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*ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO VICTORIAE REGINAE.*



His Excellency Lieut. Col. Sir JOHN TERRENCE N. O'BRIEN,  
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.

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ALEX. J. W. McNEILY, Esq., Q.C., SPEAKER.

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FOURTH SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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## Proclamation.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor,  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE,  
Esquire, Companion of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Govern-  
nor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfound-  
land and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until Thurs-  
day the Twelfth day of July inst; and whereas I think fit to  
further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Sixth  
day of September next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the  
said General Assembly until Thursday the Sixth 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 Ninth  
day of July, A.D. 1888.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## Proclamation.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
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*By His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE,  
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Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Govern-  
nor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfound-  
land and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until Thurs-  
day the Sixth day of September inst; and whereas I think fit  
further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the  
Eighth day of November next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the  
said General Assembly until Thursday the Eighth 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 Fourth  
day of September, A.D. 1888.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,  
*Pro. Col. Secretary.*





## Proclamation.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor,  
[L.S]

*By His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE,  
Esquire, Companion of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Govern-  
or and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfound-  
land and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until Thurs-  
day the Eighth day of November inst; and whereas I think  
fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the  
Twentieth day of December next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the  
said General Assembly until Thursday the Twentieth day of Decem-  
ber 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 Fifth day  
of November, A.D. 1888.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## Proclamation.

F. B. T. CARTER,  
Administrator.

*By His Excellency Sir F. B. T. CARTER,  
Knight Commander of the Most  
Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Ad-  
ministrator of the Government and  
Commander-in-Chief in and over  
the Island of Newfoundland and  
its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until Thursday the Twentieth day of December inst; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Fourteenth day of February next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Fourteenth day of February next, as aforesaid, *then to meet for the 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 Eighteenth day of December, A.D. 1888.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## Preface

The following is a list of the names of the authors of the papers in this volume. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of the authors' surnames. The names of the authors of the papers are given in full, including their titles and institutions. The names of the authors of the papers are given in full, including their titles and institutions. The names of the authors of the papers are given in full, including their titles and institutions.

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THURSDAY, 14th February, 1889.

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 Hon. E. D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and Hon. SIR R. THORBURN, member of the Executive Council, which is as follows :

T. O'BRIEN, Leut. Col.  
Governor.  
[L.S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of  
the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Ireland, Queen, De-  
fender 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 Honorable EDWARD DALTON 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 DONALD MORISON. ESQ., who has been elected to serve in the General Assembly of our said Island, for the District of Bonavista, which said General Assembly has been appointed by Proclamation of our Governor of our said Island, to be holden at St. John's, on the 14th day of this instant month. 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 shall do and perform in this behalf, and thereof they or either of them are to make due return under their hands and seals, unto 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 Lieutenant Colonel SIR J. TERENCE O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 13th day of February, A.D., 1889, and in the Fifty-second year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

M. FENELON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Dedimus Potestatem,

Examined,

J. S. WINTER,  
*H. M. Attorney General.*

The said Commissioners came between the hours of Twelve and One o'clock on the 14th inst., into the Council Chamber, RICHARD B. HOLDEN, ESQ., Clerk of the General Assembly, as in duty bound attending, when Donald Morison, Esq., returned member for the District of Bonavista, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance in presence of the said Commissioners.



And the said Donald Morison, Esq., took his seat for the said District accordingly.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

At two o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor 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.

And being returned to the Assembly Room.

Hon. the SPEAKER informed the House that, when in attendance on His Excellency in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both branches of the Legislature, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had procured 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 :*

It affords me great pleasure to meet you for the first time since my assumption of the Government of this Colony, for the purpose of co-operating with you in the conduct of its public affairs; I take this opportunity of assuring you of my earnest desire to assist to the utmost of my ability in the promotion of the best interests of Newfoundland and its people, and efficiently and satisfactorily to discharge the responsible duties of my office.

I am glad to be able to say that the results of the industrial operations of the past year have been, on the whole, successful.

The seal fishery, including a good shore catch in Notre Dame Bay, yielded, on the whole, a somewhat short return.

The shore cod fishery was in many places short, and, on the whole, below the average. That of Labrador shewed an improvement upon the previous year; and the Bank fishery, though not yielding as large an average catch to each vessel as that of 1887, was carried on

upon a larger scale, and with an increased total result. Good prices contributed largely to enhance the value of the returns, against which, however, it is to be regretted, that a large depreciation resulted from defective cure, occasioned principally by bad weather during the latter months of the year.

The salmon fishery was below the average as to catch, but realized good prices.

The herring fishery at Labrador was a failure, but, upon the coast was unusually good, and, the fish taken were of exceptionally large size and good quality.

The lobster fishery was prosecuted upon a still increasing scale, though with not as profitable results as in the preceding years.

Agricultural operations were, on the whole, attended with a large measure of success, and I am glad to be able to state that, under the influence of the encouragement afforded by recent legislation, and especially by the increased bonus for the clearing of land for cultivation, authorized by the Act of last session, the interest in agriculture has, during the past year, continued to advance, and that the prospects of the further development of this valuable industry in the future are hopeful.

The activity in mining, which received a fresh impulse in 1887, has continued.

Ship-building has been carried on upon a large scale, having, no doubt, been stimulated by the temporary additional bounty offered in the end of 1887, and confirmed by the Act of last session. This measure has in a high degree accomplished its two-fold object, in providing remunerative employment for the needy at a time of depression, and in the addition of a large number of vessels of a superior class to our sailing fleet, particularly to those employed in the prosecution of the Bank-fishery.

In the early part of last year my predecessor, having become convinced of a growing disposition, on the part of many of the people, to

rely upon aid from the Government from year to year, in employment upon public works, and in other forms, deemed it necessary to issue a proclamation, calling public attention to the pernicious effects and tendencies of this practice, and declaring that, in future, monies voted by the Legislature for public improvements, would not be made subservient to purposes of relief. I am glad to learn that salutary results have already followed from the issue of this proclamation.

The enforcement of the Act for the prohibition of the export of Bait fishes, has engaged the constant attention of the Government, and has been attended with such a measure of success in its effect upon competition from our rivals in our principal foreign markets, as fully to demonstrate the wisdom and value of the measure. You will, doubtless, recognise the necessity for maintaining the position which has been taken in relation to this important measure, so long as the causes, which led to its adoption, continues to exist.

Acting upon the authority given by you during last session, the Government during the latter months of the year 1888, inaugurated a system of communication by the employment of two steamers in certain of the Northern and Western Bays. These services have proved of great public convenience, and it will be for you to determine to what extent provision can be made for their continuance upon a permanent footing.

The construction of the line of Railway to Placentia has been completed to within a short distance of the Placentia terminus, where the erection of a small pier is all that is now wanting to establish the connection with the waters of Placentia Bay. The line, as far as completed, has been in regular, though limited, operation since November, and the traffic upon it has already been such as to establish, beyond doubt, the future value and general public utility of the enterprise.

I am pleased to be able to state, that the result of the first financial operation of the Colony in London, in placing upon its market the loans authorised by the Acts of last session, has been highly satisfactory, both as regards the terms upon which the loan was effected,

and as proof of the confidence of the best authorities on financial matters, in the credit of the Colony.

At the International Exhibition, held at Barcelona during the past summer, this Colony was officially represented by the Receiver-General as its Commissioner, and a large number and variety of the products of the Colony were sent for exhibition. It is pleasing to learn that these exhibits attracted much attention, and that their general high standard of excellence was attested by the large number of prizes awarded them in the various departments. There is reason to hope that this creditable shewing on the part of the Colony, will have a good effect upon our commercial relations with other countries.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :*

I am glad to be able to say, that the estimate of revenue for the past year has been fully realized. The public accounts, and estimates, will be laid before you in due course, and, I feel assured that you will make due provisions for the requirements of the various departments of the public service.

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

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :*

The treaty signed at Washington in February last, between Her Majesty and the President of the United States, in relation to fishery questions, having failed to obtain the satisfaction of the United States Senate necessary to give it effect, the Colony must revert to the position which it occupied previous to these negotiations, and continue to assert its rights, until some satisfactory adjustment of the questions in dispute shall have been arrived at.

The failure on the part of the Newfoundland Railway Company in their undertaking to build and operate the line of Railway to Hall's Bay, imposes upon us the duty of determining the course of erection to be taken in relation to the completion of the work. While this failure must necessarily create difficulties in the carrying out of the original



project, the great importance of the undertaking, in its bearing upon the future interests of the Colony, calls for your most careful consideration in view of the altered circumstances under which the subject now presents itself, and the many and serious questions involved. I have no doubt that in desiring plans for the continuance of the work, you will be guided by a careful regard for the financial interests and public credit of the Colony.

The Government will, during the session, lay before you information in connection with this important matter, which will be of material value in assisting you in your deliberations.

The important subject of the preservation and improvement of our fishing industries, will again be brought under your consideration. During the recess, the Government have taken an important step in relation to the permanent establishment of fish hatcheries, in which they have been supported by strong representations and material pecuniary guarantees from those most largely interested in the fisheries of this Colony. To provide for efficient direction of this project, will add to the necessity, already so largely recognised, for the appointment, upon a permanent footing, of a bureau or other deliberative body, whose function it will be to apply the result of study and experience to many and difficult questions of growing importance in connection with our fisheries and fishing industries. You will, I am sure, give your best attention to this most vital subject.

The subject of the application of the elective principle to the management of local affairs throughout this Colony is one which during the session, you will be asked to consider. I trust that your deliberations upon this important, but difficult, subject will result in the adoption of such a measure as will be adapted in its working to the varied circumstances of the different localities. I trust that in all your deliberations you may be assisted by Divine guidance, to wise and beneficent conclusions.

On motion of Mr. CARTY, seconded by Mr. ROLLS,

*Resolved.*—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an

Address of Thanks, in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature.

*Ordered.*—That Mr. Carty, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Greene and Mr. Morison do form the said Committee.

Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed during last session to revise the report of the Consolidation of the Statute Law, presented the following report :—

The Select Committee appointed during last session to revise the report of the Consolidation of the Statute Law, beg to report that they have devoted their best attention to the work entrusted to them, and have made a careful revision of the draft prepared by the Commission. The work requires but a few days for its completion, and your Committee respectfully request that their functions may be continued for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WINTER,

*Chairman.*

D. J. GREENE,

M. H. CARTY,

GEO. H. EMERSON,

P. J. SCOTT,

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY.

*Ordered.*—That the functions of this Committee be continued for the present session for this purpose.

Mr. CARTY gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of this House with regard to the Address of Thanks.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice to move the appointment of Thomas Walsh of St. John's to the vacant messengership or door-keepership of this House.



Mr. BOND gave notice to ask the Hon. the Premier whether any negotiations have taken place between the Government and Francis H. Evans, Esq., of London, England, relative to the purchase of the Newfoundland Railway Company's property in this Colony, or as to the construction of a line of Railway from Harbor Grace Junction, north, towards Hall's Bay, and if so, to lay on the table a copy of all the correspondence that has passed between the said parties.

Also, to ask the Hon. Premier whether any portion of the claim made against the Government by Sir Ambrose Shea for commission on money raised on Loan in London last year, has been paid, and if so, to what amount.

Also, to ask the Hon. Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence and telegrams that have passed between this Government and the Dominion Government since the 9th day of April last, relative to the question of union between this Colony and the Dominion.

Also, to ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table a statement of the gross amount expended on the Placentia Railway to date, the number of miles up to grade and fully ballasted, the value of rolling and other stock included in the stated expenditure, a copy of the agreement between the Government Engineer and Mr. Laird, for the erection of the Railway buildings near Placentia, and an estimate of the amount required to fully complete and equip the road down to Placentia.

Also, to ask Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table a statement of the gross revenue and expenditure for the year 1888.

Mr. MORISON gave notice of Bill to amend the "Temperance Act" of 1871, (36 Vic., Cap. 5), and the several Acts in amendment thereof.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice of Bill to regulate the lien of mechanics on work performed by them.

Also, for Bill to regulate agreements between crews engaged in the Bank Fishery, and owners of Bankers.

Also, for Bill to amend the practice of the Central District Court, in reference to appeals.

