others, of Lance Cove, on the subject of a wharf; also, from Wm. Long, and others, of Pouch Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BOND,—From William Garland, and others, of Mose Ambrose, on the subject of a Break-water.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

Whereas, the competition which our fish products encounter from other countries, operating so seriously to the disadvantage of our fishermen, teaches us that, the fisheries of this country require more attention, encouragement and scientific care and supervision.

And whereas, this attention, 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 this House do respectfully request His Excellency the Governor to cause a Commission to be appointed, 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 Colony.

Pursuant to order, the Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Resolution for the Prohibition of the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock.

TUESDAY, 19th APRIL, 1887.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Report in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows,—

Whereas, the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors leads, in many cases, to abuse in consumption of the same.

And whereas, the abuse in consumption of intoxicating liquors is the fruitful cause of much sorrow and poverty.

And whereas, it has been considered that the prohibition and sale of intoxicating liquors, or severer restrictions in respect of the traffic, would lessen the evils wrought thereby, and would result in the promotion of Temperance, Morality and general prosperity.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee of this House be appointed, to consider questions involved in the Resolutions proposed, as follows:

(1) As to the effect of an enactment, providing for the prohibition of the sale and importation of intoxicating liquors upon the financial arrangement of the Colony, and as to the means by which such loss of Revenue, as would apparently ensue, by reason of the non-importation of intoxicating liquors, might be recouped.

Whereupon the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved, in amendment, seconded by the Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—That all the words in the said Report, after the word “Resolved,” be stricken out, and the following be substituted in lieu thereof,—That it is the opinion of this House, that it is desirable that a law be enacted, by which an opportunity may be afforded to the electors of this Colony, of declaring their opinion and desire, in relation to the prohibition of the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, and under which, the opinion and desire of the majority of the electors so declared, shall pass into, and become Law.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Amendment—16.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. A. M. MacKay,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Kean,
 “ White,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Bond,
 “ Morine.

Against the Amendment—16.

Hon. Receiver General,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Godden,
 “ Grieve,
 “ Watson,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Scott,
 “ Greene,
 “ O'Mara,
 “ Callanan,
 “ MacDonnell
 “ G. Shea,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Murphy,

And the members being equal, Mr. SPEAKER gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And the question on the original motion being put, passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at half-past three of the clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Speaker took the Chair.

At four o'clock, the House being counted, present Mr. Oarty, Mr. Morine, Mr. Rolls and Mr. Murphy, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 1887.

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from the Rev. M. Morris, of Topsail, in the district of Harbor Main, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

The Hon. the SPEAKER appointed the following, as Committee to take into consideration the Resolution passed by this House, on Tuesday last, in reference to the Prohibition of the importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors,—

Mr. Watson, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Receiver General, Mr. LeMessurier, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bond, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Peters and Mr. Morris.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From the inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From the Right Rev. Bishop McDonnell, and other inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of the Preservation of Sheep; also, from Willis Parsons, and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From John C. Dominy, and others, inhabitants of Greenspond, on the subject of increase of salary for Ferryman; also, from James Russel, and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of constructing a Hauling Place at Villa Verd.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Richard Whitty, and others, of Torbay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From Willis Parsons, and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of a Landing Place.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From William Goss, and others, inhabitants of Torbay, on the subject of repairing the Tapper's Cove Road; also, from Margaret Brauders, on the subject of repairing the Mayor's Path Road.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Bayly's Cove, Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Hon. Mr. PENNEY,—From John George, and others, inhabitants of Carbonear, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Thos. Collins, and others, of Bayly's Cove; also, from Joseph Little, and others, of Canaille, on the subject of Roads; from William Wiffin, and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered, —That the said several petitions lie on the table.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on Friday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole, on the following Resolutions :—

Whereas, the chief dependence of the people of this Colony, for their support and prosperity, is on the fisheries, which engage some thousands of our people annually, whose avocations are prosecuted on the Banks and Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and,

Whereas, the Revenues of the Colony are principally derived from those engaged in the fisheries, and,

Whereas, an increase in the number of the Headland and Harbor Lights, would materially contribute to the convenience and safety of the fishermen of this Colony in their hazardous occupations.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sufficient sum of money be provided for the erection of Light Houses, on said points of Newfoundland and Labrador, as may be directed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, and this House will make provision for the same.

Ordered,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency.

To His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DESVŒUX, 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,—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the petition of James Fitzgerald, of Fogo, and others, upon the subject of the extension of Telegraph Communication to Fogo, respectfully 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.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

Mr. WATSON, pursuant to notice, moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the following Resolutions:—

Whereas—The licensing of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors leads, in many cases, to abuses in consumption of the same,

And whereas—The abuses in consumption of Intoxicating Liquors is the fruitful cause of much sorrow and poverty,

And whereas—It has been considered that the prohibition of Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, or severer restrictions in respect of the traffic, would lessen the evils wrought thereby, and would result in the promotion of Temperance, morality and general prosperity,

Resolved—That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to consider questions involved in the Resolutions proposed as follows:—

(1)—As to the effect of an enactment providing for the prohibition of the Sale and the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors upon the financial arrangements of the Colony, and as to the means by which such loss of Revenue as would apparently ensue by reason of the non-importation of Intoxicating Liquors might be recouped;

(2)—As to the effect which a measure of such absolute prohibition would have with regard to international commerce with Spain and other Wine-producing countries which have business relations with this Colony;

Resolved—That it be an instruction to such Committee that the Committee have power to take evidence and to report

(1)—As to the expediency of absolute prohibition in respect of the Importation and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Island;

(2)—Accepting the necessity of such Prohibition, as to the constitution of the majority of the Electors which should decide as to such absolute prohibition ;

(3)—As to the expediency of severer restrictions in respect of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, as to the amount of License Fee, the Limitation of the number of Licenses granted in any town or settlement, or Regulations made for the good government of licensed houses as may be deemed desirable.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again tomorrow,

Pursuant to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the House went into Committee on the consideration of Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 21th APRIL, 1887.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from John White, and others, of Greenspond, on the subject of a Ferry.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from John Studdy, and others, on the subject of an Agricultural Exhibition.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow' move an Address to His Excellency the Administrator, on the petition of John Studdy, on the subject of an Agricultural Exhibition.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works, to lay on the table of the House, a detailed statement of the Balances of all accounts upon the Board of Works' Books, on the 31st December, 1886, and 31st March, 1887, respectively, and whether any charge has been made in the Board's system of Book-keeping since the Government's Auditor recommended the adoption of the Double Entry System.

Also, to ask the Hon. Attorney General, whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, in this year's estimate, for a steamer to carry mails and passengers from the ports in Trinity Bay nearest the Railway, to the ports at the head, and on the North side of the said Bay, and if the Government will also arrange, by couriers and packets, to extend to the South and North side of Bonavista Bay, the benefits that would accrue from such an undertaking.

Also, to ask the Hon. Attorney General whether it is the intention of the Government to provide a pension for A. C. Candow, Esq., late Stipendiary Magistrate for Bonavista, or whether an arrangement has been made with the present Magistrate, Mr. Stabb, to give a portion of his salary to Mr. Candow, as was done by J. G. Skelton, Esq., the late Acting-Stipendiary Magistrate in Bonavista.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to cause to be laid on the table of the House, a copy of the Government Engineer's Report, in reference to a Breakwater at Bonavista, and a detailed statement of the expenditure upon that work; and also, whether the Government intend to provide, in this year's estimate, for the extension and completion of that important work.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from James Baird, and others, inhabitants of St. John's, which was received and read, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, on the motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. KEAN gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an amendment to the Act, 47 Victoria, Chapter 8, entitled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries."

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works, to lay upon the table of the House, a detailed statement of the expenditure of sum amounting to \$1,329.93 charged to the Special Grant of Bonavista, on November 9th, 1886, as for able-bodied pauper relief, showing to whom the relief was given, by whose order, and under what instructions the relief was given, by what member or members for Bonavista the payment was recommended, and upon what authority the payment was ultimately made.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of James Cove on the subject of a Road Board; also, from Simeon Osmond, on the subject of a Ferry Boat; also, from John Fisher, on the subject of a Landing Place; also, from Wm. Greene, of Indian Arm, on the subject of a Road Board.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From James Gould, and others, of Pouch Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from the Inhabitants of Pouch Cove, on the subject of a Launchway; also, from John Furlong, and others, on the subject of Roads; also, from Simeon Rouch, and others, Middle Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from John Cantwell, Torbay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From Richard Humby, and others, of Tickle Cove, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House, the following documents, viz :—

Report of Colonel Fawcett, on Constabulary Force, 1886.

Report of Thomas Withecombe, on Inspection of Pickled Fish, 1886.

Report of P. Hubert, on Protection of Herring Fishery, 1886.

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

Report of Thomas Marshall, Herring Fishery Protection, 1886.

Report of P. Hubert, on cruise of *Greyhound* to stop barring of Herring.

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

Annual Report of Colonial Cordage Company, 1886.

Annual Report of Masonic Hall Company, 1886.

Annual Report of Archibald's Tobacco Company, 1886.

Statement of Affairs of Newfoundland Screw Tug Company, 1886.

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

Annual Report of Avalon Gold Mining Company, 1886.

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

Statement of Affairs of Newfoundland Saving's Bank, 1886.

General Statement of the Union Bank, for year ending 31st May, 1886.

General Statement of the affairs of the Commercial Bank, for year ending 31st June, 1886.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Hon. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1887.

Ordered,—That the Bill relating to Enquiries into the Public Service, be referred to the Select Committee on Registration of Deeds' Bill.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General, whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce any Legislation during the present Session, on the subject of the Tenure of Lands, in St. John's, as between Landlord and Tenant.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General the amount of the yearly salary to be paid to Thos. Stabb, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate of Bonavista, what amount has already been paid to him, to what accounts payment has been charged, and from what grant Mr. Stabb's salary, for the present year, is to be paid; also, if A. C. Candow, Esq., late Stipendiary Magistrate of Bonavista, is now in receipt of any emolument from the public revenue, if so, how much, and from what grant it is paid, and if it is the intention of the Government to continue the payment.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary to lay upon the table of the House, a detailed statement of expenditure for poor relief, in the district of Bonavista, up to the 31st March, 1887, shewing from whom the articles were purchased, to whom they were advanced, and at what prices they were purchased and sold respectively.

Mr. Emerson gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General, to lay on the table of the House, copies of all correspondence, or other papers, between the Government and the Chamber of Commerce, relative to the Barcelona Exhibition.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 25th APRIL, 1887.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary, to lay on the Table of the House, a detailed statement

giving names of officials to whom were paid the sums of \$644,704.43 and \$50,949.49 respectively, under head of Miscellaneous and Special Salaries, 1886, with discription of the offices in respect of which such payments were made.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from Otto Emerson, one of the Assistant Clerks of the Supreme Court, which was received and read, on the subject of increase of Salary; also, from John Studdy, and others, members of the Farmer's Section of the Home Industries Society, on the subject of Bounty on clearing Land.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the following documents, viz:—

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S statement of Expenditure from 1st January to 16th April, 1887.