Mr. GREENE gave notice for Bill to amend the Law relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice for the appointment of a Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice of Bill to amend the License Act with reference to fines and forfeitures.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he would ask the Hon. Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence received and sent by the Government, relative to the removal of a Lobster factory by a French warship, at Hauling Point, French Shore.

Mr. CARTY gave notice to ask the Hon. Premier to lay on the table all correspondence between the Government of this Colony and the Imperial Government, having relation to the erection of Lobster factories on the west and north-east coasts of this Colony.

*Ordered.*—That when this House do adjourn, it shall adjourn until Tuesday 19th inst.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday 19th inst., at half-past three of the clock.

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### TUESDAY, 19th February, 1889.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice to ask the Hon. Premier whether any action has been taken on the Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, in reference to the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor, which passed this House on the 30th day of April, 1888.

Mr. CARTY, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft the Address of Thanks, presented the following report :—

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to draft an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious speech with which His Excellency has favored this House, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred and recommend the accompanying Address.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. H. CARTY, *Chairman*.  
 JAMES ROLLS,  
 GEO. A. HUTCHINGS.

Committee Room,  
 February 19th, 1889.

*Ordered*,—That this report be adopted.

The Address was read a first time, and

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

*Ordered*,—That the Rules of this House be suspended with regard to the said Address.

Pursuant to order, the following Bills were read a first time :—

Bill to amend Temperance Act, 1871.

Bill to regulate the lien of mechanics.

Bill relating to Bankers' Agreements.

Bill to amend practice of Central District Court.

Bill to amend Law relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

*Ordered*,—That these several Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINGS, the following were appointed to be

a Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies : Messrs. Hutchings, O'Mara, Greene, LeMessurier, Scott, Rolls, March and Hon. the Speaker.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice to ask the Hon. the Premier whether the Government of this Colony has received any intimation of an increased rate of duty on Fish, the produce of this Colony, imported into the Brazilian Empire, and also for a copy of all correspondence, received or sent by the Government, relating to the same.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice to move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of all correspondence received and sent by the Government, relative to the removal of a Lobster factory by a French warship, at Hauling Point, French Shore, viz. : correspondence between the Government of this Colony and the Imperial Government, correspondence between the Government and the owners of said factory, their agents or counsel, and also, all accounts setting forth the damage sustained by the owners of said factory.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice to introduce a Bill to amend 51 Vic. Cap. 16.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. SCOTT moved, seconded by Mr. CALLANAN that Thomas Walsh be appointed messenger to this House.

Mr. MORISON moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MORINE, that Josiah Garland be appointed.

And the question on the amendment being put, there appeared

*For the Amendment*—10.                      *Against the Amendment*—18.

And the question on the original motion being put, there appeared

*For the Motion*—13.                      *Against the Motion*—15.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered.*—Accordingly.

Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move

the appointment of Ford Winser and George Jackman as messengers of this House.

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

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**WEDNESDAY, 20th February, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the Address of Thanks was read a second time.

*Ordered.*—That this Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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 therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered.*—That this report be received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Hon. the PREMIER, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of Ford Winser as messenger of this House, and that of George Jackman as assistant messenger.

And the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Captain DAWE gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask



leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act passed in the 50th year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled "An Act relating to the taking of, and right of property in, seals."

Mr. MORRIS gave notice to ask Hon. Premier to lay on the table a copy of all affidavits made by the Solicitor and Counsel of the Government, in the case of the Newfoundland Railway Company, *versus* the Government of Newfoundland, on the motion to dismiss the counterclaim; also, for a copy of all evidence taken on the part of the Government in reference to the same.

*Ordered.*—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until four o'clock, p.m., of the next day of sitting, instead of at half-past three, as formerly.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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### THURSDAY, 21st February, 1889.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on 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 considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

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



Mr. SCOTT gave notice to ask Hon. Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence, which has taken place, on the subject of the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor, between the Government of Newfoundland and others; also, to ask Hon. Premier whether any application for indemnity or compensation has been made on behalf of the owners of the vessels *Amazon* and *Virginia* of St. Pierre, the confiscation of which, the Magistrate at Placentia ordered in July last, and, if so, what reply has been, or will be, given thereto.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**FRIDAY, 22nd February, 1889.**

Mr. BOND presented a petition from Hon. Sir F. B. T. Carter and others, praying for an enactment to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of Deer in this Island.

*Ordered,*—That this petition lie on the table.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the preservation of Deer in this Colony.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on 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 that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That this Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. LEMESSURIER in the absence of Captain Dawe, gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the suspension of the Rules of this House, with regard to the Bill to amend the Law relating to the taking of, and right of property in, Seals.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice to ask Hon. Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Board of Works, relating to the expenditure on the road between Bain Harbor and Bay L'Argent.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he would on the fifth day of April next, move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money be allocated for the purpose of erecting a Public Wharf in St. John's, for the use of the people of the Colony.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock.

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**MONDAY, 25th February, 1889.**

Mr. CARTY gave notice that he will, on the 11th day of March, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the question of the rights and privileges of the people resident upon the West and North East Coast of this Island, and also, the question of the privileges of the French upon the said Coast, and the proper action to take thereon.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on 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 ask leave to sit again.

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

Mr. HUTCHINGS, from the Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies, presented the following Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed on the Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of the House, beg to present the following Report and recommendations :

The Committee recommend the re-appointment of the present Reporting Staff.

The Committee recommend the continuance of the publication of the debates, as formerly, by the Proprietor of the *Evening Mercury*, upon the terms of last year.

That the copying of the debates be given to the *Colonist* newspaper at five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the session ; and to the *Harbor Grace Standard* and *Twillingate Sun*, at three hundred dollars (\$300.00) each.

That the Miscellaneous printing of the House, for the present session, be done by the Proprietor of the *Evening Mercury*, at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per sheet for plain printing, and seven dollars (\$7.00) per sheet for tabular printing.

That the printing of the Journals and Sessional Papers of the House, and the Index thereto, be done by FREDERICK W. BOWDEN, at the rates for Miscellaneous printing, plain and tabular, mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The Committee beg to recommend the continuance of the supervision by a Joint Committee of both Houses, of the printing and binding of the Sessional Papers, in accordance with the Report of the Joint Select Committee, dated the 7th day of May, A.D., 1887, adopted by this House on the 13th day of May in the same year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,  
*Chairman.*

H. W. LEMESSURIER,

M. J. O'MARA,

D. J. GREENE,

P. J. SCOTT,

JAMES ROLLS,

STEPHEN R. MARCH.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
February 24th, 1889. }

*Ordered*,—That the said Report be adopted.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Honorable the Premier to lay on the Table a copy of the notice from the Allan Company, terminating the present Contract with the Allan Company for Ocean Steam, also, as to whether the Government have taken any steps towards procuring a Contract for the conveyance of Mails and Passengers, to and from England and Canada.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

**TUESDAY 26th February, 1889.**

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor on opening the present Session of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat after twelve o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, 27th February, 1889.**

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 this day.

Mr. MORISON gave notice that he will, on March 7th, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of creating a Department of Agriculture, the establishment of a model Farm, the importation of improved Stock, and other Measures for the advancement of Agriculture in this Colony.

Then the House adjourned until this day at four of the clock.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the House met at four o'clock, and resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on 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 considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Address and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

*To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut. Col.,  
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished  
Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island  
of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg to thank your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have opened this session of the present General Assembly.

We cordially reciprocate the pleasure expressed by your Excellency in meeting and co-operating with the Legislature in the conduct of public affairs. We accord to you an appreciative welcome, and we feel assured that your distinguished career in the past is a pledge and earnest of your efficient administration of the government of this Colony.

It is gratifying to us to note the general success of the industrial operations of the Colony during the past year: but it is a matter of regret that, although the seal fishery in Notre Dame Bay was attended



with comparative success, the results of this industry were, on the whole, unsatisfactory.

With your Excellency, we have to regret the decline in the results of the Shore codfishery, but we have to recognize the improvement in the fishery at Labrador, and the increasing enterprise displayed, and the increased capital invested in the important industry of the Bank fishery. It is satisfactory to know that our staple produce has commanded good prices in foreign markets, and it is much to be desired that greater attention to the cure of our Labrador fish should enable us to complete successfully with our foreign rivals in foreign markets.

We are pleased to note the general results of the salmon, herring and lobster fisheries, and though the herring fishery at Labrador was not attended with success it is satisfactory to consider that this failure was in a measure compensated by the large quantity and superior quality of the fish taken upon the coast.

It is to us, as to your Excellency, a matter of special congratulation that Agricultural enterprise has been liberally rewarded during the past year. We cannot doubt but that the general success of this industry, so far as the extension of cultivation is concerned, is attributable to the stimulus imparted by recent legislation, and we share your Excellency's belief and hope as to the future extension and success of Agricultural operations.

The revived activity of mining enterprise we regard as fraught with great interest to the future of the Colony.

The stimulation afforded to the shipbuilding industry by the additional bounty appropriated by the Act of last session has been attended by the happy results which were anticipated as well in the affording of labour to those who would otherwise be condemned to enforced idleness, as in the addition to our sailing fleet of a higher grade of vessels than those that have been heretofore constructed.

We are in complete accord with your Excellency in recognising the necessity and the effectiveness of the proclamation issued by your

distinguished predecessor, in reference to relief works and aid to the able-bodied poor ; and we do not doubt that if a spirit of self-reliance be enforced upon our people, results, the most salutary, will necessarily ensue.

We concur with your Excellency as to the wisdom of the policy which led to the enactment of the measure for the prohibition of the export of Bait fishes, and it must be a matter of congratulation to us that the effective carrying out of this measure has enabled us to compete upon more favorable terms with other countries in fish markets abroad.

The extension of steam communication in the Northern and Western Bays, is of the greatest advantage to the trade of this Colony and to the travelling public. We are pleased to find that the experiment already made in this direction has proved successful, and it shall be our duty to give careful consideration to the possible establishment of this service upon a permanent and effective basis.

It is satisfactory to know that the operation of the Railway to Placentia, now almost completed, has been attended with such satisfactory results as to warrant an assurance of its future value and general public utility.

We cannot but regard with pride and satisfaction the fact that the Loan upon the credit of this Colony, which was obtained in London during the past year, was raised upon terms so favorable to the finances and to the credit of the Colony.

The success of our Exhibits at the Barcelona Exhibition, at which the Colony was represented by the Receiver General, is extremely gratifying, and we unite with your Excellency in the hope that this exposition of our resources may operate favorably towards the development of our foreign trade.

We regard with pleasure the fact that the Revenue of the Colony for the past year has reached the estimate. We thank your Excel-

lency for the promise of the public accounts and estimates, and it shall be our care and duty to make adequate provision for the requirements of Her Majesty's service.

We recognize that the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the Treaty of Washington, signed in February of last year, relegates the Colony to the position which it occupied previous to the attempted adjustment of international difficulties, and constrains us to make vigorous assertion and rigorous enforcement of our Colonial rights.

The action to be taken by the Colony in reference to the completion of the line of railway to Hall's Bay, is a subject which demands the serious consideration of the House. The failure of the Newfoundland Railway Company in the performance of their contract, has imposed upon the Legislature a task of no ordinary difficulty, having regard, on the one side, to the magnitude and importance of the work, and, upon the other side, to the financial interests and public credit of the Colony. We thank your Excellency for the assurance that material information on this matter will be laid before us by your Excellency's Government, and we pledge ourselves to give the whole subject that serious consideration which its supreme importance demands.

We fully appreciate the wisdom of the Government in taking definite action in relation to the establishment of fish-hatcheries, and the scientific examination of matters pertaining to our chief industry. In this behalf we have pleasure in noting that the Government have been encouraged by the sympathy and substantial assistance of those whose interests are involved in the Fisheries of the country. We are persuaded that the establishment of a Bureau or Department of Fisheries upon the lines suggested by your Excellency, would be attended with the most beneficial results. This matter will be the subject of our earnest deliberation, with a view to some definite action therein.

The principle of an elective local self-government is a subject

which, though fraught with difficulties as to its machinery and details, is one which commends itself to our serious attention, and, we trust that our deliberations upon this matter may result in the framing and adoption of a measure at once comprehensive and effective.

We join your Excellency in the hope that the All-wise Ruler of events may guide our deliberations towards the promotion of the best interests of the Colony.

On motion that the report be received,

Mr. BOND moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MURPHY, that the tenth paragraph of the Address be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

“ We concur with your Excellency as to the wisdom and necessity of protecting and preserving our Bait fishes, but we fear that the Act passed by the Legislature in 1887, entitled ‘ An Act for the preservation of our Bait fishes,’ has operated to the serious pecuniary loss of a large number of the fishermen, heretofore engaged in the Bait traffic, and owning considerable property, which, by the restrictions of the said Act, has been rendered comparatively valueless. We, therefore, trust that measures will be adopted, during the present session, to investigate and report as to the loss sustained by the enforcement of the said Act, with a view to compensating those who shall be shewn to have suffered by the operation of the said Act.”

And the question on the amendment being put, there appeared

*For the Amendment—11.*

*Against the Amendment—15.*

Mr. Scott,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ Morris,  
 “ McGrath,  
 “ Bond,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ Parsons,  
 “ Morine,  
 “ Morison.

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ Surveyor General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Dawe,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Bradshaw,  
 “ Carty,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ Rolls.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being again put on the original motion,

Mr. MORISON moved, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the following stand as the eleventh paragraph :

“ In view of the severity with which the French have recently enforced wholly unjustifiable claims upon that part of the coast upon which they have treaty rights, it is of paramount importance that energetic measures should be taken to procure a final and satisfactory definition of their position as regards this Colony, and as their actual rights arose from questions of Imperial expediency, we are of opinion that it is the duty of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland to relieve this Colony of a condition of affairs, which cannot longer exist without serious loss to the Colony and danger to the Empire.”

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

*For the Amendment—11.*

*Against the Amendment—16.*

Mr. Scott,  
“ O'Mara,  
“ Callanan,  
“ Shea,  
“ Morris,  
“ McGrath,  
“ Bond,  
“ Murphy,  
“ Parsons,  
“ Morine,  
“ Morison.

Hon. Premier,  
“ Attorney General,  
“ Surveyor General,  
“ A. F. Goodridge,  
Chairman Board of Works,  
The Financial Secretary,  
Mr. Godden,  
“ Dawe,  
“ Peters,  
“ Bradshaw,  
“ Carty,  
“ Veitch,  
“ Watson,  
“ Grieve,  
“ LeMessurier,  
“ Rolls.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being again put on the original motion,



Mr. MORRIS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Callanan, that the following be added to the seventh paragraph :

“ And, in view of the number of people in this Colony 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 the operative miners protection from injury to life and limb whilst engaged in their avocations.”

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative, on a similar division to the foregoing.

And on the question on the original motion being again put,

Mr. SCOTT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. O'MARA, that the following be added to the eighth paragraph :

“ We regret that the services of a Lloyd's Surveyor, as requested by the Joint Address of the Honorable Legislative Council and House of Assembly, passed during the last session of the Legislature, have not been procured, but we trust that measures will be adopted within the present year to give effect to the desires of the Legislature in this respect.”

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative, on a similar division to the foregoing.

On the question for the original motion being again put,

Mr. MORRIS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. SHEA, that the following stand as the sixteenth paragraph :

“ It would be a source of gratification to us if your Excellency were in a position to inform us that Her Majesty's Government would not be unwilling that this Colony should treat on its own account with the United States in matters relating to the commercial and fishing interests of the Colony ; as we are of opinion that it would be conducive to the interests of Newfoundland, if arrangements were

made between the Colony and the United States, irrespective of the relations of the Dominion of Canada to the United States."

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment—9*

Mr. Scott,  
 " O'Mara,  
 " Callanan,  
 " Shea,  
 " Morris,  
 " McGrath,  
 " Bond,  
 " Murphy,  
 " Parsons.

*Against the Amendment—18.*

Hon. Premier,  
 " Attorney General,  
 " Surveyor General,  
 " A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 " Dawe,  
 " Peters,  
 " Bradshaw,  
 " Carty,  
 " Veitch,  
 " Watson,  
 " Grieve,  
 " LeMessurier,  
 " Rolls,  
 " Morine,  
 " Morison.

So it passed in the negative.

And on the question on the original motion being again put,

Mr. MORINE moved, seconded by Mr. MORISON, that the following be substituted for the seventeenth paragraph :

" The failure of the Newfoundland Railway Company to perform their contract for the construction of a railway to Hall's Bay, the obligation resting upon the Colony, to satisfy the just demands of the Northern districts for the fulfillment of promises long held out to them, and the necessity for promoting the welfare of our rapidly increasing population, by the development of the interior of the Colony, imposes upon the Legislature a task of unusual difficulty. We thank your Excellency for the assurance that material information on this matter will be laid before us, and we pledge ourselves to the adoption

of some measure which shall secure the commencement, during the present year, of the construction of the projected line to Hall's Bay."

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment*—11

Mr. Scott,  
 " O'Mara,  
 " Callanan,  
 " Shea,  
 " Morris,  
 " McGrath,  
 " Bond,  
 " Murphy,  
 " Parsons,  
 " Morine,  
 " Morison.

*Against the Amendment*—16

Hon. Premier,  
 " Attorney General,  
 " Surveyor General,  
 " A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 " Dawe,  
 " Peters,  
 " Bradshaw,  
 " Carty,  
 " Veitch,  
 " Watson,  
 " Grieve,  
 " LeMessurier,  
 " Rolls.

So it passed in the negative.

And on the question on the original motion being again put,

Mr BOND moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MURPHY, that the following be substituted for the seventeenth paragraph :

" We thank your Excellency for your promise to place certain information, respecting Railway matters, before us, and we undertake to make provision, forthwith, for the extension of the Railway to Random, as far as the line has been surveyed, and to Brigus and Clark's Beach and Carbonear, to which places surveys have been completed, and we shall give our careful attention to the adoption of measures for the purpose of carrying out the extension of the Railway from Random towards Hall's Bay and the West Coast, where it is so much needed to enable the people of the Colony to avail of now dormant resources."

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment—11*

Mr. Scott,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ Morris,  
 “ McGrath.  
 “ Bond,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ Parsons,  
 “ Morine,  
 “ Morison.

*Against the Amendment—17*

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ Surveyor General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Dawe,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Bradshaw,  
 “ Carty,  
 “ Veitch.  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ LeMessurier,  
 “ March,  
 “ Rolls.

So it passed in the negative.

Upon the question of the original motion being again put,

Mr. SCOTT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MORRIS, that the following be substituted for the seventeenth paragraph :

“ We regret the non-completion of the Railroad to Hall’s Bay, and, notwithstanding the increase in the Public Debt and annual charges, we have confidence in the resources of the Colony to justify us in endeavouring to procure, not alone the construction of a Railroad to Hall’s Bay, but, also to the West Coast, with branch lines to important centres of population and trade.”

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative on a similar division to the foregoing.

And the question on the original motion being again put,

Mr. SCOTT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. O’MARA, that the following stand as the twentieth paragraph :

“The Act in relation to the Municipal affairs of St. John’s, passed last year, is susceptible of improvement, and we trust that we shall be enabled, during the present session, to effect such amendments therein as will render the Act more in accordance with the wishes of the citizens and the requirements of the city.”

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative, on a similar division to the foregoing.

And the question on the original motion being again put, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division to the foregoing, and

*Ordered*.—That the Report be adopted.

*Ordered*.—That the Address be now read a third time.

And the Address was read a third time accordingly.

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

Hon. the SPEAKER informed the House that His Excellency the Governor will receive Mr. Speaker and the House, with the Address of Thanks, at Government House, on to-morrow, at half-past twelve of the clock.

*Ordered*.—That the House at its rising do adjourn until to-morrow at half-past twelve of the clock.

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





**THURSDAY, 28th February, 1889.**

House met at twelve o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

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 on opening the present session of the Assembly.

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

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, 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:—*

In acknowledging your loyal Address, allow me to offer you my best thanks for the welcome to Newfoundland, which you afforded me, and I here would express a hope that your patriotic and zealous endeavours during the coming session, will tend to develop the resources and ensure the continued advancement of this Colony and the welfare of its people.

T. O'BRIEN, LIEUT. COL.,  
*Governor.*

28th February, 1889.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, the order of the day was deferred, save and except the notice of Captain Dawe for Bill to amend the Act passed in the 50th year of the reign of her present Majesty, entitled "An Act relating to the taking of, and right of property in, seals."

On motion, the said Bill was read a first time, and, save and except the notice of suspension of the Rules of the House as to said Bill.

On motion of the Hon. the PREMIER, seconded by the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

*Resolved.*—That the Rules of the House be suspended in respect of the passing of the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till four o'clock of this day.



The House met at four o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

Order of the day deferred.

The Bill to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals, was read a second time, (rules being suspended).

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW 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 Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, to stand first on the order of the day.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for a detailed statement of the cost of King's Bridge, in the District of St. John's East.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**FRIDAY, 1st March, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW 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 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 to regulate the right of property in seals."

*Ordered*,—That Captain Dawe and Mr. Morine do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

*To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut. Col., 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, in legislative session convened, respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to furnish the House with copies of all correspondence, received and sent by your Excellency relative to the alleged removal of a Lobster factory, by a French warship, at Hauling Point, French Shore, whether between your Excellency and the Imperial Government, or between your Excellency and the owners of said factory, their agents or counsel.

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

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend Section 126 of the 20th Chapter of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “of the practice of the Supreme Court.”

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from Joseph English, of St. John's, proprietor of the *Advocate* newspaper, praying that a synopsis of the debates of the Assembly, may be published in the *Advocate*.

*Ordered*,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the qualification of voters for members of the General Assembly.

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

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next, at four of the clock.

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### TUESDAY, 5th March, 1889.

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

By Mr. CARTY,—From Emma Parsons, praying for the publishing of a synopsis of the Debates of the Assembly.

*Ordered*—That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

By Mr. MOBINE,—From Rev. W. Pratt and others of Musgrave Town, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Patrick Harding and others of Portugal Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. GREENE,—From William Malloy and others of Chance Cove, on the subject of the establishment of a house of shelter.

By Mr. MORISON,—From the inhabitants of Wesleyville, in the Electoral District of Bonavista, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

By Mr. GREENE,—From James Whelan and others of Cape Broyle, on the subject of Roads.



By Mr. WATSON,—From Thomas Stone of Catalina, and from Richard Courway and others of Turks Cove, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads.

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting that one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of messages from one to the other; and that messages so sent be received at the bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst it is sitting, or in Committee, without interrupting the business thereof then proceeding.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on Monday the 18th day of March, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the following Resolutions:

*Whereas*, it is desirable, in the interests of Education, that school teachers should not alone be qualified by training and knowledge, but also, should be of such age and physical characteristics, as to enable them to fittingly discharge their functions,

*And whereas*, there are, at present engaged under the various school-boards, a number of teachers unfitted by years and infirmity for the proper fulfillment of their important duties,

*Resolved*,—That His Excellency the Governor in Council cause to be appointed a Commission, to consist of the three school Inspectors and three other persons, to enquire into and report upon the number, age, years of service and qualifications of teachers at present employed under the Education Act, with a view to making provision for such changes in the personnel of such teachers, and providing for those whom it may be desirable to remove, in such manner as may appear proper.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of the House a copy of the report of the Commissioner of this Colony at the Exhibition at Barcelona.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to procure a report from the Chairman of the Board of Health of St. John's, and if so, at what time this House may expect a copy of the same.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier for a copy of all correspondence between the St. John's Board of Health, or the Chairman thereof, and the Government, from September last past, to first of March instant; also, whether any rules, regulations or instructions have been furnished by the Government to said Board of Health, for its guidance, and if so, for a copy of the same, and also, as to what measures the Government have adopted, or intend to adopt, to stamp out the Diptheria now raging in our midst.

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

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at four of the clock.

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### THURSDAY, 7th March, 1889.

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

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Horse Islands, on the subject of a Breakwater; also, from the inhabitants of White Bay, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. MORINE,—From James Burden and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. McDONNELL,—From James Woodford and others of Harbor Main, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Rev. C. Sadington and others of Seldom-come-bye, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From James Burry and others of Greenspond, on the subject of a Ferry ; also, from the inhabitants of Pinchard's Island, on the subject of a Ferry.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Willian Chalk and others of Muddy Cove, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Coachman's Cove, on the subject of a Public Wharf and port of call.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From the inhabitants of St. John's West, on the subject of a model Farm at the Goulds.