Statement showing the Expenditure on Public Works and Roads to 15th April, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORRIS presented a petition from S. Glendenning, and others, inhabitants of St. John's, on the subject of Legislation as to liability and duty of Newfoundland Railway Company.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY presented to the House the following documents:—

Telegraph Extension Accounts, 1886.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement on account of Public Relief Works, Twillingate, and Agricultural Land Roads, viz:—
Dildo and Carbonear, Holyrood Bay.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement of Expenditure on account of Agricultural Lands, Roads, &c., Channel, Brigus, Harbor Main, Fogo, Bay-de-Verde, Ferryland, Carbonear, Harbor Grace, Trinity, Bonavista and St. Barbe, as asked for by Mr. Bond.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the following document :

Public expenditure and Board of Works Statement.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From inhabitants of Spaniard's Bay, on the subject of Main Line of Road.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From the inhabitants of Outer Cove, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Ordered,—That the Committee on Supply, on motion be discharged from its present position, and to take place last on the Order of the Day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Shipbuilding Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MORRIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Employer's Liabilities Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Fishery Department resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KEAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Resolutions to them referred without amendment, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read and are as follows :

Whereas,—The competition which our fish products encounter from other countries, operating so seriously to the disadvantage of our fishermen, reaches 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 this House do respectfully request His Excellency the Governor 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 Colony.

Ordered,—That the Report be adopted.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the questions of Voting at Elections, Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections, and the Trial of Controverted Elections, beg to report that they have considered the questions referred to them, and herewith submit the accompanying Bill, and respectfully request the concurrence of the House therefor.

J. S. WINTER, *Chairman*,
 R. BOND,
 P. J. SCOTT,
 GEO. H. EMERSON,
 M. H. CARTY,
 ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
 J. E. P. PETERS.

Committee Room,
 House of Assembly,
 April 25, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

The said Bills were then read a first time.

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

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Administrator upon the Resolutions of this House as to the institution of a Fishery Department in this Colony; and, also, that a Message be sent to the Hon. the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence in the said Address and Resolutions.

Ordered,—That the Bill for compensation for land taken for public purposes be deferred; also, the Bill relating to Railway and Railway Companies in this country.

Committee on Supply deferred, to stand second on the Order of the Day, for to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of Sheep," was read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. KEAN, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill to amend the Coast Fisheries Act, which was read a first time.

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

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill relative to Marine Courts of Enquiry, which was read a first time.

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the Table of the House a Detailed Statement of the Expenditure of \$24,277.04, charged to Newfoundland Railway Subsidy, between the 1st January and 16th April, 1887.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding.”

Ordered,—That the Receiver General and Mr. Morine do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill 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.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to Extend and Regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their employ.”

Ordered,—That Mr. Morris and Mr. Emerson do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read as follows :—

Resolved,—That the Act passed in the forty-ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies” be repealed: Provided always, that all Bonds given and payments made under the said Acts, or any of them, are hereby confirmed and declared valid, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the same.

Resolved,—That the following table of duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, as well as on Local Distillation and the Table of Exemptions, be enacted :—

TABLE OF DUTIES.

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| Ale, porter, cider and perry, the gallon..... | \$0 20 |
| Animals, viz :—Calves, pigs and sheep, each | 0 30 |
| Horses, mares, &c , each..... | 3 00 |
| Apples, the barrel..... | 0 40 |
| Apples, (dried) the pound..... | 0 02 |
| Bacon, hams, tongues, smoked beef and sausages, the cwt..... | 2 50 |
| Beef, pigs' heads, feet and hocks, salted and cured, the barrel of two hundred pounds..... | 1 00 |
| Biscuit and bread, (not including sweet or fancy biscuits), the cwt..... | 0 20 |
| Butter, oleomargarine, and other compounds representing but- ter, the cwt..... | 2 00 |
| Casks, empty, second-hand, 45 gallons and under, each..... | 0 45 |
| Casks, empty, second-hand, over 45 gallons, each..... | 1 45 |

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| Cask staves, second-hand, manufactured, capable of making casks of 45 gallons and upwards, per 100..... | 5 75 |
| Cask staves, second-hand, manufactured, capable of making casks under 45 gallons, per 100..... | 1 40 |
| Cheese, the cwt | 2 50 |
| Chocolate and cocoa, the pound..... | 0 06 |
| Cigars, ten per cent. ad valorem and the M..... | 4 00 |
| Coffee, green, the pound..... | 0 05 |
| Coffee, roasted or ground, the pound..... | 0 07 |
| Coals, imported or brought into the ports of St. John's, Harbor Grace and Carbonear, the ton | 0 30 |
| Confectionery, not including confectioners' ornaments, the cwt. | 5 50 |
| Feathers and feather beds, the pound..... | 0 07 |
| Fish, viz. :—Codfish and haddock, save as hereinafter exempt, the quintal of 112 lbs..... | 1 50 |
| Flour, the barrel | 0 30 |
| Fruit, dried, (excepting dried apples), currants, raisins, etc, the lb | 0 03 |
| Indian meal, the barrel..... | 0 25 |
| Jams and preserves, 20 per cent. ad valorem and the lb..... | 0 02 |
| Lumber, one inch thick, and so in proportion for any greater thickness, the M..... | 2 50 |
| Oats, the bushel..... | 0 05 |
| Lumber, grooved, tongued or planed, 1 inch thick, and so in proportion for any greater thickness | 4 00 |
| Molasses, the gallon | 0 07 |
| Oatmeal, the barrel of 200 lbs..... | 0 30 |
| Oil, kerosene, the gallon | 0 06 |
| Peas, the barrel | 0 30 |
| Pork, the barrel of 200 lbs..... | 1 75 |
| Salt, in bulk, the ton | 0 20 |
| Shingles, and laths, the M..... | 0 60 |

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| Spirits, viz :—Brandy and other spirits, not herein defined or enumerated, and not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, the gallon | 2 40 |
| All other spirits of greater strength than forty-three per cent. overproof, shall be deemed to be undefined spirits, and be subject to duty accordingly, the gallon | 2 40 |
| Rum—not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, the gallon | 1 65 |
| Gin—not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, the gallon | 1 80 |
| Whishey—not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, the gallon | 2 15 |
| Cordials—shrub and other spirits, being sweetened or mixed so that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained, the gallon | 1 15 |
| Sugars, viz :—Bastard, the cwt | 3 50 |
| Loaf and refined, the cwt | 4 50 |
| Unrefined, the cwt | 3 00 |
| Tea, 20 per cent., <i>ad valorem</i> and the lb | 0 06 |
| Timber, including Lignum-Vitæ, the ton | 0 60 |
| Tobacco, manufactured, including leaf-tobacco, stripped or partly manufactured, five per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> and the lb | 0 20 |

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| Tobacco, leaf and stems, the lb..... | 0 20 |
| Tobacco Stems, for Snuff, the cwt..... | 0 60 |
| Vegetables, viz :—Cabbages, the 100..... | 2 00 |
| Potatoes, the bushel | 0 05 |
| Turnips, parsnips, carrots, beet, the bushel. | 0 10 |
| All other, including onions, (canned or pre- served excepted), ten per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> | |
| Vinegar, the gallon..... | 0 15 |
| Wines, viz :—Champagne, the gallon..... | 3 00 |
| Claret, the gallon..... | 0 40 |
| Hock, Burgundy and Light Rhenish Wines, the gallon | 0 85 |
| Malaga and Montilla, costing at port of shipment 80 cents a gallon, and any other above that price, 12½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> and the gallon | 1 00 |
| Malaga and Montilla, costing at port of shipment under 80 cents a gallon, the gallon..... | 0 35 |
| Port and Madeira, the gallon..... | 1 65 |
| Sherry and Manzanilla, 12½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> and the gallon..... | 1 00 |
| Spanish Red, Denia, Sicilian, Figueira, Red Lis- bon, Cape and Lisbon Common, the gallon.... | 0 35 |
| All other Wines, 12½ per cent. <i>ad valorem</i> and the gallon..... | 1 10 |

AD VALOREM DUTIES.

Fresh meat, poultry, eggs, oxen, cows and bulls, tallow, grease and palm oil, 7½ per cent.

Anchors and chain cables, copper and composition metal for ships, including bars, bolts, sheathing and nails, of the same materials, 10 per cent.

Bread-bag brin, or bagging, 10 per cent.

Canvas, sail cloth and tarpaulin canvas, for ships' use, 10 per cent.

- Cordage, viz :—Rope and hemp, coir and manilla cables, 10 per cent.
Corks and corkwood, 10 per cent.
Fishing tackle, (except fishing tackle for anglers,) 10 per cent.
Hoop iron, 10 per cent.
Iron of all kinds, in bars, bolts, sheets, plates and pieces, (save as hereinafter exempt), 10 per cent.
Machinery and parts of machinery, including propellers, 10 per cent.
Nails, (wrought), 10 per cent.
Oakum, pitch, tar, resin and raw turpentine, 10 per cent.
Oranges, lemons, grapes, nuts, limes and olives, 10 per cent.
Sheet tin, block tin and solder, 10 per cent.
Worsted and woollen yarn of all kinds, 10 per cent.
Bran, barley, malt, indian corn and rice, $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Mast pieces and spars, not manufactured, $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Medicines, $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Staves, (undressed), $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Dories and dory oars, 15 per cent.
Hay, 15 per cent.
Leather, 15 per cent.
Nails, cut, 15 per cent.
Oleone oil, beef oil, neutral, lard stock, cotton seed oil, oil of sesame and other oils used in the manufacture of oleomargarine or artificial butter, 20 per cent.
Cabinet wares, 25 per cent.
Candles, 25 per cent.
Carriages, waggons, sleighs and harness, 25 per cent.
Casks, in which dry goods are imported, when fit to hold liquid, 25 per cent.
Manufactures of wood, except musical instruments, 25 per cent.
Staves, manufactured and dressed, 25 per cent.
Stockings, shirts and drawers, made by hand, 25 per cent.

Ready-made clothing, viz :—Coats, jackets, trousers, waistcoats, south-westerns, mantles, dresses, cloaks and sacques, 25 per cent.

Goods, wares and merchandize, not otherwise enumerated, described or charged with duty, and not otherwise exempt 20 per cent.

TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.

The following Articles imported into this Colony and its Dependencies shall be exempt from payment of Duties :—

Agricultural implements and machinery imported by Agricultural Societies for the promotion of agriculture.

Arms, clothing and provisions for Her Majesty's land and sea forces.

Articles imported for Religious purposes, not intended for sale.

Articles of every description imported for the use of the Governor.

Articles for the official use of Foreign Consuls.

Bait.

Bark for tanning leather.

Boiler and ship plates.

Coals, when not imported into the ports of St. John's, Harbor Grace or Carbonear.

Coin and Bullion.

Cotton Yarn, cotton (raw) coke.

Corn, for the manufacture of brooms.

Crushing Mills, for mining purposes.

Donations of clothing, specially imported for gratuitous distribution by any charitable Society.

Dye stuffs.

Oysters and clams in shell.

Fish of British catch and cure, and oil, the produce of such fish.

Fruit, not being canned, bottled or preserved, and not otherwise enumerated.

Gas Engines, when protected by patent.

Hemp, hemp yarn, coir yarn, sisal, manilla, flax and tow.

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- Hides, or pieces of hides, not tanned, curried or dressed.
- Household furniture and working tools, and implements used and in the use of persons arriving in this Colony.
- Junk, old iron, old copper, and old composition metal.
- Manures of all kinds.
- Materials for sheathing the bottoms of vessels, such as zinc, copper, and composition metal, together with nails and paper, or felt, which may be used for or under such sheathing when used for sheathing the entire bottom of the vessel in which the same is imported.
- Music, written or printed.
- Ores, and parts of ores used in the manufacture of copper paint.
- Passengers' Baggage.
- Pig iron, nail strips, whether iron, zinc or brass, to be used in the manufacture of cut nails in this Colony.
- Plants, trees and shrubs.
- Ploughs, harrows, reaping, raking, ploughing, potato, and seed-sowing machines, to be used in this Colony.
- Printing paper, printing presses, printing types, and all other printing requisites.
- Printed books, pamphlets, newspapers, maps and charts.
- Refuse rice.
- Sand.
- Scientific instruments and apparatus, including globes, when imported for the use of Colleges, Schools, and Scientific or Literary Societies.
- Seed for Agricultural purposes.
- Specimens illustrative of Natural History.
- Steam engines, boilers, propellers, water-wheels and saws, when used in the original construction of steam-boats built in this Colony, and of Mills and Factories.
- Sulphuric acid, when used for the manufacture of manures.
- Twines, to be used in manufacturing nets and netting in this Colony.
- Unmanufactured wool.

Wheat.

Works of Art, viz :—Engravings, Paintings, Statuary, not intended for sale.

LOCAL DISTILLATION.

The following Duties shall be raised, levied and collected on the following articles distilled or brewed in this Colony, namely :—

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| Brandy, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof..... | the gallon, \$1 75 |
| Whisky, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof..... | the gallon, \$1 60 |
| Gin, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof..... | the gallon, \$1 45 |
| Rum, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of proof..... | the gallon, \$1 20 |
| Ale, Porter, Bavarian Beer, Botanic Beer, and all other Malt and dextrinous liquors | the gallon, \$0 05 |

Resolved,—There shall be a drawback allowed upon Tobacco manufactured in this Colony when such Tobacco shall be exported from this Colony at the rate of fourteen cents per pound of such Tobacco exported as aforesaid : Provided, that such drawback shall not be allowed upon any quantity of Tobacco so exported at any one time less than five hundred pounds. No drawback shall be allowed or payable on Tobacco Stems exported from this Colony.

Resolved,—The Duties payable upon Leaf Tobacco imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, where the duty set forth in any entry shall amount to two hundred dollars, may be secured to Her Majesty by bond in the same manner as duties payable upon other goods may be now so secured, and subject in every respect to the same regulations.

Resolved,—There shall be allowed to any printer a drawback to the amount of any duties that may have been paid on any paper actually printed upon in this Colony, upon the production of affidavits satisfactory to the Receiver General, setting forth the amount of duties which have been paid thereon, and that the said paper has been actually and *bona fide* printed upon in this Colony.

Resolved,—There shall be allowed a drawback upon Biscuit manufactured in this Colony from flour imported on which duty has been paid at the Customs when such biscuit shall be exported from this Colony at the rate of seventeen cents per hundred weight of such biscuit exported as aforesaid: Provided that such drawback shall not be allowed upon any quantity of biscuit so exported at any one time less than one hundred bags.

Resolved,—The duty hereinbefore provided to be levied upon fish is subject to the following proviso, namely: Provided that the Governor may by proclamation published in the *Royal Gazette* remit as he may deem equitable the whole or any part of the duty imposed on fish imported into this Colony or its Dependencies from countries, making such changes or reductions in their tariff of duties with respect to fish, the produce of fish, or other articles exported from this Colony and its Dependencies to such countries.

Resolved,—It shall not be lawful for any importer of dried fish to warehouse the same in any of the ports of this Colony and its Dependencies without the payment of the duty hereinbefore provided of one dollar and fifty cents on every quintal so warehoused, and the provisions of any act of this Colony with regard to the warehousing

of goods on the first entry thereof, or to the allowance of drawbacks upon exportation, shall not in either case apply or be construed to apply to such fish.

Resolved,—That in addition to the duties hereinbefore provided to be levied, collected and paid on goods, wares and merchandize, hereinafter mentioned, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, from countries, the fishermen of which, have the privilege of taking fish on all parts of the coast of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and in which countries, duties are, or shall hereafter, be levied upon fish and the produce of the fisheries exported from this Colony, to such countries, the following duties, namely:—

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| Flour, the barrel..... | \$0 75 |
| Pork, the barrel..... | 0 75 |
| Butter, the one hundred pounds..... | 0 75 |
| Tobacco, the one hundred pounds..... | 5 00 |
| Kerosene Oil, the gallon..... | 0 05 |
| Corn Meal, the barrel..... | 0 52½ |
| Hay, the ton..... | 5 00 |
| Oats, the bushel..... | 0 10 |
| Potatoes, the bushel..... | 0 25 |
| Turnips, the bushel..... | 0 25 |
| Cabbages, the dozen heads..... | 0 40 |
| Unenumerated Vegetables, thirty per cent. | |

Provided always that the Governor-in-Council may at any time when it shall be made to appear to be for the interest of this Colony, by proclamation to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, suspend the operation of this clause for a limited period, the duration of such period to be stated in the said proclamation.

Resolved,—That all duties and charges payable under these Resolutions and under the Revenue Act hereafter to be enacted and all exemptions thereby provided shall take effect on and after the first day of April, Anno Domini, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-seven.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means, and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, which was read a first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of a Supply, to be granted to Her Majesty.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read as follows :

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that there should be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the following Sums of Money, to defray the Civil Expenditure of the Colony, for the year ending 31st December, 1887 :

The Private Secretary to the Governor, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars.

The Governor's Orderly, three hundred dollars.

Gate Keeper, Government House, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

First Clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office, one thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Second Clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office, one thousand dollars.

Office Keeper and Messenger in Colonial Secretary's Office, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerk in Receiver General's Office, one thousand, three hundred dollars.

Clerk in Financial Secretary's Office, one thousand dollars.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, one thousand dollars.

Assistant Clerk and Messenger, Board of Work's Office, four hundred dollars.

Inspector of Public Buildings and Lighthouses, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Clerk to Inspector of Public Buildings and Lighthouses, eight hundred dollars.

Geological and Topographical Surveyor, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Keeper of Museum, four hundred dollars.

Surveyor and Civil Engineer, one thousand three hundred dollars.

First Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, one thousand one hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Second Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, nine hundred dollars.

Third Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, six hundred dollars.

Two Junior Clerks, Surveyor General's Office, at three hundred and sixty dollars, and one at three hundred and twenty dollars, one thousand and forty dollars.

Messenger, Surveyor General's Office, two hundred and eighty-six dollars.

Government Engineer, two thousand four hundred dollars.

Clerk in Government Engineer's Office, four hundred and eighty dollars.

Clerk to Premier, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Colonial Building, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Halfway House, Salmonier, one hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Inspector of Weights and Measures, ninety-three dollars.

Inspector of Meats, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Chief Examiner of Masters and Mates and Harbor Master, one thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars.

Assistant Examiners, and boat-hire, six hundred dollars.

Bailiff Central District and Keeper Court House, six hundred and fifty dollars.

Chief Clerk and Registrar, Supreme Court, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

First Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, eight hundred dollars.

Second Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, four hundred dollars.

Stationery for Registrar's Office, ninety-three dollars.

Crier and Tipstaff, St. John's, four hundred dollars.

Crown Prosecutions, four thousand dollars.

Magisterial Inquiries, four hundred dollars.

Circuit of Judges and hire of Steamers, five thousand five hundred dollars.

District Judges, travelling expenses, six hundred dollars.

Newfoundland Constabulary, sixty thousand dollars.

Clerk of the Peace, St. John's, and for collection of License Fund, St. John's, one thousand five hundred and seventy dollars.

Governor of the St. John's Penitentiary, nine hundred dollars.

First Turnkey, St. John's Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Second Turnkey, St. John's Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Two Assistants, five hundred and sixty dollars.

One Trades' Warden, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Keeper of Court House, Harbor Grace, fifty dollars.

The sum of sixteen thousand one hundred and thirty five dollars, to defray the salaries of Outport Magistrates, as follows:—

A Magistrate at La Scie, four hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Little Bay, eight hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Twillingate, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Fogo, seven hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Greenspond, six hundred and ninety-three dollars.

A Magistrate at Bonavista, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Trinity, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Old Perlican, seven hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Carbonear, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Brigus, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Ferryland, eight hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Trepassey, six hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at St. Mary's, four hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Placentia, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

A Magistrate at Placentia, West, five hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Burin, eight hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Grand Bank, seven hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Harbor Breton, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

A Magistrate at Burgeo, five hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Channel, seven hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Bay St. George, one thousand dollars.

A Magistrate at Bay of Islands, one thousand dollars.

A Magistrate at Bonne Bay, four hundred dollars.

The sum of one thousand four hundred and forty dollars towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Clerks of the Peace, as follows:—

A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, six hundred dollars.

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, eight hundred and forty dollars.

The sum of two thousand two hundred and eight dollars towards defraying the Salaries of Outport Constables, as follows:—

One Constable at Twillingate, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

One Constable at Salvage, fifty-six dollars.

- One Constable at Tickle Cove, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable at King's Cove, ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at Catalina, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- Two Constables at Trinity, one hundred and seventy-two dollars.
- One Constable at Heart's Content ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at Lower Island Cove, fifty-six dollars.
- Two Constables at Brigus, two hundred and seventy-eight dollars.
- One Constable at Cat's Cove, ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at Harbor Main, ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at South Shore, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- One Constable at Torbay, ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at Ferryland, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- One Constable at Brigus South, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable at Fermeuse, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable at Trepassey, ninety-three dollars.
- One Constable at Oderin, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable at Burin, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- One Constable at Lamaline, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable, at Harbor Breton, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- One Constable at Gaultois, fifty-six dollars.
- One Constable at Channel, fifty-six dollars.

The sum of one thousand three hundred and four dollars towards defraying the Salaries of Outport Gaolers, as follows :—

One Gaoler at Little Bay, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Twillingate, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Greenspond, eighty-four dollars.

One Gaoler at Bonavista, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Trinity, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Harbor Grace, five hundred dollars.

One Gaoler at Brigus sixty dollars.

One Gaoler at Ferryland, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Placentia, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Burin, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Harbor Breton, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Channel, forty dollars.

The Commissioner of Poor, one thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

Inspector of Poor, eight hundred dollars.

Assistant, three hundred and sixty dollars.

District Surgeon, St. John's, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Gaol Surgeon, Conception Bay, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

District Surgeon, Conception Bay, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Physician, Lunatic Asylum, one thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

Resident Physician, St. John's Hospital, two thousand dollars.

Attendant Physician, St. John's Hospital, four hundred dollars.

Keeper of Poor Asylum, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

Permanent and Casual Poor, one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Servants and Paupers, Lunatic Asylum, twenty thousand dollars.

Servants and Paupers, Poor Asylum, nine thousand dollars.

Servants and Paupers, St. John's Hospital, nine thousand five hundred dollars.

Shipwrecked Crews, three thousand dollars.

Dorcas Society, St. John's, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.

Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace, one hundred and twenty dollars.

Dorcas Society, Carbonear, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

St. John's Factory, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Orphan Asylum, Industrial Department, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John's, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Harbor Grace, one hundred and twenty dollars.

General Protestant Industrial Society, St. John's, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

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- A Ferryman at Placentia, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Salmonier, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- A Ferryman at Admiral's Beach to Mosquito, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Mall Bay, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Branch, sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Barachois, twenty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, St. Mary's Bay, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Trepassey, sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Portugal Cove, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Trinity, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.
- A Ferryman at Topsail, one hundred and thirty-six dollars.
- A Ferryman at Harbor Grace, one hundred and forty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Random Sound, Trinity Bay, one hundred and twenty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Little St. Lawrence, forty-seven dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, Conception Bay, one hundred and forty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Burin to Mud Cove, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- A Ferryman at Aquaforte, ninety-four dollars.
- A Ferryman at Mortier Bay, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- A Ferryman at Connaigre Bay, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.
- A Ferryman at Fogo, forty-seven dollars.

A Ferryman at King's Cove to Amherst Cove, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Breton, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Breton to Jersey Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Burgeo and LaPoile, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at LaPoile Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Greenspond to Ship Island, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Twillingate, one hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Ragged Harbor, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Exploits, Burnt Island, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Riverhead, St. Mary's, fifty dollars.

A Ferryman at Greenspond to Mainland, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Twillingate, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Bonavista, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Trinity, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Grace, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Main, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Burin, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Fortune Bay, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Burgeo and LaPoile, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Bay St. George, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at St. Barbe, two hundred dollars.