Mr. BOND presented a petition from Henry Clift of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, and is as follows :

*To the Honorable the House of Assembly of  
Newfoundland and its Dependencies,  
in Legislative Session convened.*

The Petition of Henry A. Clift, of Harbor Grace, in the Northern District, Barrister-at-Law, humbly sheweth,—

That your Petitioner, approaching your Honorable House with feelings of the greatest respect, begs, in the interest of the safety and welfare of the people, and the cause of weather, epidemical and sanitary science, to bring under the notice of your Honorable House the vast importance of some provision or grant, to help the furnishing of practical statistics, and information on these matters, together with the furnishing of vital statistics of health, disease and epidemic, to the end that the state of the people on these heads may be, from time to time, known, and that all order may be taken to obtain certain information with reference to the climate of this Colony *internal* as well as *external*,

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*And furthermore*, to conduce to the safety and welfare of our sea-going population, as will the business of Agriculture.

That it is plain that the people of Newfoundland cannot now almost wholly depend upon the fisheries for support, a fact which is so self-evident as to be axiomatic even by Euclid, and a fact which, sad to say, has brought us almost from the genesis of the Colony to its exodus—a fact too which, if allowed any future and further way and power, will next thing depopulate the Island—the Newfoundland of our common affection and common prayer.

That, without being at all dictatorial, your petitioner is in it being a part of hermeneutics to remedy this untoward state. And, indeed, your Honorable House has, in a most enlightened manner, energized railways as the great veins of the country, to promote and assist agriculture, mining, lumbering, etc., as, also, a system of roads. The effect of all which is an increased settling on the land, which so pleased your Petitioner on a late visit to the H. G. Junction, Dildo, etc., that your Petitioner most respectfully apprehends that, for the encouragement of at least a limited emigration of well-informed people from other countries, it is needful *inter alia* to obtain data of the internal climate of the agricultural lands of the Colony, internal, so as to be a future guide and conduce to such emigration of well-informed people, who would ensample our people in agriculture, and so promote their slow but sure resurrection from the present grave to a better life.

That your Petitioner notices the formation of a fishery Bureau—a most important factor for the people's benefit. He begs most respectfully that a weather Bureau should be combined with that, and, in order to make a commencement, he respectfully suggests that the sea light-keepers would be required, at a small extra compensation, to afford a maintained and practical information of weather in the interest of maritime safety.

That by the long experience of your Petitioner, it is absolutely necessary for us to use our own brains and our own observation about

our own weather, and we must not hunt in the almanacks, or newspapers, or prophets of other countries.

That it is a glorious principle of science that it will work whether rewarded or not rewarded, otherwise, there would be small work done.

Petitioner, therefore, discards any personal idea, and prays for consideration of these matters by your Honorable House, for the steady progress of Newfoundland, and the welfare of the people and their children. And as in duty he will ever pray, etc.

HENRY CLIFT.

Harbor Grace, Feb., 1889.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time :

A Bill to amend the Act 36 Vic., Cap. 5, and the several Acts in amendment thereof.

A Bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

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

#### 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 the Law relating to the taking of seals, and the right of property therein,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
6th March, 1889. }



And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion the said amendments were read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a period later on this day.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for the preservation of Deer was read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Bond, Bradshaw, Emerson, Grieve, Hon. Premier, Greene, Carty and the Hon. the Speaker do form the said Committee.

*Ordered*,—That the consideration of the Resolutions introduced by Mr. MORISON on this day's order, be deferred until Tuesday next the 12th instant, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order and leave granted, Mr. MORINE presented a Bill respecting qualification of voters for election of members of the House of Assembly, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MORINE, pursuant to notice, moved that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that "one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of messages from one to the other: and that messages so sent be received at the bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst it is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the business then proceeding."

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the amendments made by the Council on the Sealing Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW took the Chair of the 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, 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 amendments having been read throughout were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*,—That Captain Dawe and Mr. Morine do take the said amendments to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. CARTY gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move an address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he may be pleased to lay before this House all correspondence between the Imperial Government and His Excellency, having reference to the removal of Lobster factories on the West and North-east coasts of this Island.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Surveyor General,—

1st—Whether, under the Act for the promotion of Agriculture passed on the 19th May, 1886, any agricultural district has been selected, if so, where are they situated, and how many.

2nd—Have any superintendents been appointed in those districts, if so, have any reports been received from them.

3rd—Have any families been removed under this Act, if so, from where, and to where, how many, and what has been the cost.

4th—Have any persons received a bonus of \$20 per acre under the said Act, if so, how many.

5th—Under the said Act has any money been appropriated to provide a profitable breed of cattle, sheep and other animals.

6th—How much money has been borrowed under this Act, and how much has been expended under the same.

7th—Under this Act and the amended Act of May 9th, 1888, how many applications have been made for permission to clear land, how many acres have been cleared, and how much has been paid for claims; also, the number of districts and portions of districts now under and subject to 47 Vic., Cap. 7, and 50 Vic., Cap. 10, in amendment thereof.

#### 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, in reply to their message of this date, in reference to the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the taking of seals and the right of property therein," that they withdraw their amendments upon the said Bill.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
7th March, 1889. }

And then the messenger withdrew.

The Hon. the PREMIER informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would assent to the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the taking of seals and the right of property therein," on to-morrow Friday, at four of the clock, in the Council Chamber.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at quarter to four of the clock.

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**FRIDAY 8th March, 1889.**

**A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**

At four o'clock a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by W. F. Rennie, Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the attendance of Mr. Speaker and the whole House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased in Her Majesty's name to assent to the following Bill, entitled

“An Act to amend the Law relating to the taking of seals and the right of property therein.”

And being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor had assented to the said Bill.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—From the inhabitants of Twillingate, on the subject of manhood suffrage; also, from the inhabitants of Leading Tickles and Black Island Tickles, on the same subject.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER.—From Mark Pike and others of Stepside, in the District of Burin, on the subject of Roads; also, from the in-

habitants of Rock Harbor District, of Burin, on the subject of a Bridge; also, from Pierce Coady and others, inhabitants of John DeBay, District of Burin, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. MORINE.—From Edward Carrol and others, inhabitants of Broad Cove, in the District of Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads; also, from Rev. A. E. C. Bayley and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. PARSONS.—From Richard Reddy and others, inhabitants of Flatrock, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From Charles Fisher and others, inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. McGRATH.—From John Boone of St. Mary's, on the subject of an allowance being made to him as a medical practitioner.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to amend 36 Vic., Cap. 5.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW 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.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the encouragement of sheep farming in this Colony.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Surveyor General to place upon the Table of this House a detailed



statement of the amount of money paid out on account of the agricultural settlement at Dildo Pond.

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

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**MONDAY, 11th March, 1889.**

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to erect a new Court House in St. John's, at an early date, and, if not, what steps have been or will be taken to effect the alteration and repairs in the present building, necessary to make it habitable and otherwise suitable and convenient for the accommodation of those connected with the administration of justice in the Supreme Court.

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 amend the Act 36 Vic., Cap. 5, and Acts in amendment thereof.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW 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 being put thereon, agreed to by the House,

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*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 Bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

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 passed the Bill to them referred 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 be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE moved, seconded by Mr. MORISON, that an amended message be sent to the Legislative Council in reference to the transmission of messages between the Council and Assembly, and do read as follows :

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have had under consideration the desirability of altering the practice of the House in reference to the mode of conveyance of messages from the House to the Legislative Council, and from the Legislative Council to the House, and the House of Assembly respectfully requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council to the following alteration, that one of the Clerks of either House, or a Master-in-Chancery of the Legislative Council, may be the bearer of messages from one to the other, and that messages so sent be received at the

Bar of either House, to which they may be sent by one of the Clerks thereof at any time whilst such House is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the business then proceeding.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly, }  
8th March, 1889. }

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Morine and Mr. Watson do take the said message to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

HON. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Tuesday the 19th instant, move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Also, that he will, on Thursday the 21st instant, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Lower Amherst Cove, on the subject of Roads ; also, from John Perry and others of Perry's Island, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. MORISON,—From Rev. P. A. Carrolan and others, inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads ; also, from Charles Saint and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Azariah March and others of Lance Cove, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Hon. Mr. PENNEY,—From Hon. John Rorke and others of Carbonear, on the subject of Fish-hatchery.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Robert Goss and others, on the same subject.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**THURSDAY, 14th March, 1889.**

On motion of the Hon. the PREMIER, seconded by Mr. SCOTT.

*Resolved.*—That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Crowdy, member of the Legislative Council, and as an expression of the sympathy of this House, with his family in their affliction, the House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next at four of the clock.

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**TUESDAY, 19th March, 1889.**

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from the Agricultural Society of St. John's, which was received and read on the subject of the importation of an improved breed of stock for the promotion of Agriculture, and praying assistance from the Legislature.

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

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of Robert John Pinsent and others of St. John's, on the subject of a grant for the improvement of stock.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay upon the table of this House a copy of all correspondence sent by the Government to the Bonavista Breakwater Commissioners, since the first of November last past, and, of all correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners, or any of them, since the date aforesaid.

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from the inhabitants of Holyrood, on the subject of Agriculture.

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

Mr. BRADSHAW presented a petition from the inhabitants of Bonne Bay, on the subject of a Bridge.

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

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from Patrick Murphy of Belle Isle, on the subject of Roads.

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

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following document :—

Copy of Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting communication from Earl Lytton to the Marquis of Salisbury, on French Fishery Rights.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Hon. the PREMIER presented to the House the following written message, from His Excellency, which was read, and is as follows :—

T. O'BRIEN, Lt. Col.,  
Governor.

The Governor begs to acknowledge the Address of the House of Assembly, dated 1st March, and received by him yesterday, request-



ing that they be supplied with copies of all correspondence that has taken place relative to the alleged removal of a Lobster Factory, at Hauling Point, White Bay, by a French war ship.

He has to inform the gentlemen of the House of Assembly, that, as the correspondence is incomplete and mostly of a confidential nature, he regrets he is not in a position to furnish the information sought; he, however, trusts that, as this forms part of the whole question of the so-called "French Shore," which would appear to be now prominently under the consideration of the two Home Governments, ere long definite information on this point will be at your disposal.

He may however observe, that, from the correspondence received up to now, it would seem that this question and your interests have not been lost sight of by the Colonial or Foreign Office, and that it is still under reference.

The Governor would also beg to point out that there would appear to be an error in the Address under reply, for he believes that the owner was a Mr. Murphy, if so he finds that this gentleman was desired to remove his Factory, not by a French war ship, but by Lieutenant Bearcroft, Commander of Her Majesty's gun-boat *Forward*, which vessel was last year one of those sent by the Home Government to protect your Fisheries.

The Governor has not failed to impress on the Secretary of State the great anxiety felt by the inhabitants of Newfoundland for an early solution of this difficulty.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
12th March, 1889.

Mr. BOND, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the preservation of deer, presented the following report:—

The Select Committee, appointed by the House of Assembly, to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the protection of deer,

beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and beg to submit the annexed Bill as their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BOND, *Chairman.*

ROBERT THORBURN,

A. BRADSHAW,

GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.,

M. H. CARTY.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
March 19th, 1889. }

Pursuant to order, the following Bills were engrossed and read a third time :—

A Bill to amend the laws, in force in this Island, for the prevention of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

*Ordered,*—That the said Bills do pass, and be entitled respectively, “An Act to amend the laws, in force in this Island, for the prevention of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.”

And, “An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals.”

*Ordered,*—That the said Bills be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

MR. CARTY submitted the following resolutions, to be laid before the Committee of the whole House, on the subject of British rights and French claims on that part of the coast of Newfoundland on which the French have a temporary right of fishery :—

*Whereas,* claims have been recently made by French subjects asserting their right to take lobsters and salmon upon those portions

of the coast of this Island upon which certain temporary rights of Fishery have been by Treaty conceded to the French; and subjects of France have with the approval and assistance of French Warships compelled the removal of establishments erected by British subjects for the purpose of taking and preserving lobsters and salmon, which claims and interference will have a necessary tendency to lead to enmity, quarrels and bloodshed, between the subjects of the two nations.