The sum of one hundred dollars, to defray the salaries of two men at Fort Amherst, for Fog Gun.

The sum of forty-eight dollars to defray the salary of one man at Signal Hill, for Noon Gun.

The sum of eight hundred dollars, to defray the cost of Ammunition for Fog and Noon Day Guns.

The sum of four hundred and twenty dollars, to defray the salaries of two men at Block House.

The sum of seventy dollars for Fuel and Light.

The sum of one hundred dollars for Chronometer time.

Repairs, St. John's Court House and Penitentiary, one thousand dollars.

Repairs, Outport Court Houses and Gaols, two thousand dollars.

Repairs, Lunatic Asylum, eight hundred dollars.

Repairs, Poor Asylum, six hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Hospital, Quidividi, eight hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Custom House, five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Colonial Building, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Block House, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Repairs, Drill Shed, fifty dollars.

Repairs, Imperial Property, five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Kerosene Oil Store, fifty dollars.

Repairs, Custom House, Harbor Grace, fifty dollars.

Repairs, Government House, three thousand dollars.

Fuel and Light, Custom House, four hundred dollars.

Fuel and Light, Government House, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Fuel and Light, Colonial Building, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Supplies, Court Houses and Gaols, ten thousand dollars.

Winter Service to Halifax, eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars.

Ocean Steam to and from Liverpool, etc., fifty-seven thousand six hundred dollars.

Coastal Steam to South, West and North, fifty-six thousand dollars.

Coastal Steam to Labrador, nine thousand dollars.

Postal Service, fifty-six thousand dollars.

Land and Geological Surveys, eight thousand dollars.

Printing and Stationery, eight thousand dollars.

Postages, Telegrams and incidentals, two thousand dollars.

Insurance on Public Buildings, three thousand dollars.

Unforeseen Contingencies, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Lighting and Cleansing St. John's Streets, eight thousand dollars.

Harbor Grace Gas Company, five hundred dollars.

Agricultural Grants, (General,) one thousand seven hundred dollars.

Agricultural Grant, (Conception Bay,) four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Repairs of Town Clock, and attendance on Clocks in the Public Offices, two hundred dollars.

Special Vote for Public Works, thirty-six thousand dollars.

To encourage Instructors of Masters and Mates, two hundred dollars.

Protection of Western Herring Fishery, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To educate Deaf and Dumb, five hundred dollars.

Maintenance of Telegraph Lines, twelve thousand dollars.

Maintenance of General Lighthouses, forty-three thousand dollars.

Rent of Public Offices, Athenæum, nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Pension to Widow Buckley, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

Pension to Harriet Oke, two hundred dollars.

Medical attendance on Labrador Coast, &c., eight hundred dollars.

Barcelona Exhibition, five thousand dollars.

Consolidation of Laws, two thousand dollars.

Interest on Floating Debt, thirty thousand dollars.

Completing New Examining Office and for alterations in Harbor Master's Office, two thousand dollars.

Fitting Museum, five hundred dollars.

Ordered,—That the said Resolutions be adopted.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from Committee of the Whole on Supply, on leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, which was read a first time.

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

Committee on Council's Bill, to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes, be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to claims for compensation for lands taken for public purposes, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be referred to a Select Committee sitting on Law Bills.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Bills be deferred :—

Bill relating to compensation for lands taken for public purposes ;
Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies in this country ;
also, Bill relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry.

The following Bills were read a second time, viz :—

Ballot Bill, Corrupt Practices Bill, and Controverted Election Bill.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. WATSON moved, pursuant to notice, that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government :—

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 of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly having had under consideration, and passed the following Resolution, viz:—

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 the Legislative Council and 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 respectfully 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 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, and provision will be made for the same.

Passed the House of Assembly,
April 26, 1887.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—15.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Emerson,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Godden,
 “ Watson,
 “ Kean,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Greene.

Against the motion—2.

Mr. Bond,
 “ Morine.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, desiring their concurrence to the said Address.

HON. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for sundry amounts advanced by him from the Public Treasury for the use of the Colony; also, a Bill to provide, by loan, for certain public services; also, that he would, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of this House in regard to the Revenue and Supply Bills, now before this House.

HON. SURVEYOR GENERAL, in the absence of the Chairman of the

Board of Works, gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Rev. J. Noel, and others, of Harbor Grace, praying for the establishment of an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in this Colony.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From M. Anthony, and others, of Harbor Grace, praying that dogs may not be destroyed, as contemplated by the Bill for the Preservation of Sheep, now before the House.

By Mr. CARTY,—From G. R. Lilly, and others, of Bay of Islands, on the subject of a Ferry; also, from Margaret Hennessy, of St. John's, praying for a pension.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From E. Dowden, and others, pupils of Church of England Board School, St. John's, asking that a suitable Pond be set aside, in the vicinity, for the purpose of a bathing-place.

By Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—From N. Peddle, and others, district of Carbonear, on the subject of Roads.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From E. Langdown, and others, of Purcell's Harbor, district of Twillingate, on the same subject; also,

from Rev. G. Bullen, and others, of Twillingate, on the same subject ; also, from inhabitants of Herring Neck, on the same subject.

Ordered, --That the said several petitions lie on the table.

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved the suspension of the Rules of this House, in reference to the Revenue and Supply Bills, now before the House.

And the question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared,

For the Motion—13.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 Mr. A. M. MacKay,
 “ Watson,
 “ Godden,
 “ Rolls,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. White,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Peters,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Kean.

Against the Motion—7.

Mr. Scott,
 “ Green,
 “ O'Mara,
 “ Morris,
 “ Bond,
 “ Morine,
 “ Murphy,

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor, for certain sums of money, advanced by him, out of the Public Treasury, for the services of the Colony, was read a first time, and

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

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Loan Bill be deferred.

Ordered,—That the consideration of Resolutions on Roads and Bridges be deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on consideration of the Bill respecting the Election of members of the General Assembly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery, to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President

Council Chamber,

27th April, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had con-

sidered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the consideration of the Bill for the prevention of corrupt and illegal Practices at Elections.

Hon. the SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of Committee.

And the House having sat until twelve of the clock,

THURSDAY 28th APRIL, 1887.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill, with some amendments, and he handed in the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the consideration of the Bill to make provision for the trial of Controverted Elections.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Order be deferred :—

Committee of the Whole on Legislative Council's Sheep Bill.

Second reading Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies, in this country.

Pursuant to order, the following Bills were read a second time :

A Bill to amend the Law relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries.

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 31st December, 1887, and for other purposes.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its dependencies.

Ordered,—That the said several Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at half-past three of the clock.

Pursuant to adjournment, the House met at 3½ o'clock.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members to the General Assembly, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Bond do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

The Corrupt Practices Bill was read a third time, pursuant to order.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for the Prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Emerson do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

The Controverted Elections Bill was read a third time, pursuant to order.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to make provision for the trial of Controverted Elections.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Scott do take this Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Council's Sheep Bill be deferred, to stand last on the Order of the Day.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY took the chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That this report be received.

Ordered,—That this Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Coast Fishery Bill.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. MORRIS took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That this Report be received.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Supply Bill.

Hon. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed in the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That this report be received.

Ordered,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That the Receiver General and Mr. O'Mara take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Revenue Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some

amendments, and he handed in the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That this Report be received.

Ordered,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.”

Ordered,—That Hon. Receiver General and Mr. Bond take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies in this country be deferred.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Council's Sheep Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GRIEVE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the public service of the Colony, was read a first time, and

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

The consideration of Resolutions on Roads and Bridges was deferred.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, laid on the table a Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying the thanks of Her Majesty the Queen for the congratulatory Address of the House of Assembly on the attainment of the 50th year of Her reign.

(For which see Appendix.)

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a petition from R. S. Munn, Chairman of the Harbor Grace Water Company, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to amend their Act of Incorporation, &c.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company.

Mr. EMERSON, from the Joint Select Committee, appointed to consider the proposed arrangement of the Treaties between Great Britain and France on the Newfoundland Fisheries, presented the Report of the said Committee, which was received and read as follows:—

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 Government 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. Pennel, 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.

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 the 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 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 ;

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.

Ordered,—That this Report do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, 1887.

Mr. GODDEN presented a petition from R. S. Munn, and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, praying for a bounty to be given to vessels prosecuting the Bank fishery on the coast of Labrador.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the Law relating to the Coast Fisheries was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled, “An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Coast Fisheries.”

Ordered,—That Mr. Kean and Mr. Rolls do take this Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Marine Courts of Enquiry Bill was read a third time, pursuant to order.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass and be entitled, “An Act to amend the Law relating to Marine Courts of Enquiry in this Country.”

Ordered,—That Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Callanan do take this Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Indemnity Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed in the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered,—That the consideration of Legislative Council's Sheep Bill be deferred.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Bills be deferred :—

2nd reading of Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies in this country.

2nd reading Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order, and on leave granted, Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Bill, entitled, " An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company," which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the adoption of the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the French Shore Question.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1887.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Indemnity Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain Sums of Money advanced by him out of the Colonial Treasury for the services of the Colony.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. MORRIS do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Bills be deferred :—

Committee on Council’s Sheep Preservation Bill.

2nd reading Railway’s Bill.

2nd reading Loan Bill.

2nd reading Harbor Grace Water Co.’s Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Resolutions to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the Resolutions and amendments at the Clerk’s Table, where they were read as follows :—

Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents, for making and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, in this Colony, as follows:—

On the road from Portugal Cove to Pouch Cove, via Bauline, provided the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the Local Grant, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Torbay to Bauline, provided the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated out of the Local Grant, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the LeMarchant Road, one hundred dollars.

On the Kenmount Road to Topsail, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Bennett's Mill to the Goulds, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from Old Placentia Road to Topsail Road, two hundred dollars.

On the Road, Southside, St. John's, provided the sum of two hundred dollars be also appropriated from Local Grant, seven hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. John's to Portugal Cove, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. John's to Cape St. Francis, seven hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. John's to Cape Spear, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. John's to Brigus, one thousand dollars.

On the Road from Horse Cove to Topsail, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from Goulds to Renew's, one thousand two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Trepassey to Renews, half to be expended by respective districts of Placentia and Ferryland, one thousand dollars.

On the Road from Manuel's to Prices, Topsail Road, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Salmon Cove, Gastirs, one hundred dollars.

On the Road through Cat's Cove, Collier's and Bacon's Cove, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Holyrood through Seal Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Holyrood to Witless Bay, half to be expended by respective districts, Harbor Main and Ferryland, six hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Holyrood to Placentia, one thousand dollars.

On the Road from Brigus to Carbonear, one thousand dollars.

On the Branch Road from Brigus Mainland to Nine Island Pond, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Hall's Town to Snow's Pond, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Gould's and on Long Harbor Road, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Spaniard's Bay to New Harbor, three hundred and thirty dollars.

On the Road from New Harbor to South Dildo, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Dildo to Chance Cove, seven hundred dollars.

On the Northern Mail Route, two thousand dollars.

On the Road from New Harbor to Heart's Content, six hundred dollars.

On the Road from Green's Harbor to Harbor Grace, and connecting Spaniard's Bay Road, eight hundred dollars.

On the Road from Carbonear to New Perlican, one thousand two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Carbonear to Heart's Delight, two hundred dollars.

On the Country Path Road from Spaniard's Bay Pond, six hundred dollars.

On the Agricultural Road, Coley's Point, four hundred dollars.

On the Road between Spaniard's Bay and Bishop's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from New Perlican to Grate's Cove, one thousand one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Grate's Cove to Bay-de-Verds, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Bay-de-Verds to Red Head, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Old Perlican to Island Cove, four hundred dollars.

On the Road from Old Perlican to Bay-de-Verds, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Carbonear to Bay-de-Verds, one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Salmon Cove Bridge to Heart's Content Road, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Heart's Ease to Butter Cove, sixty dollars.

On the Road from Trinity to British Harbor, six hundred dollars.

On the Road from Trinity to Catalina, seven hundred and twenty dollars.

On the Road from Trinity to King's Cove, half on Trinity side and half on King's Cove side, eight hundred dollars.

On the Road at Riverhead, Southern Bay, towards Muddy Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Trinity to Indian Arm, half by the district of Trinity and half by the district of Bonavista, four hundred dollars.

On the Road from Plate Cove to Head of Southern Bay, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from Plate Cove, Head of Southern Bay, to Goose Bay, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Catalina to Bird Island Cove, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Catalina to Bonavista, three hundred and sixty dollars.

On the Road from King's Cove to Tickle Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Greenspond to Cape Freels, seven hundred dollars.

On the Road from Shambler's Cove to New Harbor and Indian Bay, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Brown's Marsh towards King's Cove, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the Road from Plate Cove towards Brown's Marsh, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the Road from Salvage to Happy Adventure, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Salvage Bay to Alexander Bay, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Tickle Cove to Plate Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Bonavista to Bird Island Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Greenspond to English Harbor, or on Landing-place near English Harbor, two hundred dollars.

On the Road at Black Head Bay, to be spent at the head of the Bay where most required, four hundred dollars.

On the Road from Amherst Cove to Catalina, half by the respective districts of Trinity and Bonavista, the Bonavista portion to be spent at the head of Blackhead Bay, where most required, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Cape Freels to Cat Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Cat Harbor to Musgrave Harbor, inclusive, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Northside, Ragged Harbor, to Northside, Apsey Cove, inclusive, one hundred dollars and seventy-five cents.

On the Road from Rocky Bay to Gander Bay—half each place, seventy-four dollars.

On the Road from Seldom-come-by to Fogo, half each place, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

On the Road from Tilton Harbor to Joe Batt's Arm, one hundred and twenty dollars.

On the Road from Shoal Bay to Fogo main line, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from Barr'd Islands to Fogo and Seldom-come-by, one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and forty three cents.

On the Road from Hare Bay to Fogo, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from Twillingate to Bluff Head, Gillard's Cove and Kettle Cove, one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents.

On the Road from Twillingate to Long Point, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Twillingate to Little Harbor, two hundred dollars.

On the Road across the marsh between Little Harbor and Purcell's Harbor, fifty dollars.

On the Rink Road leading from Congregational Church to Bluff Head Cove, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Jenkin's Cove to French Beach, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Tizzard's Harbor to Moreton's Harbor, to be expended under the Tizzard's Harbor and Moreton's Harbor Boards, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Tizzard's Harbor to Carter's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Moreton's Harbor to Western Head, one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents.

On the Road from Black Island Tickle to Kier's Cove, fifty-seven dollars.

On the Road from New Bay Head to Fortune, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Fortune Harbor to Cottrell's Cove, forty dollars.

On the Road from Jackson's Arm to King's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Lushe's Bight to Ward's Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Southern Harbor, Little Bay Islands, to Sullian's Cove, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Jackson's Cove to Birchy Cove and Colchester, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

On the Road from Northwest Arm to Rouge Harbor, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

On the Road from Rogue Harbor to Bett's Cove, eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

On the Road from Bett's Cove to Snook's Arm, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Round Harbor to Tilt Cove, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from Round Harbor to Snook's Arm, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from Placentia to Little Placentia and Fox Harbor, four hundred dollars.

On the Road from Little Placentia towards Long Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Salmonier to St. Mary's, seven hundred dollars.

On the Road from Placentia to Cape Shore, one thousand dollars.

On the Roads on Western Shore, Placentia Bay, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Branch to Distress, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. Shotts to Cape Pine, three hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Holyrood to St. Mary's, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Burin to Garnish, four hundred and ninety dollars.

On the Road from Burin to Grand Bank, two thousand two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Grand Bank to Garnish, half in each district, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Hermitage Cove to Pass Island, three hundred dollars.

On the Roads in Fortune Bay, where most required, two hundred and twenty dollars.

On the Road from Gaultois to Picarrie, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Gaultois to Connaigre Bay, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Harbor Briton to Connaigre, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Harbor Briton to Belloram, five hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from St. John's Bay to Wreck Cove, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the Road from Belloram to St. Jacques, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Miller's Passage to Little Bay, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the Road from Baine Harbor to Bay L'Argent, half to be expended at each end, one thousand dollars.

On the Roads district of Burgeo and LaPoile, one thousand nine hundred dollars.

On the Roads district of St. Barbe, two thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the Roads district of St. George, two thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-five cents.

On the Road from Upper Island Cove to Tilton, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Tilton to Brazil's Hill, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Spaniard's Bay to Tilton Station, one hundred and fifty dollars.

LOCAL ROAD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, 1887.

St. John's East, seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and five cents.

St. John's West, five thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy cents.

Ferryland, two thousand two hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty cents.

Placentia and St. Mary's, four thousand one hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifteen cents.

Burin, two thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy cents.

Fortune Bay, two thousand four hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-five cents.

Burgeo and LaPoile, two thousand two hundred and ninety dollars and forty cents.

St. George, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty-five cents.

St. Barbe, two thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Fogo, two thousand one hundred and ninety-two dollars and forty cents.

Twillingate, four thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars and thirty cents.

Bonavista Bay, five thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars and ten cents.

Trinity Bay, six thousand and fifty-eight dollars and fifteen cents.

Bay-de-Verde, three thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents.

Carbonear, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two dollars and ten cents.

Harbor Grace, five thousand one hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-five cents.

Port-de-Grave, three thousand and forty-four dollars and thirty cents.

Harbor Main, three thousand one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

Ordered,—That this Report be adopted.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL, in the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Works, and in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money, for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges in this Colony, which was read a first time.

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

Ordered,—That Mr. EMERSON'S motion, in regard to the adoption of the Report of the French Shore Committee, be discharged.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill relating to Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. SCOTT,—From the Pupils of the Central School, St. John's, praying for the establishment of a Swimming Pool.

By Mr. MORINE,—From John Hopkins, and others, of Heart's Content, on the subject of the Tariff; also, from H. C. Morris, and others, Scilly Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. MARCH,—From W. Doyle, and others, of Gull Island, District of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of Roads; also, from James King, and others, of Small Point, on the same subject.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Jabez Butler, and others, of Clark's Beach, district of Brigus, on the subject of Roads; also, from Rev. J. C. Harvey, and others, of Port-de-Grave, on the subject of a Breakwater; also, from the Rev. J. Pratt, and others, of Cupids, asking for Seed Potatoes to be sent to that locality; also, from Rev. M. J. Kelly, and others, of Brigus, on the subject of Roads; also, from G. Ponsroy, and others, of Brigus, praying for a bounty on fish caught on the Banks, off the Coast of Labrador.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From the pupils of Methodist College, asking for the establishment of a Swimming-pool; also, from Emma and Mary Ann Parsons, *Patriot* Newspaper, asking for a share of Printing of Assembly.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. CALLANAN, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the Taking of and Right of Property in Seals," presented the Report, which was read as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent down from the Honourable Legislative Council, to regulate the taking of and right of property in Seals, beg to report that they have considered the Bill to them referred, and herewith submit certain amendments thereon, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of the House.

GEORGE H. EMERSON, JR.,

JAMES ROLLS,

A. B. MORINE,

A. KEAN,

JAMES J. CALLANAN.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

House of Assembly.

Ordered,—That these amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Wednesday next, move the adoption of the Report of the Joint Committee of the Legislature on the subject of the proposed arrangement with the French, and of certain Resolutions embodying the terms of the said Report, to stand first on the order of the day.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL, from the Joint Select Committee ap-

pointed by the Legislature to consider and report upon the Municipal and Sanitary Affairs of the Town of St. John's, presented the following Report, which was received and read :

The Joint Committee appointed to consider and report upon the management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and the improvement of a system of sewerage for the said Town, and other matters, beg to report that they have carefully considered the several subjects and matters to them referred, and, as the result of their deliberations, they beg to submit the accompanying draft of a Bill, which they recommend for enactment by the Legislature.

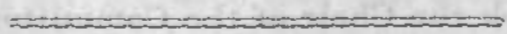
- A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*
- M. MONROE,
- J. SYME,
- J. S. WINTER,
- J. E. P. PETERS,
- W. J. S. DONNELLY,
- A. F. GOODRIDGE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 29, 1887.

In accordance with this Report, Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes," which was read a first time, and

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.



MONDAY, 2nd MAY, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. KEAN,—From A. Skeffington, and others, of Tickle Cove, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads ; also, from H. Bartlett, and others, of Amherst Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. MARCH,—From John C. Morris, and others, of Spout Cove, district of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of Packet Service, also, from G. Cooper, and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. MOBINE,—From A. Trasey, and others, of Plate Cove, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads ; also, from J. Taylor, Tickle Cove ; also, from T. Lane, Tickle Cove ; also, from D. Walsh, Bonavista Road ; also, from S. Peddle, Clode Sound ; also, from S. Mifflin, Cape Shore ; also, from S. Phillips, Spillar's Cove ; also, from T. Maloney, Sweet Bay ; also, from M. Velly, Sweet Bay ; also, from Jas. Trasey, N. E. Point, Plate Cove ; also, from J. Keough, Plate Cove ; also, from J. Chivers, Plate Cove ; also, from W. Rose, Plate Cove ; also, from A. Keough, Plate Cove, all on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the Whole on Council's Bill, for the preservation of Sheep, be postponed, to stand last on the order of the day.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Council's Sealing Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. O'MARA took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled “An Act to regulate the Culling of Codfish,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
2nd May, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That these amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. O'MARA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Ordered,—That Mr. EMERSON and Mr. MORINE take this Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following orders be deferred:—

2nd reading Railway's Bill.

2nd reading Loan Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Road Bill was read a second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the Whole on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the St. John's Municipal Bill was read a second time, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the better Preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes."

Hon. the SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GRIEVE took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the Bill and amendments at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

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

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the Law relating to Landlord and Tenant, was read a first time, and

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

The House then adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, 1887.

Mr. KEAN, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of A. J. Crocker, and others, praying for leave to introduce a Bill for the Incorporation of the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland, presented the Report, which was received and read as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the petition of Aubrey J. Crocker, and others, praying for the incorporation of the Orange Society of Newfoundland, beg to report that they have had under consideration the matter to them referred, and present the accompanying Bill as their Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. KEAN, *Chairman*,
JAMES ROLLS,
W. B. GRIEVE,
E. C. WATSON,
R. BOND,
A. F. GOODRIDGE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
May 3rd, 1887.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

Mr. KEAN, in accordance with the terms of the Report, and on leave granted, presented a Bill for the Incorporation of the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from C. Church, and others, of N. W. Arm, Random, district of Trinity, on the subject of Roads.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a petition from Chas. French, and others, of Bay Roberts, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the amendments in and upon the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the right of Property in and Taking of Seals," were read a third time.

Ordered,—That the HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. MORINE take these amendments to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the amendments on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act for the Preservation of Sheep," were read a third time.

Ordered,—That Mr. ROLLS and Mr. O'MARA take these amendments to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following Order be deferred :—

Committee on Harbor Grace Water Co.'y Bill.

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the amendments sent down from the Legislative Council, on the Bill entitled "An Act to Regulate the Culling of Codfish."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MORRIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act to Extend and Regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service;" also, "An Act to amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly," and "An Act to make provision for the

Trial of Controverted Elections," without amendment; and the Bills sent up, entitled respectively "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the Encouragement of Education," and "An Act for the prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Elections," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
May 3rd, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the amendments to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the amendments be read a third time on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following orders be deferred :

2nd reading Railway's Bill.