*And Whereas*, by reason of such claims and interference, much damage and loss has occurred to British subjects, many of whom have been thereby deprived of the means of subsistence for their families.

*And Whereas*, in violation of the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, the French have presumed to erect upon the coasts of this Island, certain permanant establishments and buildings, with plant and appliances for the purpose of taking and preserving lobsters, some of which establishments and buildings have been now for a period of upwards of two years unremoved and unmolested, and further encroachments in this direction have been threatened.

*And Whereas*, by the interference of the French authorities and their prohibition of the Mining operations of British subjects on the said coasts, Mining enterprise has been hampered, much capital already expended has been wasted, and our people have thereby been deprived of much remunerative employment, whilst valuable mineral resources have necessarily remained undeveloped.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the claims on the part of the French to take lobsters or salmon on any portion of the coasts of this Island are utterly without foundation, and cannot be maintained for the reasons well set forth by the Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, D. C. L., in his charge to the Grand Jury of Bonne Bay, in September of 1887, which were as follows:—

1—Because it was declared by the “Treaty of Utrecht,” that it should be unlawful for the French to erect buildings except those “necessary and usual for drying of Fish.”

2—Because the “Treaty of Paris,” 1763, restricted the liberty to “fishing and drying.”

3—Because the Treaty of Versailles, 1783, speaks of “the fishery assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht.”

4—Because the “Declaration,” speaks of “The Fishery,” and that “the method of carrying on the fishery which has at all times been acknowledged, shall be the plan upon which the fishery shall be carried on there.”

5—Because the French King’s “Counter Declaration,” speaks of “the fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland which has been the object of the new arrangements.”

6—Because the “Treaty of Paris,” 1814, declares that the French right of fishery “shall be replaced upon the footing in which it stood in 1792.”

And further, Because there was no such industry as a lobster fishery in Newfoundland at any of these periods, and no such thing as a lobster fishery heard of, until within a few years past, and the language used to describe “the fishery,” which the French were entitled to pursue, is utterly inapplicable to lobster-catching, or to the erection of factories for taking or canning lobsters.

*Resolved,*—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the removal, by the French authorities, of the establishments of British subjects, erected upon the said coasts for the purpose of taking and preserving lobsters, is, on the part of the French authorities, a violation of Treaty obligations and of international law, and a gross trespass upon the rights of British subjects, and one for which compensation should be demanded from the Government of France.

*Resolved,*—That this Committee consider that the unlawful erection, by French subjects, of permanent establishments and erections upon the said coast, in encroachment upon the rights of British subjects, and in usurpation of claims not conceded by Treaty, demands

a firm but temperate expression of our opinion as to the relative rights of the subjects of the two nations upon the said coasts, and the necessity for remedying, by remonstrance and by negotiations between the two great Powers, the injustice to which such French interference has exposed the subjects of Her Majesty in this Island.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that such remonstrance and negotiations should also have regard to the territorial rights of Her Majesty in, and over, the said coasts and waters, and the undue and unreasonable interference, which has checked the course of mining enterprise, and retarded the progress of lumbering and agricultural industries.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a humble address be forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, setting forth the facts and reasons contained in the foregoing resolutions, and praying that such action may be taken in the premises, as may conserve the rights of Her Majesty's subjects in this Island, and repair them in the damages which they have heretofore sustained.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carty's notice of motion, for Committee of the Whole, be deferred until Tuesday next, the 26th instant, and to stand first on the order of the day.

#### 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, in reply to their message of the 7th of March instant, in reference to the mode of conveyance of messages, that they concur in the alteration suggested by the House of Assembly, that one of the Clerks of either House or a Master-in-Chancery of the Legislative Council, may be the bearer of



messages from one to the other, and that messages sent be received at the Bar of either House, to which they may be sent by one of the Clerks thereof at any time while such House is sitting or in Committee without interrupting the business then proceeding.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
19th March, 1889. }

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the Clerk of this House, or the Clerk Assistant, do, in future, take Bills, passed by this House, to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of this House all correspondence between the Canadian Government and the Government of Newfoundland, relative to the Washington Treaty, by which it has been agreed that Licenses issued to United States fishing vessels by this Colony, should be recognized in Canada, and those issued by Canada should be recognized in, and by, this Colony.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time :—

A Bill to amend the law relating to the qualification of electors for members of the General Assembly.

A Bill in relation to the liens in favor of mechanics and others.

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

On the order for the second reading of the Bank Fishery Agreement Bill, the question was put thereon, when the House dividing, there appeared

*For the Motion—10.*

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

*Against the Motion—15.*

Hon. Premier,  
 " Attorney General,  
 " Receiver General,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 " Peters,  
 " Bradshaw,  
 " Carty,  
 " Veitch,  
 " Watson,  
 " Grieve,  
 " LeMessurier,  
 " March,  
 " Rolls.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

And the House having sat after twelve o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1889.**

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL moved that a supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On motion, it was ordered that the consideration thereof be deferred until Monday the 25th instant, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned until to-day, at four of the clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 4 o'clock.

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

By Mr. GREENE,—From the Rev. L. R. Veraker and others, inhabitants of the South Side of Ferryland, on the subject of Roads; also from John Morey and others, inhabitants of Ferryland, on the same subject; also from the inhabitants of Cape Broyle, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. EMERSON,—From John P. Bradshaw and others, of Placentia, on the subject of arbitration on land taken by the Government.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From George Tucker and others, of Broad Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Peter and Edward Flemming of Torbay, praying for an allowance to be made them, to enable them to maintain themselves, having been crippled while engaged in the Bank Fishery.

By Mr. SHEA,—From Thomas Walsh and others, inhabitants of River Head, Cape Broyle, on the subject of Roads; also from Thomas Ryan and others, inhabitants of Bay Bulls, on the same subject.

By Mr. WATSON,—From John Fowlow and others, of Pease Cove, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads; also from Thomas Porter and others of Bird Island Cove, on the subject of Roads; also from A. Jeans and others of Heart's Content, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From Martin Bulger and others, inhabitants of Portugal Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From John Tilley and others, of Kelligrews,

on the subject of a Public Wharf; also from Rev. P. W. Brown and others, of Salmon Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Joseph Rolls and others, of Cannaile, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads; also from the inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of a Well; also from John Power and others, of Bayley's Cove, Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also from the Inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From the inhabitants of Cannaile Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Nicholas N. Parsons and others, of Fresh Water Bay, Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of a Fish-hatchery.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the advisability of creating a department of Agriculture, including the establishment of a Model Farm, the importation of improved stock and other measures for the advancement of Agriculture in this Colony.

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 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.

The Hon. the Attorney General, presented the following Report from the Commissioners, on the Consolidation of the Laws, which was received and read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to re-

wise the draft consideration of the Statute Law, which was laid upon the table of the House, during the session of 1887, beg to report that they have made a careful revision of the said Draft, and have incorporated with it the legislation of the sessions of 1887 and 1888.

The Committee submit herewith, the said draft as revised, in the form of a Bill.

The Committee have confined themselves, to the work of consolidation without presuming to make any amendments, except in a few unimportant matters, and, excepting also, verbal improvements, not departing from the intention of the Legislature.

The Committee have omitted from their revision, the several Chapters under Table 5. viz:—from 30 to 40 inclusive, relating to the Practice and Procedure of the Courts, in relation to which the Committee are still engaged in preparing a measure for adoption during the present session, embodying the principles and procedure, under the English Judicature Acts, as contemplated by the Act of 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WINTER, *Chairman.*

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

D. J. GREENE,

P. J. SCOTT,

GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.,

M. H. CARTY,

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
March 19th, 1889. }

In accordance with the above report, a Bill entitled "An Act for revising and consolidating, the Statute Laws of Newfoundland, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow."



The Hon. Receiver General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Documents.

Statement of Public Debt, to 31st December, 1888.

Treasury Accounts, 1888.

Shipping Accounts, 1888.

Consolidated Account of Dutiable Goods, imported during the year 1888.

Consolidated Account current of Receipts and payments in Customs Department, 1888.

Return of Ships Built during the year, 1888.

Abstract of Shipping for the year 1888.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

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

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure, on account of Local Roads, for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement of Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

*Ordered,*—That the said Documents, do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

**THURSDAY, 21st March, 1889.**

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

Report of Roads and Bridges in the District of St. John's East, outside city limits.

Inspector Jackman's report on main lines.

Expenditure on account of Light Houses.

Expenditure, Roads, St. John's East and West, and consolidated statement of main lines.

Expenditure on account of Public Works, 1888.

Sundry Institutions account, 1888.

Report of Keeper of Poor House for 1888.

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

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following document :—

Second report of the Fisheries Commission.

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

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

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

By Mr. MORINE,—From Robert Abbot and others of Bayley's Cove, Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From the inhabitants of Mortier Bay, District of Burin, on the subject of Agriculture.

By Mr. WATSON,—From the inhabitants of Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, on the subject of the Mail Service.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From George A. Russel and others of Western Arm, Rocky Bay, on the subject of Roads; also, from Joseph Mews and others of Barr'd Island, on the subject of a Road to the Methodist Cemetery.

By Mr. EMERSON,—From the inhabitants of Black River, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BOND,—From the inhabitants of Boxey, District of Fortune Bay, on the subject of a Breakwater; also, from the inhabitants of Mose Ambrose, on the same subject; also, from the inhabitants of English Harbor, on the subject of Roads; also, from the inhabitants of St. Jacques, on the subject of Telegraphy; also, from the inhabitants of English Harbor, on the subject of Roads; also, from the inhabitants of Point Courage, on the subject of a Breakwater; also, from the inhabitants of Bay L'Argent, on the subject of a Ferry.

By Mr. MORISON,—From the inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also, from the inhabitants of Plate Cove, on the same subject.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From Uriah Martin and others in the District of Twillingate, on the subject of a Road Board.

Also, from William Dory and others, inhabitants of Black Island, District of Twillingate, on the subject of a Road Board; also, from Thomas Sharp and others, District of Twillingate, on the same subject.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From the inhabitants of Conception Harbor, District of Harbor Main, on the subject of Roads.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bill to provide for the preservation of deer.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MORISON 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 be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*,—That the consideration of Ways and Means be deferred till Tuesday next, and to stand first on the order of the day.

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

Geological Survey of Newfoundland.

Report of Progress, by James P. Howley, F.G.S.

Report of G. Mackinson, on Blaketown Agricultural Settlement.

Report of A. White on Survey, Little Codroy River.

Report on Surveys, by A. F. Y. Long.

Report of Surveyor General, and returns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

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

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

**TUESDAY, 26th March, 1889.**

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

By Mr. WATSON,—From John Loder and others of Snook's Harbor, District of Trinity, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Philip Penney and others of Indian Islands, District of Fogo, on the subject of Roads; also, from Levi Penney, Seldom-come-by, on the same subject; also, from Rev. R. M. Walker and others of Tilton Harbor, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From John Butler and others of Pouch Cove, District of St. John's East, on the subject of Roads; also, from Alan Noseworthy, of the same place, on the same subject; also, from Jacob Noseworthy, of the same place, on the same subject; also, from John Moulton of the same place, on the same subject.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From John Roberts and others of Bonne Bay, District of St. Barbe, on the subject of a Light-house; also, from Rev. C. W. Holland and others of Rocky Harbor, Bonne Bay, on the same subject.

By Mr. PETERS,—From John Lake and others of Fortune, District of Burin, on the subject of deepening the entrance to the harbor.

By the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Henry Dawe and others of Bay Roberts, on the subject of Roads; also, from Eli Mercer and others of the same place, on the same subject.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From John T. Murrant and others, Bailiffs, on the subject of Salaries.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Edward King and others of Perry's Cove, District of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of Roads.

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



Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Premier for copies of all tenders received, and the names of the parties tendering, for a contract to erect a codfish hatchery at Dildo, the names of the parties to whom the same was given; also, for a copy of the specification of the same; and also, for copies of all tenders for steam pumps, for copies of specifications of same, and the names of the parties to whom the said pump contracts were given.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of J. T. Murrant and others, on the subject of providing salaries and clothing for Sheriff's Bailiffs.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents, viz. :—

Report of the Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Co., for 1888.

Report of the Avalon Wood Manufacturing Co., for 1888.

Report of the Harbor Grace Bank Fishery Co., for 1888.

Report of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Co., for 1888.

Report of the Steam Sealing and Whaling Co., for 1888.

Report of the Screw Steam Tug Co., for 1888.

Report of the Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Co., for 1888.

Report of the Colonial Cordage Co., for 1888.

Report of the St. John's Floating Dry Dock Co., for 1888.

Report of the St. John's Nail Manufactory, for 1888.

Report of the Expenditure for the relief of the Poor, for 1888.

Also, copy of Despatch of July 10, 1888, from Governor of Newfoundland to the Right Honorable Lord Knutsford.

Also, copy of Despatch of July 23rd, 1888, from Right Honorable Lord Knutsford to Governor of Newfoundland.

Also, report of Board of Health, St. John's, for the year 1888, and a portion of the year 1889.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

On motion of Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL :

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

*Ordered*,—That the order for Committee of the whole House on French Shore Resolutions be deferred until Tuesday, April 2nd.

The consideration of the following orders were deferred :

Committee on Agricultural Resolutions.

Committee on Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Laws.

On motion of Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. SCOTT :

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to amend the practice of the Central District Court, in reference to appeals, be discharged from the order.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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### WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1889.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from William Murphy and others of Flat Rock, District of St. John's East, asking for the grant of a plough.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Edmund Brown and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from R. Langrishe Mare and one thousand five hundred others, inhabitants of St. John's, asking that the present Municipal Act be amended.

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

Mr. SCOTT's notice for Committee of the Whole, on certain Resolutions with regard to Education, was, upon motion, deferred until Wednesday, April 3rd, to stand first on the order of the day.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on Friday, 29th March inst., move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions on the petition of W. H. Whitely, James Murray, James Baird, R. L. Mare, K. R. Prowse, John Curran, Walter Veale, M. Tobin, William Cullen, Thomas Shortal, and others, in reference to Act 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled "An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal Affairs of the town of St. John's and for other purposes."

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for an address on the petition of J. T. Murrant and others be discharged.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for an address on the petition of Hon. R. J. Pinsent, on the subject of a grant for the improvement of Agricultural stock, be deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Agricultural Resolutions.

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 considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain Resolu-

tions, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

*Whereas*, Agriculture is yearly becoming of greater comparative importance in this Colony, and it is desirable to promote its advancement more actively than has been done in the past ;

*And whereas*, there is no department of the Government of the Colony specially charged with the oversight of Agricultural affairs, as is the case in most other countries ;

*And whereas*, the establishment of Model Farms, and the improvement of stock in other countries, has been found of great advantage to their material interests ;

*Be it therefore Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to make provision for the appointment of a Board of Agriculture, who shall have control of all matters pertaining to the advancement of Agriculture in this Colony.

*Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, the institution of a Model farm, and the obtaining, from other countries, of animals of new and improved breeds, and of new varieties of grains, seeds, vegetables and plants adapted to our climate and circumstances, would tend greatly to the advancement of Agriculture in this Colony.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sufficient sum should be appropriated to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

*Resolved*.—That the subject matter of the foregoing resolutions be referred to a Select Committee of this House to draft and report a Bill thereon, with power to the said Committee to embody in such Bill such further provisions pertinent to the subject as the said Committee shall consider desirable.

On motion that the report be received,—

Mr. BOND moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MURPHY, the following :

*Resolved*,—That this Committee is deeply impressed with the importance of fostering, to the utmost within the limits of the financial resources of the Colony, the Agricultural industries, viewing as it does such to be the only outlet for the employment of productive labors for the increasing population of the country, and is of opinion that, at present, the establishment of a Board of Agriculture would create an expenditure for which an adequate return could not be reasonably expected.

*Resolved*,—That the work of importing superior stock and seeds may, with confidence be left in the hands of the Agricultural Societies which are actively devoting their energies to this object, and that a sufficient sum should be granted to the said societies to carry out that work.

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

*For the Amendment*—7.

*Against the Amendment*—17.

Mr. Bond,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ Scott,  
 “ Greene,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ McDonnell,  
 “ McGrath,

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Bradshaw,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ LeMessurier,  
 “ March,  
 “ Rolls,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ Morris,  
 “ Morine,  
 “ Morison.

So it passed in the negative.



And the question on the original motion being again put,  
And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Motion*—18.

*Against the Motion*—6.

Hon. Premier,  
“ Attorney General,  
“ A. F. Goodridge,  
Chairman Board of Works,  
The Financial Secretary,  
Mr. Bradshaw,  
“ Veitch,  
“ Watson,  
“ Grieve,  
“ LeMessurier,  
“ March,  
“ Rolls.  
“ Scott,  
“ Callanan,  
“ Shea,  
“ Morris,  
“ Morine,  
“ Morison,

Mr. Bond,  
“ Murphy,  
“ Greene.  
“ O’Mara,  
“ McDonnell,  
“ McGrath,

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled “ An Act respecting the abolition of Cod-traps.”

The following were appointed to be a Select Committee to consider and report upon the Resolutions which have just passed this House, in relation to agriculture :—

Messrs. Morison, Morris, Grieve, Bond, March, O’Mara, and Hons. the Premier, Receiver General, and Mr. Goodridge.

Mr. McDONNELL presented a petition from John Kehoe and others of Turk’s Gut, District of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Road.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**THURSDAY, 28th March, 1889.**

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Hon. PREMIER,—From Eli Pretty and others, of Chapel Arm, District of Trinity, on the subject of Roads; also, from Z. H. Butler and others, mail carriers, residing at Random, asking for repairs to the tilts, on the mail route.

By Mr. GREENE,—From the Rev. N. Roche and others, of Bay Bulls, district of Ferryland, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From Weston Spracklin and others, of Clode Sound, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also, from Wm. Skeffington and others, of Norman's Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Robert Brown and others, of Amherst Cove, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also, from A. Skeffington, Tickle Cove, on the same subject; also from James Tracey, Plake Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Moses King and others, of New Bonaventure, district of Trinity, on the subject of Roads; also, from Edward Guy and others, of Catalina, on the subject of Public Pumps.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions lie on the table.

Mr. MORINE, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill relating to the qualification of

voters for the Election of Members of the General Assembly, presented the following report:—

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, to consider and report upon the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the qualification of Electors for Members of the General Assembly," beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and recommended the adoption of the Bill hereto annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALFRED B. MORINE,  
ROBERT THORBURN,  
R. BOND,  
P. J. SCOTT,  
E. C. WATSON,  
M. J. O'MARA,  
E. P. MORRIS,  
M. T. KNIGHT,  
W. J. S. DONNELLY,

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly, }  
March 28th, 1889. }

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as reported be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into 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 that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

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

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid the following documents on the table.

Financial Statement of the affairs of the Colony of Newfoundland, for the year 1889.

Estimate for defraying part of the Public Expenditure of the Colony of Newfoundland, for the year 1889.

Detailed Statement of Salaries to Stipendiary Magistrates, &c.,

Estimate of Lighthouse Expenditure for the year 1889.

Statement of Balances in the Treasury to December 31st, 1888.

On motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the order for Committee of the Whole on revision of the Statute Laws was deferred.

Pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, the Bill to amend an Act for the abolition of Cod-traps, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Isaac Mercer and others, of Bay Roberts, praying for an amendment of the Law relating to Cod-traps; also from John C. Sparks and others, of the same place, praying that the present Law be not altered.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From William Flynn and others of Salmon Cove, District of Harbor Main, on the same subject.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Nehemiah Frost and others of Random,

District of Trinity, asking for the erection of a Light-house on Eastern Head, Random.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Philip Dwyer and others of Kelligrews, on the subject of a Road ; also, from Lawrence Whelan and others of Colliers, on the subject of a Bridge.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From Rev. M. F. Howley and others, praying for the erection of a Lighthouse at Port Saunders.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon. the Premier if any enquiry has been made into the case of the Widow French, with regard to the illness and death of her husband, by small pox ; and also, for the names of the Board of Health, and a statement of the expenditure under said Board, for the past six month's to date.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor, upon the petition of the inhabitants of Gooseberry Islands, in the district of Bonavista, asking that Gooseberry Island Bight, so called, may be made a regular port of call, for the Steamer employed in the mail service, upon Bonavista Bay.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**FRIDAY 29th March, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself 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,

### SATURDAY, 30th March, 1889.

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 Wednesday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

The remainder of the order was, on motion, deferred.

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

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### MONDAY, 1st April, 1889.

At 4.45, p.m., the House was counted by the Clerk and there being only five members present, viz :—Messrs. Bond, Scott, O'Mara, Murphy and Morine,

Hon. the Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow at four of the clock.

**TUESDAY 2nd April, 1889.**

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

By Hon. the PREMIER,—From Rev. J. G. Cragg and others of Catalina, District of Trinity, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From John Moss and others of Kiels, District of Bonavista, on the subject of a Wharf.

By Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL,—From Rev. W. Born and others of Trepassey, District of Placentia, on the same subject.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Simon Roche and others of Middle Cove, District of St. John's East, on the subject of Roads; also, from Patrick Downs and others of Torbay, on the same subject; also, from A. D. Rankin and others, farmers residing on the Portugal Cove road, praying for a road to a Bog in that vicinity.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From James Power and others, of Outer Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from Wm. Evans and others, of Pouch Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From Richard Cuddihy, of Torbay, on the same subject.

By Mr. CARTY,—From Very Rev. M. F. Howley and others, of Bay St. George, upon the subject of the rights of British Subjects, upon that portion of the coast of Newfoundland.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents, viz. :—

Report of the Examiner in Chief of Masters and Mates, 1888.

Report of the Medical Officer on Labrador, for 1888.

General Statement of affairs of the Union Bank, for 1888.

General Statement of affairs of the Commercial Bank, for 1888.

Report of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, for 1888.

Report of Newfoundland Consolidated Copper Mining Co., 1888.

Members of the Board of Health, St. John's.

Statement of Expenditure for Shipwrecked Crews, for year 1888.

Report of the Newfoundland Furniture and Moulding Co., for year 1888.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into 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 that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain Resolutions, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

*Resolved,*—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the table of duties upon goods, wares and merchandize imported into Newfoundland and its Dependencies, as prescribed in an Act of the General Assembly passed in the 50th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter 2, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," which Act was continued by an Act passed in the 51st year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter 1, entitled

“An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies” be adopted, except as mentioned in the following Resolutions:—

*Resolved*,—That the duties set forth and opposite the articles hereinafter mentioned shall be raised, levied and collected, and paid in lieu of the duties upon the said articles imposed by the said Act, Chapter 2, passed in the 50th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and the said Act in continuation thereof, namely, on—

Bread and biscuit of the kind called and known as hard ship's biscuit, per cwt., 20 cents.

Bread and biscuit all other kinds, 20 per cent *ad valorem*.

Steam engines and boilers, propellers, water wheels and saws, 10 per cent *ad valorem*.

*Resolved*,—That the Table of Exemptions be amended by striking therefrom—

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.

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

In conformity with the above Resolutions, the Bill entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” was read a first time.

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

The order for Committee on revision and consolidation of the Statute Law, was deferred.

On motion for Committee on Bill relating to qualification of voters for the General Assembly, Hon. the Speaker ordered the House to be

counted, and there being seven members present only : Hons. Attorney General, Surveyor General, the Financial Secretary, Messrs. Carty, Emerson, LeMessurier and Morine, he declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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### WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, 1889.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. CARTY moved, seconded by Mr. EMERSON, that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole upon certain resolutions relating to the rights of British and French subjects upon the West and North-east coasts of this Island.

And the question being put, the House resolved itself into 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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole upon certain Resolutions relating to the amendment of the St. John's Municipal Act.



Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered.*—That the Report be received.

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

Pursuant to order, the Revenue Bill was read a second time.

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

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Philip Templeman and others, inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from Nicholas Connors and others, inhabitants of Pouch Cove, District of St. John's East, on the same subject.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report regarding the effect of French bounties upon the export trade of this Colony, with power to send for persons, papers and records, for the purpose of obtaining evidence.

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

Report of Inspector of Constabulary for year 1888.

Report of Keeper of Penitentiary for year 1888.

(For which see Sessional Papers.)

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**THURSDAY, 4th April, 1889.**

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Rev. C. E. Smith and others of Heart's Content, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From R. H. Penney and others of the same place, on the subject of a Light-house.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From W. Clouston of St. John's East, asking for a drawback on duties upon materials used in the manufacture of oil-clothes.