2nd reading Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the Law relating to Landlord and Tenant, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1887.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to order, moved the adoption of the report of the Joint Committee of the Legislature, on the subject of the proposed arrangement with the French, and of the following Resolutions, embodying the terms of the said 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 the validity of the said Arrangements 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 ;

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.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the following Address be sent to His Excellency the Administrator :—

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 of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly having had under consideration the Arrangement entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of France, dated at Paris, the fourteenth day of November, A.D., 1885, relative to the Newfoundland Fisheries, and transmitted for ratification to the Legislature of this Colony, through Your Excellency, by the Despatch of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 14, of date the twenty-sixth day of January, A.D., 1886, beg to inform Your Excellency that they have, after considerable deliberation, passed the following Resolutions, which they respectfully request Your Excellency to transmit to Her Majesty's Government with expressions of our respect and loyalty.

Ordered,—That Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Callanan do take the said Address to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Road Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money, for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges in this Colony, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That Hon. Surveyor General and Mr. Greene do take this Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed 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," also, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money, for defraying the expenses of the Government of this Colony, for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1887, and for other purposes," and "An Act to amend Title 26, Chapter 99 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, 'Of a Marine Court of Enquiry,'" without amendment; and the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to amend the Act 47 Victoria, Cap. 8, relating to the Coast Fisheries," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
4th May, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments were then read a first time.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Harbor Grace Water Company's Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. PETERS took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That this report be adopted.

Ordered,—That this Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following order be deferred :

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Landlord and Tenant's Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with an amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That this report be adopted.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the amendments sent down by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Education Act.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the amendments to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the amendments at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. O'Mara take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council requaint the House of Assembly that they concur in the Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, respectfully requesting His Excellency 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.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
May 4th, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's amendments on the Corrupt Practices at Elections' Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had con -

sidered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed in the Bill at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Bond take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the following order be deferred :

Second reading Loan Bill.

Second reading Railway Bill.

Pursuant to order, Mr. KEAN moved, seconded by Mr. ROLLS, that the Bill to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association, be now read a second time.

Mr. GREENE moved, seconded by Mr. SCOTT, that the consideration of this matter be deferred, and that the following Resolutions be adopted in lieu thereof:—

Whereas,—It has not been made to appear that the signatures, Aubrey J. Crocker and Isaac Mercer, subscribed to the petition, praying for the incorporation of the Loyal Orange Association, are the *bona fide* signatures of the said Aubrey J. Crocker and Isaac Mercer ;

And whereas,—The Bill reported proposes that all property now or hereafter held by various Lodges, should be appropriated by, and vest in, the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland ;

And whereas,—It has not been made to appear to this House that the said Lodges are consenting parties to such a procedure, nor has evidence of any such consent been produced ;

And whereas,—Such a course would be the confiscation of the property of other Lodges by the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland ;

And whereas,—The Provincial Grand Lodge and several Lodges

are already incorporated, by virtue of the Companies Incorporation Act, 1873 ;

And whereas,—The provisions of said Act have conferred upon the Provincial Grand Lodge, and are capable of conferring upon all Lodges wishing to avail themselves of all the advantages and powers now sought for in said Bill ;

And whereas,—It has not been made to appear that the granting of a Charter of Incorporation to the Loyal Orange Association of Newfoundland would be conducive to any public benefit or utility.

Resolved,—That it is not expedient to proceed with the further consideration of this Bill until evidence shall have been adduced, to the satisfaction of this House, as to the assent of the parties whose private interests are proposed to be dealt with by the present measure.

And the question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared,

For the Motion—12.

Against the Motion—7.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a petition from G. W. R. Hierlihy, of Bay Roberts, on the subject of compensation for services.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. MORINE,—From W. H. Mugford, and others, of Brigus ; also, from J. Smith, and others, of Brigus ; also, from W. Moss, and others, of Brigus ; also, from J. S. Winter, of Clark's Beach, all praying for the retention of Mr. John E. Roach, as supervisor of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of cod-traps.

By Mr. MARCH,—From James Evans, and others, inhabitants of Adam's Cove, district of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee on the consolidation of the Statute-Law of the Colony.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY 5th MAY, 1887.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the Harbor Grace Water Company's Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled, "An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Mc Grath do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to Landlords and Tenants was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass and be entitled, "An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements as between Landlord and Tenant."

Ordered,—That Mr. Scott and Mr. LeMessurier do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by this House on the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Education Acts," were read a third time.

Ordered,—That a message be sent, by Hon. the Attorney General and Mr. Bond, and request the concurrence of the Council to the said amendments.

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association,

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee rose.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

On order for second reading of Loan Bill, a point of order was raised, as to this Bill not having originated in a Committee of the whole House, it was ruled by the Speaker that the said Bill could not be received, and the order for second reading was accordingly discharged.

Second reading of Railway Bill deferred.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to revive the Consolidation of the Statutes, that the Draft of Rules of Court, now being prepared by the Judges under the authority of the Judicature Act, 1886, be considered with, and if considered expedient, incorporated with the said Consolidation, and that the Committee be authorized to sit and carry on their labours out of session.

In accordance with the said Resolution, the following were appointed as a Committee,—

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Scott, Mr. Green, Mr. Carty, Mr. Emerson and the Hon. the Speaker.

Mr. GRIEVE gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an Address to His Excellency the Administrator, on the subject of the purchase of Seed Potatoes for distribution.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole, to consider the subject of a Loan or Loans, on account of various public purposes.

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the House that leave be granted the Select Committee appointed by the House to consider the question of the Licensing of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the prohibition of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and other general matters, to sit after the close of the present session of the Legislature, and to report at the next meeting of the Legislature, and that he will ask that the name of the Hon. the Speaker shall be added to the Committee.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 6th MAY, 1887.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the following documents, viz:—

General Water Company Statement for 1886.

Volunteer Fire Brigade, Detailed Statement, 1886.

Report of Mr. John Martin, Engineer of Water Company, 1886.

Report of Mr. F. Winsor, Superintendent of St. John's Volunteer Fire Brigade.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in and have passed the Address to His Excellency the Administrator, requesting him to transmit to Her Majesty's Government the Resolutions of the the 4th May inst., on the subject of the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence of the Council.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
5th May, 1887.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed 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 Services of the Colony," without amendment; also, the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act for the better Preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes;" and 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," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
May 6th, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes."

Hon. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GEORGE SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Second reading of Railway's Bill deferred.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved that the House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the subject of a loan, or loans, on account of various public purposes.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered certain Resolutions to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read as follows :

Whereas,—During the Session of the Legislature of the year 1886, a Joint Address of both Branches, to His Excellency the Governor, was adopted, recommending the opening and constructing of Lines of Road, with a view to the Agricultural development of the country, and undertaking to make provision therefor ;

And whereas,—During the year 1886, the Governor in Council, upon the authority of the said Address, proceeded with the work of opening and constructing several important Lines of Road of the character and for the objects indicated by the said Address ;

And whereas,—During the Autumn of the year 1886, certain expenditures upon various Public Works in several of the districts of the Colony were entered upon by the Governor in Council, upon Executive Responsibility, for the purpose of affording remunerative employment for the relief of distress caused by failure of the fisheries in those districts and at Labrador ;

And whereas,—Owing to a deficient revenue during the year 1886, and other causes, there was a deficit upon the current account of revenue and expenditure on the 31st December, 1886 ; it is necessary to make provision for re-imbursing the Treasury for the advances made on account of the said several expenditures, and to meet the said deficit upon the said current account, amounting in all to the sum of \$478,794.06.

And whereas,—Among the said works so entered upon was the construction of a Road leading from the Harbor Grace Junction of the Newfoundland Railway to Placentia, which work has been carried on upon such a plan as to admit of its being adapted to, and used for, the

construction of a Line of Railway from the said Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia ;

And whereas,—It is considered that the construction of such a Line of Railway would be a work of great public utility, and it is desirable to make provision for its being proceeded with.

Resolved,—1. That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Government should be authorized to appropriate, from the amount remaining to the credit of the Fishery Award, the sum of \$254,652.49, to the liquidation of the amount of the said deficit upon current account ; and the sum of \$14,502.18, for the purposes set forth in subsection 6.

2. That the sum of \$800,000 be raised by loan upon the credit of the Colony, and appropriated as follows :—

(1) The sum of \$194,315.13, to the re-imbusement of the Treasury for the amounts so expended as aforesaid upon the said Agricultural Roads and Public Works, to 31st December, 1886.

(2) The sum of \$140,365.16, to re-imburse the Treasury for the expenditure upon the said Roads and Public Works, from the 31st December last to the 15th day of April last.

(3) The sum of \$16,204.58, to Chairman of the Board of Works, to cover over expenditures upon certain Main Lines, Roads and Public Works, during the year 1886, and up to the 15th day of April, 1887.

(4) The sum of \$29,826.44, to re-imburse the Treasury for the amount expended upon the said Road from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, to the 31st Dec., 1886, and the further sum of \$53,547.83, for expenditure upon said Road to the 26th of April last.

(5) The sum of \$17,800, to the payment of outstanding claims, on account of said several Roads and Public Works.

(6) The sum of \$28,740.86, towards the completion of the fol-

lowing works, viz :—the Line of Road from Broad Cove to Freshwater Road, called the Thorburn Road ; the Road from Witless Bay to Holyrood ; the Road from Channel to Codroy ; the extension of the telegraph system to Fogo ; the opening of the Tickle at Twillingate ; the construction of the Breakwater at Bonavista.

(7) The sum of \$320,000, to the construction and completion of the said Line of Railway from the said Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia, and the cost of Surveys, purchase of right of way, and all other necessary expenses incidental to the completion of said Line of Railway, and all necessary appurtenances, and the opening of the same for traffic.

3. That the sum of \$17,320.80, at the credit of the Dry Dock Act, be transferred to the credit of the Colony.

4. That such Bills as may be necessary for raising the said loans, and for providing for the construction of the said Line of Railway, be introduced for enactment by the House.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in accordance with the forgoing Resolutions, and on leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were read a first time :

A Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the public service of this Colony.

A Bill 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.

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

Mr. WATSON, pursuant to notice, asked leave to be granted the Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the question of the licensing of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the prohibition of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors and other cognate matters, to sit after the close of the present Session of the Legislature, and to report at the

next meeting of the Legislature, and to ask that the name of the Hon. the Speaker be added to the Committee.

Ordered,—That leave be granted.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,—From the inhabitants of Flurrys Bight, in the district of Twillingate, on the subject of Roads; also, from the inhabitants of Morton's Harbor, on the subject of alterations in Road Board; also, from the inhabitants of Little Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From the inhabitants of Tickle Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From the Pupils of General Protestant Academy, on the subject of a Bathing-place.

By Mr. PETERS,—From inhabitants of Burin, on the subject of increase of salary to Postmaster Winter.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the Report of the Inspector of Church of England Schools.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1887.

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill deferred.

Second reading Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies in this island, postponed for further consideration this day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill 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.

Mr. MORINE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MURPHY,—

That this House is of opinion that the construction of a Branch Line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Placentia should not be proceeded with, until some satisfactory arrangement shall have been made for the completion of the Railway to Hall's Bay, and the fulfilment of the other projects contemplated by the Railway Act of 1881.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Amendment—2.

Mr. Morine,
“ Murphy.

Against the Amendment—15.

Hon. Attorney General,
“ Surveyor General,
“ Receiver General,
“ A. F. Goodridge,
The Financial Secretary,
Mr. Carty,
“ Godden,
“ Watson,
“ Peters,
“ Rolls,
“ Kean.
“ Morris,
“ O'Mara,
“ Scott,
“ Greene,

So it passed in the negative.