By Mr. MORISON,—From W. Bethune and others of Harbor Grace Junction, on the subject of Roads; also, from William Butler and others of Bayley's Cove, Bonavista, on the subject of a well; also, from James Carroll and others of Bonavista, on the subject of a road.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From George Squires and others of Broad Cove, District of St. John's West, on the subject of improving the harbor there.

By Mr. SHEA,—From Rev. L. Vereker and others of Caplin Bay, District of Ferryland, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From James Byrne and others of Harbor Main, on the subject of Roads; also, from John Kennedy and others of the same place, on the subject of Cod-traps.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Reuben Sellars and others of Western Bay, District of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of a Bridge.

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

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

Table of Imports and Exports for the year 1888.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table the following statements, viz :—

1st.—A detailed account of the amount paid as Law expenses for the last three years, and up to this date, in and about the suits had, and existing between the Railway Company and the Colony of Newfoundland, setting forth the names of persons to whom paid, the particular services rendered, and to what accounts the charges made are entered.

2nd.—A detailed account of the amounts which have been paid, and the claims which are made, and still due, for all services to the present date, from the first day of January to this date.

3rd.—A detailed account, shewing the amount overdrawn at the Commercial Bank and Union Bank, for each service, up to this date.

4th.—An account of the particulars of all law charges paid, and to whom paid, in the carrying out of the Bait Act, and all incidental expense for prosecutions under said Act.

5th.—A detailed account of forfeitures and fines for breaches of the Bait Act, the names of the vessels seized or confiscated, and what has been done with such fines and vessels, and also, a statement of claims of persons whose vessels were seized wrongfully, as made upon the Government.

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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 the Laws in force in this Island for the prevention of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
4th April, 1889. }

The amendments were, on motion, read a first time, and

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

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting that body to accept and consider separate Chapters of the Bill for revising and consolidating the Statutes as they are, from time to time, passed by this House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**FRIDAY, 5th April, 1889.**

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. MORISON,—From Laurence Moss and others of Open Hall, District of Bonavista, on the subject of Steam Communication.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From Daniel Bishop and others of Burin, praying for the erection of a Hospital in that place.

By Mr. CARTY,—From R. T. Squarey and others of Channel, on the subject of Trawl-fishing.

By Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,—From J. B. Tobin and others of Twillingate, praying for the erection of a Light House on the Penguin Islands.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Law.

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

*Ordered*,—That this Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MORINE, seconded by Mr. MORISON, that the



House do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Law relating to the qualification of voters for the election of members of the General Assembly.

Mr. EMERSON moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. GRIEVE, that the further consideration of this matter be deferred until this day six months.

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

*For the Amendment—13.*

*Against the Amendment—17.*

Hon. A. F. Goodridge,  
Chairman Board of Works,  
Mr. Dawe,  
“ Peters,  
“ Bradshaw,  
“ Grieve,  
“ March,  
“ Hutchings,  
“ Rolls,  
“ Greene,  
“ Callanan,  
“ McDonnell,  
“ Emerson,

Hon. Premier,  
“ Attorney General,  
“ Receiver General,  
“ Surveyor General,  
The Financial Secretary,  
Mr. Godden,  
“ Carty,  
“ Veitch,  
“ LeMessurier,  
“ Scott,  
“ O'Mara,  
“ Morris,  
“ Bond,  
“ Murphy,  
“ Parsons,  
“ Morine,  
“ Morison.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being put on the original motion, it passed in the affirmative, on a similar division to the foregoing, and

*Ordered.*—Accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

The consideration of the following orders were, on motion, deferred:—

Committee on Revenue Bill.

Committee on French Shore Resolutions.

Committee on amendments on St. John's Municipal Act.

Second reading Cod-trap Bill.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill to amend the Law relating to the prevention of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, were read a second time, and,

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

Pursuant to notice given, and on motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

*Ordered,*—That the following message be sent to the Legislative Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly have under consideration, a Bill entitled "An Act for revising and consolidating the General Statutes of Newfoundland," a copy of which is herewith furnished, and, for the purpose of facilitating the passage of the Bill through the Legislature, respectfully request, that the Legislative Council will be pleased to accept and consider various chapters of the said Bill, as they are from



Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered.*—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Orders deferred :—

Committee on Statute Law Consolidation Bill.

Committee on qualification of voters Bill.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the 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 that the Committee had passed the Bill with some amendments.

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

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

*Ordered.*—That the Resolutions relating to that part of the coast known as the French Shore, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of this House and the Hon. the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and,

*Ordered.*—That a message be sent to the Hon. the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, requesting them to appoint a Committee of their body, to confer with the Select Committee of this House upon the said subject.

*Ordered.*—That the Select Committee of this House do consist of the following :—

Hon. Attorney General, Messrs. Carty, Grieve, Bradshaw, Emerson, Scott, Morison, Bond, and Hon. the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. SCOTT, seconded by Mr. O'MARA, the order for Committee on St. John's Municipal Act resolutions was deferred.

Mr. SCOTT moved, seconded by Mr. O'MARA, that this Committee have leave to sit on to-morrow, and to stand first on the order of the day, and the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative and,

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's amendments on the Intoxicating Liquor Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GRIEVE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the amendments without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That these amendments do pass, and that a message be sent to the Hon. the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, expressing the concurrence of this House therewith.

Order deferred :

Second reading Cod-traps Bill.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Law Society, and Barristers and Attorneys of the Supreme Court.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**TUESDAY 9th April, 1889.**

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

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Rev. M. P. Morris and others of Manuels, on the subject of a road to agricultural lands in that vicinity; also, from E. Doyle and others of Middle Arm, on the subject of a Plough; also, from Patrick Brian and others of North-side, Holyrood, on the same subject.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From Joseph L. Ross and Euphemia Ross, St. John's East, on the subject of establishing a School of Weaving.

By Mr. SCOTT,—From M. Monroe and others of St. John's, on the subject of altering the present Law relating to the taking of Lobsters.

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

Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents, viz :—

Letters from the St. John's Municipal Council, with report and accounts of the General Water Company, and statements of Municipal expenditure.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 10.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General for a detailed statement of \$8,712.86, expended under Board of Health and Quarantine Act, and also of \$38,963.30, expended on Light-houses.

Also, to ask Hon. the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to place fish-stands in the coves in St. John's, for the convenience of fishermen, and also, to dredge the public coves.

Mr. O'MARA gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor upon the petition of Joseph L. Ross and Euphemia Ross.

The Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following messages had been brought from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, in reply to their message of the 5th of April, inst., respecting the Bill entitled "An Act for revising and consolidating the General Statutes of Newfoundland, that they are willing to accept and consider the various chapters of the said Bill as they are from time to time passed by the House of Assembly, and sent to the Legislative Council.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
9th April, 1889. }

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 Deer," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
9th April, 1889. }

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 Laws relating to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
9th April, 1889. }

The amendments were read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the amendments to these several Bills, be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Revenue Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, by the Clerk, requesting their concurrence therein.

The remainder of the order for the day was, on motion, deferred.

On motion of Hon. the PREMIER :—

*Ordered*,—That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock, and that at the morning sitting the order for Committee of the Whole on Law, to revise and consolidate the Statutes, shall be first proceeded with.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven of the clock.



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**THURSDAY, 11th April, 1889.**

The House met at eleven o'clock.

The CLERK informed the House that the Honorable the Speaker was ill, and unable to attend the House.

Whereupon the Honorable the PREMIER, addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up pointed to him and then sat down, moved,

That Patrick J. Scott, Esq., one of the members for St. John's West, do take the Chair of this House as Acting Speaker, during the temporary absence, through illness, of Alex. J. W. McNeily, Esq., in accordance with the provisions of Title II, Cap. 7, of the Consolidated Statutes, which was seconded by Robert Bond, Esq.

And the question being put thereon, passed in the affirmative, *nem. con.*, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Mr. Acting Speaker was then conducted to, and placed in the Chair, by Hon. the Premier and Mr. Bond, when he addressed the House, as follows:—

*Gentlemen*,—

Before conveying to you my thanks for the honor which you have conferred on me, and before taking my place, I have to express my regret that the illness of the respected Speaker renders the proceeding of this morning necessary, and, I feel that I interpret your earnest wishes when I hope that this House will, very soon, again be presided over by the gentleman who has filled the Chair with such dignity.

To you, Gentlemen, do I return my most sincere thanks for this mark of confidence with which I have been thus highly favored. Upon your generous support do I rely to aid me in the discharge of the responsible functions which have devolved on me, and, I trust I shall fulfil the duties of Speaker so as to maintain the honor and dignity of the office, and preserve the privileges of the House unimpaired.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Law.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain Chapters thereof, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That the several Chapters, as passed by the Committee, be read a third time on to-morrow.

*Ordered*,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow morning, to stand first on the order at the morning sitting.

On motion of Mr. MORINE, seconded by Mr. MORISON :

*Ordered*,—That petitions be received by this House for the space of one hour.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. MURPHY,—From C. Langdon and others of the Torbay road, District of St. John's East, on the subject of Roads ; also, from David Bulger and others of Torbay, on the same subject.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From P. McDonald and others of Major's Path, St. John's East, on the same subject.



By Mr. BOND,—From Rev. J. Cunningham and others of Burgeo, praying for the erection of a school-house in that locality.

By the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS,—From G. Morgan and others of Shoe Cove, District of Twillingate, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From R. Durdle and others of Bayley's Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from Wm. Edmunds and others of Cape Shore, on the same subject; also, from Samuel Ford and others of Upper Amherst Cove, on the same subject; also, from Jeremiah Connell and others of Bonavista, on the same subject.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From James Wheeler and others, District of St. John's East, on the subject of the Game Laws.

By Mr. McGRATH,—From Rev. M. A. Clancy and others of St. Brides, Cape Shore, District of Placentia, on the subject of a Hauling-slip.

By the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS,—From Arthur W. Scott and others of Twillingate, on the subject of Roads.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From T. Drover and others of Island Cove, District of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads; also, from S. Gosse and others of Tilton, on the same subject.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on St. John's Municipal Act Resolutions.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat until twelve o'clock.

**FRIDAY, 12th April, 1889.**

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report certain Resolutions, and he handed in the Resolutions at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That this Committee, having given due consideration to the prayer of said petition, are of opinion that the short period which has elapsed since the said Act came into operation, has not been sufficient for testing the efficiency of the several provisions thereof, and that there is not, before this Committee, evidence of any urgent reason calling for the introduction of amendments upon said Act during the present session.

On motion that this report be received :

Mr. O'MARA moved in amendment thereof, seconded by Mr. MORRIS, that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

*Whereas*,—

An Act was passed in the last Session of the Legislature, entitled “An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of St. John's, and for other purposes” ;

*And whereas*,—

It is desirable that certain amendments and alterations should be made therein ;

*And whereas*,—

A petition from W. H. Whiteley, James Murray, John Curran, Walter Veale, James Baird, R. L. Mare, K. R. Prowse, and others, citizens of St. John's, has been presented to this House, praying that certain amendments be made in said Act ;

*Resolved,—*

1.—That it is the opinion of this committee that the said Act be amended.

2.—The number of members of the St. John's Municipal Council shall be ten, two members for each of the existing wards to be elected by the rate-payers of St. John's annually, in the month of February in each year on a day to be fixed by the Governor in Council.

3.—The next election of members of the said Council shall take place in the month of February, A.D., 1890.

4.—Any member of the Council who shall be absent from the colony for a period of *six* calendar months continuously, shall cease to be a member of the Council.

5.—A member whose seat shall have become vacant by reason of his insolvency shall, notwithstanding his obtaining a certificate of insolvency and final discharge, be ineligible during the term of the Council within which his seat so became vacant.

6.—All words from and including the word "Provided," on the ninth line of section eight of said Act be stricken thereout.

7.—A member of the Legislature shall not be eligible to be elected or shall sit or vote as a member of the said Council.