And the original motion having been put, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—16.

Against the Motion—2

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Godden,
 “ Watson,
 “ Peters,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Kean,
 “ Morris,
 “ O’Mara,
 “ Scott,
 “ Greene,
 “ Callanan.

Mr. Morine,
 “ Murphy.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time.

Ordered,—That this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of the Hon. Receiver General, the Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the public service of this Colony, was read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, from the Select Committee to

whom was referred the Bill entitled, "An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds," presented the following report:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds," beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and herewith submit the accompanying Bill, and respectfully request the consideration of the House therefor.

J. S. WINTER, *Chairman*,
D. J. GREENE,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
P. J. SCOTT,
M. H. CARTY,

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
May 7th, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the following Address do pass and be presented to His Excellency the Administrator,—

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 of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the expediency of providing 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.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 6th, 1887.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, desiring their concurrence to the said Address.

Ordered,—That Mr. Grieve and Mr. Morine do take the said Message to the Council.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Thomas Cooper, and others, Ireland's Eye, Trinity Bay, on the subject of a Public Wharf; also, from Thos. Cooper, and others, Ireland's Eye, on the subject of a Road Board.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions lie on the table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of the Rules of this House, in relation to all Bills before this House till the close of the Session.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, the 12th inst., at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 9th MAY, 1887.

Mr. GODDEN presented a petition from Matthew Franey, and others, of Bay Roberts, which was received and read, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice,

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House, in reference to all Bills before the House or to be introduced, be suspended.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill 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.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WHITE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that

they concur in and have passed 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 from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to Regulate the Culling of Codfish," without amendment.

Council Chamber,
9th May, 1887.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WHITE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed in the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

On motion that the Report be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—19.

Against the motion—3.

Hon. Attorney General,
" Receiver General,
" Surveyor General,
" A. F. Goodridge,

Mr. Bond,
" Morine.
" Murphy.

The Financial Secretary,

Mr. Emerson,

" Rolls,

" Godden,

" Watson,

" Bradshaw,

" March,

" Peters,

" LeMessurier,

" Scott,

" Greene,

" O'Mara,

" Callanan,

" Morris,

" McGrath.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, that the Bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time presently,

Mr. BOND moved, in amendment, the following Resolutions :—

Resolved,—That the present condition of our labouring population demands the most serious consideration of the people's representatives.

Resolved,—That the severe depression which now makes so many thousands necessary applicants for Government relief is due to causes that can only be effectually met by enlarging the present means of employment.

Resolved,—That in the cultivation of the soil lies the one obvious and most usual remedy for the amelioration of the condition of our operative population.

Resolved,—That this view was unanimously adopted by both branches of the Legislature in 1880, when a Bill was passed authorizing the loan of one million pounds sterling, to construct a Railway in this Island, as the only effective means through which our best agricultural lands could be made available for the people's wants.

Resolved,—That the Railway policy was emphatically endorsed by the people at the election in 1882, when four-fifths of the members of the Assembly were returned to sustain it.

Resolved,—That the reasons for the adoption of this policy are becoming more manifest and imperative from the marked decline in the fishery results, and the consequent destitution of large numbers of the people, that an early and active resumption of Railway work would go largely to meet the immediate want, and lead to the great purpose of agricultural development, with the permanent improvement of those who devote themselves to that pursuit.

Resolved,—That this House is therefore of opinion that the necessary measures be entered on by the Government to remove any difficulties arising out of the failure of the Newfoundland Railway Co. to continue the undertaking; and that every effort be made to have the extension of the Railway to Green Bay a part of the resources of the people for the coming Autumn.

Resolved,—That the Railway work commenced upon Executive Responsibility shall be carried out in future on the plan contracted for by the Newfoundland Railway Company in 1881, and for these reasons this Bill be now read a third time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Amendment—3.

Mr. Bond,
 “ Morine,
 “ Murphy,

Against the Amendment—19.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Emerson,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Godden,
 “ Watson,
 “ White,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Scott,
 “ O’Mara,
 “ Callanan,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division to the foregoing.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Bill do pass, and be 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.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL and Mr. O'MARA do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee on Loan Bill deferred ; also, Committee on Registration of Bills.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the Report of Mr. Burchell, Government Engineer, on the Placentia Railway.

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee for the purpose of deliberating and reporting upon a reformation of the Electoral Representation of this Colony, upon a definite plan in respect of such reformation, which shall include the division of certain Electoral Districts, the re-arrangement of certain Electoral Districts as to bounds and limits, and the re-distribution of seats in this Assembly, so far as the same may be arranged to the advantage of this Colony ; and that power be given to the Committee to sit out of Session.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 10th MAY, 1887.

Pursuant to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the Public Service of this Colony.

Hon. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in and have passed the amendments made by the House of Assembly on the amendments made by the Council, on the Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws for the Encouragement of Education;" also, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements between Landlord and Tenant;" and the Bill, entitled "An Act to enable the Harbor Grace Water Company to Extend the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for other purposes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,

May 10th, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the Public Service of this Colony.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL and Mr. SCOTT do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Committee on the following Bills deferred :—

St. John's Municipal Bill.

Bill relating to Railways and Railway Companies.

Bill relating to the Registration of Deeds.

Mr. WATSON, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of a Select Committee on re-distribution of Seats and Division of Districts.

Ordered,—That Mr. Watson, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. A. F. Goodridge, Mr. Morine, Hon. the Speaker, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Greene, Mr. Peters, Mr. Scott, and Mr. O'Mara do form the said Committee.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 45 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs.”

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act 45 Vic., Cap. 6, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Customs," which was read a first and second time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled, "An Act to amend the Act 45 Vic., Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs.'"

Ordered,—That the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL and Mr. GREENE do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:

Whereas,—Many thousands of the people of this Colony are engaged in the fisheries along its coasts, and on the Labrador;

And whereas,—An increase in the Headland and Harbor Lights would materially contribute to the safety and preservation of the lives of our fishermen.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for the erection of Light-houses on the following parts of the coast of this Colony :

St. Jacques, Western Head of King's Cove, Marticot, Powle's Head, Trepassey, Salmon Cove Point, Bay of Islands, Funk Islands, Penguin Island, Herring Head, Fogo, and a Fog Alarm, Southern Head Baccalieu,
and this House will make due provision for the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1887.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Joseph Morgan, and others, of Indian Pond, on the subject of Roads.

By the Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—From John Rorke, and others, of Carbonear, on the subject of the Carbonear Railway completion.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that

they have passed 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," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
11th May, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. BOND, pursuant to notice, moved that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the subject of the erection of Light-houses on the coasts of this Colony.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in and have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, respecting an appropriation of a sum of money for the purchase of Seed Potatoes, for distribution amongst destitute persons in the several Districts.

Council Chamber,
11th May, 1887.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read as follows :—

Whereas,—Many thousands of the people of the Colony are engaged in the fisheries along its coasts and on the Labrador ;

And whereas,—An increase in the Headland and Harbor Lights would materially contribute to the safety and preservation of the lives of our fishermen.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying for the erection of Light Houses on the following parts of the coasts of this Colony :

Upon Western Head of St. Jacques ; the Western Head of King's Cove ; upon the Island of Marticot ; upon Powels' Head, Salmon Cove Point, Bay of Island, Funk Islands, Penguin Island, Herring Head, Fogo ; and a Fog Alarm, Southern Head Baccalieu.

Ordered,—That this Report be adopted.

In accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, Mr. BOND moved that the following Address to His Excellency the Administrator do pass :

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 of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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 St. Jacques; the Western Head of King's Cove; upon the Island of Marticot; upon Powel's Head; Salmon Cove Point; entrance Bay of Islands; the Funk Islands; the Penguin Island, at Herring Head, Fogo; and a Fog Alarm at the Southern Head Baccalieu, respectfully 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.

On motion that the Address do pass, Mr. GRIEVE moved, seconded by Mr. WATSON,

That, after the words "Southern Head of Baccalieu," in the said Address, there be added "on Eastern Head of Random, Trinity Bay."

And on the question being put thereon, passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Administrator by such members of this House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, desiring their concurrence to the said Address.

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. BOND do take the said Message.

Pursuant to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House on the Bill respecting Railways and Railway Co.'s.

Hon. the SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act respecting Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. BOND do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill and Registration of Deeds Bill deferred.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the House the following documents, viz. :

Report of Harbor Grace Water Co., 1886.

Statement of Carbonear Water Co., 1886.

Report of Furniture and Moulding Co., 1886.

Report of Newfoundland Consolidated Copper Mining Co., 1886.

Report of Boot and Shoe Co., 1886.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

(For which see Appendix.)

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY 12th MAY, 1887.

Mr. MACKAY presented a petition from John Forsey, and others, inhabitants of Grand Bank, on the subject of a Light House at Rameo Islands.

Mr. GREENE presented a petition from Gerald Whelan, and others, inhabitants of Bay Bulls, on the subject of a Light House.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. GREENE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of Gerald Whelan, and others, of Bay Bulls, praying for the erection of a Light House on the Northern Head of Bay Bulls.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, presented to the House the following document, viz:—

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

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled, "An Act to make provision for the management of certain Municipal Affairs of the town of St. John's, and for other purposes."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That this Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass and be entitled, "An Act to make provision for the management of certain Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL and Mr. SCOTT do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 13th MAY, 1887.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes," with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

13th May, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments made in the said Bill was read a first time, and

On motion made and seconded,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be laid aside.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and other purposes," which was read a first and second time, and, on motion made, was committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. WATSON took the chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That the HON. RECEIVER GENERAL and Mr. WATSON do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. HUTCHINGS from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislature, to deliberate upon the printing and publishing of the Sessional Papers of both Houses, presented a supplementary report, as follows :—

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.

That the previous Report of the 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 Committee shall be instructed to report to the Legislature in the next Session as to their proceedings and transactions in the premises.

PHILIP CLEARY,
CHARLES R. AYRE,
CHAS. BOWRING,
J. SYME,
GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
H. W. LEMESSURIER,
STEPHEN R. MARCH,
D. J. GREENE,
M. J. O'MARA,
P. J. SCOTT.

Committee Room,
May 7th, 1887.

Ordered,—That this report be adopted.

Mr. HUTCHINGS presented a petition from James Morrissey, and others, of North River, District of Port-de-Grave, relative to a Supply of Seed Potatoes for that locality.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice that he would, on this day, move that a message be sent to the Hon. Legislative Council, requesting that they will furnish this House with a statement of their contingent expenses during the present Session.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 14th MAY, 1887.**A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Railways and Railway Companies, in this Colony," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
13th May, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the subject of the Rules and Practice of the House, and the conduct of the business thereof.

The Hon. the SPEAKER stated that he will resume the Chair at eight p. m.

At nine p. m., the attention of the SPEAKER was called to the fact that a quorum was not present, the House being counted, present the Hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Carty, Mr. Shea and Mr. Godden.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House, for want of a quorum, till Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 17th MAY, 1887.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Messages :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
16th May, 1887.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed 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," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
14th May, 1887.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act to

amend the Act 45 Vic., Cap. 6, entitled, ' An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs; ' and " An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the public service of the Colony," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
May 16th, 1887.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have adopted and passed the accompanying Report on the Contingencies of this House for the present session.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,
May 17th, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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:—

President, Legislative Council, two hundred and forty dollars.

Twelve members, Legislative Council, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars.

Acting Clerk, Legislative Council, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Clerk, eighty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents.

Usher of Black Rod, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of Usher of Black Rod, three hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents.

Reporter, Legislative Council, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Acting Master-in-Chancery, seven hundred dollars.

Acting Master-in-Chancery, extra services, fifty dollars.

Door-keeper, Legislative Council, two hundred dollars.

Assistant Door-keeper, Legislative Council, one hundred and ninety dollars.

Fireman, Legislative Council, sixty-five dollars.

Miscellaneous Printing, *Times*, three hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents.

Proprietor *Evening Telegram*, Printing Debates, one hundred and forty dollars.

Proprietor *Standard*, Copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

Proprietor *Times*, Copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

Proprietor *Colonist*, Copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

Proprietor *Twillingate Sun*, Copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

Newspapers for Council and Members during Session, one hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty cents.

Estimate expense for Printing and Binding Journals, five hundred dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, Binding Newspapers, twenty dollars.

Electric Light Company, for Session, forty dollars.

M. FENELON, *Chairman*,

A. W. HARVEY,

C. R. AYRE,

PHILIP CLEARY,

M. MONROE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

May 17th, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Report be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read as follows :

The Select Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to enquire into the Contingencies of the Assembly, beg leave to report that they have come to the following Resolution thereon :

Resolved,—That there be paid to the Speaker, Members, Officers and Servants of the Assembly, for their services during the present Session, as follows :—

The Speaker, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars.

The Clerk, and for indexing and superintending the printing of Journals, one thousand two hundred and sixty-nine dollars.

The Clerk Assistant, eight hundred dollars.

The Solicitor, six hundred dollars.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, four hundred and eighty dollars.

The Door-Keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Upper Door-Keeper, one hundred and sixty dollars.

The Inner Door-Keeper, one hundred and sixty dollars.

The Outer Door-Keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Messenger, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Assistant Messenger, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Fireman, two hundred and twenty dollars.

The Page, including services attending Clerk during recess, one hundred dollars.

Proprietor *Evening Mercury*, for printing Bills and Miscellaneous Papers, one thousand two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents.

Proprietor *Evening Mercury*, for publishing Debates, one thousand dollars.

Estimate for printing Journals and Index, and estimate for Sessional Papers of both Houses and Index, two thousand one hundred dollars.

Estimate, Mrs. Dicks, binding Journals, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, binding Newspapers, 1886, fifty dollars.

The Chairman of Supply, four hundred dollars.

To twenty-seven Members of Assembly resident in St. John's, for their services during the present Session, at one hundred and ninety-four dollars each, five thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

To nine Members resident at Outports, at two hundred and ninety-one dollars, two thousand six hundred and nineteen dollars.

The Harbor Grace *Standard*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

The *Twillingate Sun*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

The *Colonist*, copying Debates, five hundred dollars.

The Chairman of the Board of Works, proportion of coals, gas, etc., one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and forty cents.

The Chairman of the Board of Works, for advances during Session, and prior to opening, three hundred and ninety-three dollars.

Mrs. Feehan, Librarian, to be paid to Savings' Bank, one hundred and eighty-four dollars and sixty cents.

Mrs. Born, attendance during Session, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents.

The Clerk, to defray the contingent expenses of his office during the present Session, six hundred and twenty-one dollars.

Clerk Assistant, contingencies, one hundred dollars.

Mrs. William Warren, engrossing Bills, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Thomas McConnan, stationery, twenty-one dollars and forty-five cents.

Mrs. Dicks, stationery, seventy-four dollars and thirty cents.

Mrs. Rouse, stationery, thirty-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents.

J. F. Chisholm, stationery, twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents.

Maurice Fenelon, stationery, thirty dollars and ten cents.

Garrett Byrne, stationery, nine dollars and ninety cents.

G. S. Milligan, stationery, eleven dollars and ninety cents.

Moses Munroe, nine dollars and thirty-four cents.

Job Brothers, & Co., account, one hundred and two dollars and sixty-four cents.

J. J. Dearin, account, thirty-one dollars and ten cents.

J. H. Martin, account, forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents.

Mrs. McKenzie, account, thirty-four dollars and sixty-two cents.

Furniture Factory, account, forty-five dollars and seventy cents.

Walter Grieve & Co., ten dollars and eighty cents.

Temperance Journal, nine dollars.

Harbor Grace Standard, eight dollars.

Twillingate Sun, eight dollars.

Trinity Record, two dollars.

Advocate, fourteen dollars.

Times, sixteen dollars.

Gazette, sixteen dollars and eighty cents.

Telegram, twelve dollars.

Colonist, twelve dollars.

Patriot, twenty dollars.

T. D. Lane, account, twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents.

Patrick Hagarty, account, twenty-five dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Gear & Co., nine dollars.

Geo. Langmead, clocks, twenty dollars and ten cents.

Edward Coleman, repairing locks, ten dollars and sixty-five cents.

Care-taker of Library, to be paid on certificate of Clerk, eighty dollars.

The Supervisor of Debates, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Four Reporters, viz. :

W. H. Horwood, two hundred and eighty dollars.

John Flannery, two hundred and eighty dollars.

J. J. Milley, two hundred and eighty dollars.

H. Knight, two hundred and eighty dollars.

William Horwood, for services, French Shore Committee, ten dollars.

Richard Harvey, account, seventy cents.

Mark Chaplain, twenty-two dollars.

Henry Thomas, six dollars and fifty cents.

J. H. Martin, account, fourteen dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Charles Parsons, printing Bills, thirty dollars.

Geo. F. Bowden, account, printing for Library, seven dollars.

Charles Gamberg, account, twenty-three dollars and eighty-two cents.

Telegraph Messages, seven hundred and fifty-three dollars and four cents.

Anglo-Telegraph Co., for telephone, sixty dollars.

Colonist, newspapers supplied Members, twenty dollars.

Electric Light account, eighty-four dollars.

F. W. Bowden, printing, two hundred and seventeen dollars.

William Wood, services, twenty dollars.

To the Clerk Assistant, for allowance on Special Committee, one hundred and fifty dollars.

GEO. A. HUTCHINGS, *Chairman*,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
H. W. LEMESSURIER,
P. J. SCOTT,
JAMES ROLLS,
M. J. O'MARA,
STEPHEN R. MARCH.

Ordered,—That this report be adopted.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, in accordance with the said Report, presented a Bill to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature, which was read a first and second time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

And he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That this Bill be read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature."

Ordered,—That Mr. HUTCHINGS and Mr. SCOTT do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of a Select Committee to consider and report upon the subject of the Rules and Practice of the House, and the conduct of the business thereof, and have leave to sit out of session.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Bond, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Greene and the Hon. Mr. Speaker, do form the said Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a Communication from the Hon. Colonial Secretary, informing him of His Excellency the Administrator's intention of proroguing the Legislature on to-morrow at two o'clock.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow at twelve of the clock.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1887.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following written Message :

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber,

May 18th, 1887.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the table.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee of this House, to consider the expediency of the

Nomination and Appointment of Members of Road Boards in the several Districts of this Colony, and sections thereof, by the Electoral Vote of the said Districts, and sections thereof, and that such Committee have power to sit out of Session.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, on an early day next Session, he would move the following preamble and Resolution :—

Whereas, leases of some of the most valuable properties in the city of St. John's, more especially properties owned by absentee Landlords—Landlords who bear no proper proportion of the taxation of the country—will shortly expire ;

And whereas, it is the opinion of the tenants of said landlords, that renewal leases can only be obtained upon terms practically prohibitive ;

And whereas, the Select Committee appointed in 1883, by this House, to consider and report upon the question of Land Tenure in St. John's, and other cognate questions, by their report strengthen and confirm the opinion of the said tenants ;

And whereas, it is the opinion of said tenants that, at the time of the making of the said leases, undue advantage was taken of them by landlords, to exact unfair and unjust terms, more especially by requiring tenants to pay the taxes both of landlord and tenant ;

And whereas, it is the opinion of said tenants that the lands leased to them were, in many cases, acquired by said landlords improperly and illegally ;

And whereas, the tenants under the unjust and inequitable covenants contained in their leases were required to expend large sums of money upon buildings, erections and improvements, whereby the lands of the said landlords were made of great value, notwithstanding that an exorbitant ground rent was exacted ;

And whereas, very serious encroachments have been made upon

the harbor of St. John's in many instances by said landlords, whereby the area of said harbor has been contracted fully one-sixth of the total area, to the great detriment and disadvantage of the people of this colony ;

And whereas, it is the province of this Legislature to enquire into the grievances of the people of the Colony, and, if the same are well founded, to remedy the same.

Be it therefore resolved,—That this Legislature pledges its best efforts at an early day, during the next Session of Parliament, to closely enquire into the whole question of Land Tenure in the city of St. John's, and introduce such legislation as will meet with the exigencies of the case.

At two o'clock a message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, was delivered by W. F. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Administrator in the Council Chamber.

And the Hon. the SPEAKER, at the Bar of the Council, addressed His Excellency, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the Expenses of the Public Services.

In the name of the House of Assembly I present to Your Excellency the following Bills, which His Excellency, in Her Majesty's name, was pleased to assent 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 Commander thereof.

An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their services.

An Act respecting Contracts and Agreements as between Landlord and Tenant.

An Act to provide for the preservation of Copies of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books.

An Act for the Protection of the Post Office, and to punish offences committed in relation to the Post Office.

An Act to amend the Act Forty-five Victoria, Chapter six, entitled "An Act to Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs."

An Act to amend Title XXVI, Chapter 93, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, "Of a Marine Court of Enquiry."

An Act to amend Title 25, Cap. 92, of the Consolidated 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 Controverted Elections.

An Act to amend the Act Forty-seven Victoria, Cap. 8, relating to the Coast Fisheries.

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An Act to Regulate the Taking of and Right of Property in Seals.

An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company.

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 provssion 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 Services 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 make the following Speech : —

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 Session, and thus relieve you from further attendance.

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 practical 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 operation, 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 sustainment 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.

After which the Hon. the President said,—

GENTLEMEN,—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Administrator, that this General Assembly be prorogued, until Thursday the Fourteenth day of July next.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued, until Thursday the Fourteenth day of July, to be then and here holden.

Richard Bulger Holden,

Clerk of the General Assembly.

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- No. 2.—To amend the Law respecting the Election of Members of the General Assembly; read 1st time, 31; negatived on second reading.
- No. 3.—To prevent the extermination of Old Seals in this Colony; read 1st time, 31.
- No. 4.—To Extend and Regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their Service; read 1st time, 32; read 2nd time, 39, and referred to Select Committee, 45; reported from Select Committee, 97; committed and reported with amendments, 125; read third time, 128; passed, titled and sent to Council, 128; passed Council, 189; Governor's assent, 243.
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- No. 9.—To amend and consolidate the Laws respecting Education; read 1st time, 50; read 2nd time, 71; committed and reported with amendments, 94; read 3rd time, 104; passed Council with amendment, 190; amendments committed, 195; reported with amendments, 196; read 3rd time, sent to Council, 200; passed Council, 217; Governor's assent, 243.
- No. 10.—To amend and consolidate Laws respecting General Water Co.; read 1st time, 50; read 2nd time, 74; committed and reported with amendment, 84; re-committed, 89; reported with amendments, 90; amendments agreed to, 90; read 3rd time, passed, titled and sent to Council, 90; passed Council, 157; Governor's assent, 244.
- No. 11.—Relating to inquiries into the Public Service; read 1st time, 53; read 2nd time, 64.
- No. 12.—To amend Chapter 96, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "An Act of the Culling of Cod-fish;" read 1st time, 59; read 2nd time, 74; committed and reported with amendments, 85; read 3rd time, passed and sent to Council, 86; passed Council, 185; Governor's assent, 244.
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No. 19.—Regulating of Railways and Railway Companies in this Colony; read 1st time, 97; read 2nd time, 212; committed, reported with amendments, 224; read 3rd time, passed, titled and sent to Council, 224; passed Council, 230; Governor's assent, 244.

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