8.—Every British subject of the age of 21 years of age and upwards who has for a period of one year next preceding the election resided in St. John's, been liable to, and actually paid, rates and assessments under the Acts relating to the General Water Company, and to the sewerage of the Town of St. John's, or having resided in Saint John's for one year previous to such election, and is not liable for any other Municipal tax, shall pay a poll tax of one dollar per annum, shall be deemed to be a rate-payer under said Act: Provided, that no person not otherwise qualified shall be entitled or allowed to vote at such election unless he shall have, at least two months previous thereto paid such poll tax.

9.—The rules and regulations which may be made under subsection, 1, section 27 of said Act shall be published in all the Saint John's newspapers.

10.—The St. John's Municipal Council shall have power to purchase and acquire a piece or parcel of land belonging to the Estate of late C. F. Bennett and adjoining the lands dedicated by said Act for a park at River Head, and to add the same to the said park for the purposes thereof, and to make the necessary expenditure for such purposes, and to raise the money therefor by

11.—The Chairman of the said Council shall be elected by the Council on the first meeting after their Election every year, and shall hold office until the next general election of Councillors, unless his seat in the Council shall have become vacant, or until his removal by a vote of a majority of the Councillors present at a meeting convened for the purpose of considering and voting upon such removal. Upon a vacancy so occurring in the office of Chairman, the Council shall elect a new Chairman; in case of a tie at such election, the temporary Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

12.—The Municipal Council shall have power to appoint all such officers and servants as may be necessary for effectually carrying out the provisions of the Act, and to fix the salaries of such officers and servants. All officers and servants shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council, and no official appointment shall extend beyond one month of the term of election of the Municipal Council which makes such appointment.

13.—All contracts or agreements of or with the Council shall be made in the name of the Chairman, and signed by him, or by the Secretary, at his direction.

14.—Any six members of the Council shall be a quorum.

15.—In Section 46 of said Act, the words "one thousand five hundred dollars" shall be stricken out, and the words "two thousand and one hundred dollars" inserted instead thereof.

16.—The Municipal Council be empowered to raise a loan to pay off the loan of \$607,000 raised or to be raised under said Act.

17.—The sum of fifty-five thousand dollars which, by the said Act was made payable out of the Loan of six hundred and seven thousand dollars for certain purposes, shall be transferred to the said Council, and applied in addition to the one hundred thousand dollars by said Act provided therefor, to the carrying out of an improved and effective system of Sewerage in St. John's.

18.—The Municipal Council shall have power to impose and collect such rates and assessments on property or otherwise as are necessary for carrying out the purposes of said Act, as follows :

- (1) The rates and assessments now imposed and collected under the several Acts relating to the General Water Company, to the Sewerage of the town of St. John's and to the St. John's Fire Brigade, which shall be collected by and form part of the funds of the Council.
- (2) A poll tax of one dollar to be paid by every male person between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, provided he is subject to or liable for no other tax, levied or collected under this Act ; no legal proceedings shall be taken for recovery of such poll tax. The words "and such further amounts," and the words that follow in section 53 of said Act, shall be stricken out.

19.—The Council shall, every year, furnish to the ratepayers at a public meeting to be convened for that purpose, on or before the tenth day of February, full and detailed account of receipts from all sources, and expenditures upon all services and purposes, and a Committee of Audit, chosen at and by a majority vote of said meeting, to examine and verify the accounts for the past year, which Committee of Audit shall report at a second public meeting, to be convened by them for that purpose, on or before the 31st day of January, inst. The Committee shall be paid for their services, and all necessary expenses, out of the funds at the disposal of the Municipal Council, and copies of



the accounts as presented at the annual meeting, published in all the St. John's newspapers. The accounts made up as aforesaid shall be furnished to the Governor in Council, and laid before the Legislature as its nearest session.

20.—That in all arbitrations under said Act, and the Acts therein incorporated, the Council shall appoint one arbitrator, and the person whose interests are effected shall appoint another arbitrator, and the two arbitrators so appointed shall choose an umpire, before commencing such arbitration.

21.—The rules and regulations made by the Council, in pursuance of said Act, shall be published in all the St. John's newspapers.

22.—All material imported into this Colony for Municipal purposes shall be admitted duty free.

23.—No pensions shall be granted an any Municipal Officer or servant out of the fund of the Council.

24.—For the valuation of property subject to taxation under this Act, a sworn Appraiser shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to personally visit and inspect all buildings and other property within the bounds of the Municipality, and value the same. The valuation for taxing purposes shall be the market value of the property as nearly as can be ascertained, but less an allowance or abatement of ten per cent off the same. The books of appraisement shall be open to the inspection of the public at the Appraiser's office during the month of November in every year. During the month of December in every year the said books of appraisement shall be deposited in the Magistrates' Court for revision and repeal in the usual way, as heretofore. The fact that the books of appraisement are open as aforesaid for inspection and revision shall be published in all the local papers during these two months; and a written notice of the assessed value of his property shall be sent to and served upon every individual owner or occupant of property, or his authorised agent, at least one clear week before the closing of the revision.

25.—(New section)—The Municipal year shall begin on the first day of March, and end on the last day of February, in each year.

26.—New section—A suitable oath of office shall be administered by a Justice of the Peace to all Municipal Councillors on assuming the duties of their office.

*Resolved*,—

That a Bill be introduced embodying the foregoing amendments, repealing such portions of said Act as are inconsistent therewith.

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

*For the Amendment*—6.

Mr. Morris,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Parsons,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ McGrath.

*Against the Amendment*—9.

Hon. Surveyor General,  
 Hon. A. F. Goodridge,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ March,  
 “ LeMessurier.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being put on the original motion, it passed in the affirmative, on a similar division to the foregoing, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following message had been brought from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, in reply

to their message of the 8th of April instant, respecting certain Resolutions now before the House, in reference to the rights of British subjects on that part of the coast on which the French have certain fishing privileges, that they have appointed a Special Committee to co-operate with the Select Committee of the Assembly, and that the following members of their body compose the said Select Committee : The Hons. Messrs. Harvey, Pitts, Cleary, Monroe and Bowring.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
9th April, 1889. }

Orders deferred :

Committee on Qualification of Voters Bill.

Second reading Cod-trap Bill.

Council's Amendments on the following Bills :

Preservation of Deer Bill,

Cruelty to Animals Bill,

Were read a second time, pursuant to order, and

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

The remainder of the order was, on motion, deferred.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the construction of a line of railway from Harbor Grace Junction to Hall's Bay, to stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned until to-day at eleven of the clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the PREMIER moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. O'MARA :—

*Resolved*,—That this House adjourn, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable C. R. Ayre, member of the Legislative Council, and as an expression of the sympathy of this House with the family in their affliction.

*Ordered*,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until four o'clock this day.

Then the House adjourned until to-day, at four of the clock.



Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Consolidated Statutes were read a third time :—

Of the Duties and Liabilities of Trustees and Executors.

Of the Board of Revenue.

Of the Registration of Deeds.

Of Wills and Testaments.

Of Guarantees and Sureties, and of the Limitation of Actions.

Of the Customs, Warehouses Distilleries, etc.,

Of the Limitations of Actions and Suits, relating to real property and the remedies for trying the rights thereto.

Of Chattels real.

Of the recovery of possession of Tenants in certain cases, and

Of contracts between Landlord and Tenant.

*Ordered*,—That the said chapters do pass, and be sent to the Legislative Council by message requesting the concurrence of the Council.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Statute Laws of the Colony.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed certain chapters, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That the said chapters be read a third time on to-morrow, and that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the Law relating to the qualification of voters, for members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting 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.



On motion that the report be adopted,

Mr. BOND moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MURPHY, that the following be substituted in lieu thereof:—

“Every male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, who, for two years preceding the day of election, has been a resident in this colony, who is of sound understanding, who has not, within one year of the election, received relief as a pauper, out of the public moneys, and, who has never been convicted, in due course of law, of any infamous crime, shall be competent to vote for the election of a member or members of the General Assembly, in and for the electoral district within which he resides at the time of the election.”

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment—9.*

*Against the Amendment—20.*

Mr. Bond,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ Parsons,  
 “ Greene,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ McDonnell,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ Morris.

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ Surveyor General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Bradshaw,  
 “ Carty,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ LeMessurier,  
 “ March,  
 “ Rolls,  
 “ Morine,  
 “ Morison,  
 “ McGrath,  
 “ Emerson.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being put,

The House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Motion*—21.

*Against the Motion*—8.

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ Surveyor General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Bradshaw,  
 “ Carty,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ LeMessurier,  
 “ March,  
 “ Rolls,  
 “ Morine,  
 “ Morison,  
 “ Emerson,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ McGrath.

Mr. Greene,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ McDonnell,  
 “ Morris,  
 “ Bond,  
 “ Murphy,  
 “ Parsons.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Preservation of Deer Bill, (Council’s amendments.)

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting 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.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's amendments on Cruelty to Animals Bill.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McGRATH took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the amendments to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, 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 a message be sent to the Legislative Council expressing the concurrence of this House to said amendments.

Second reading Cod-trap Bill deferred.

Pursuant to notice, Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL introduced a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Law Society and Barristers and Attorneys of the Supreme Court, which was read a first time, and

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

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS gave notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges.

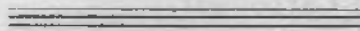
Mr. SHEA gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon. Attorney General if any tenders were received in response to the Government advertisement for Railway construction, and if so, will he place copies of the same on the table of this House.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Pilots and Pilotage and Harbor Regulations for the Port of St. John's.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Voters.

*Ordered*,—That when this House adjourn it shall adjourn until three of the clock to-morrow, and that the Committee on the Consolidation of the Statute Law stand first on the order.

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



**SATURDAY, 13th April, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Consolidated Statutes were read a third time :—

- { Part 1—Of Election of members of the House of Assembly.
- “ 2—Of the prevention of corrupt and illegal practices.
- “ 3—Of the trial of controverted elections.

Of Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Of the prevention of spirituous liquors being brought on board Her Majesty's ships.

Of the Public Expenditure.

Of Light Dues and Light Houses.

- Of Erections obstructing lights in Light Houses.
- Of Inquiries concerning public matters.
- Of Newfoundland Savings' Bank.
- Of Ferries.
- Of Public Wharves.
- Of Railways.
- Of the construction of the Placentia Railway.
- Of the operation of the Placentia Railway.
- Of the rebuilding of Harbor Grace.
- Of the rebuilding of Carbonear.
- Of the storing of Gunpowder.
- Of the storing of Dynamite.
- Of Inflammable Oils.
- Of the prevention of interments in certain burial grounds.
- Of Intramural interments.
- Of Lotteries.
- Of Quarantine.
- Of Board of Health.
- Of Vaccination.
- Of the Inspection of Food.
- Of the Regulation of the sale of Poisons
- Of Municipal Regulations and nuisances.



Of the Census.

Of Bills of Exchange.

Of Banks and Banking.

Of the Inspection of Pickled Fish and Fish Oils.

Of Bills of Lading.

Of Limited Partnership.

Of certain amendments in the Law of Partnership.

Of Weights and Measures and the Inspection of lumber.

Of the Currency.

Of the Culling of Codfish.

Of rate of Interest.

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

Council's amendments on Cruelty to Animals Bill, were read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, expressing the concurrence of this House to said amendments, without amendment.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for consolidation of the Statute Law.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed certain chapters, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That the said chapters be read a third time on to-morrow, and that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Bill relating to the Law Society, and Barristers and Attorneys was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to a Select Committee of the whole House, to consist of such members as are of the Legal profession.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Voters was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary for a detailed statement of the amount of \$7,174.17, expended last year for Home Industries, setting forth the names of the party or parties to whom the same was paid.

*Ordered*,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until Monday next at half-past four of the clock.

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

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### MONDAY, 15th April, 1889.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for amending the Law relating to the qualification of voters, was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass, and be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

The following chapters of the Bill to Consolidate the Statute Law, were read a third time:

Of offences committed in relation to the Post Office.

Of Copyright.

Of the preservation of copies of Books printed in Newfoundland, and for the Registration of such Books.

Of Patents.

Of the Importation of Books.

Of Marriage.

Of the Property of Married Women.

Of Deserted Wives and Children.

Of Masters and Servants.

Of Minors and Apprentices.

Of the Liability of Employers.

Of Illegitimate Children.

Of the Disembarking of Paupers.

Of the Protection of Sheep and Agricultural pursuits.

Of the Prevention of Cattle Disease.

Of the Preventing the Introduction and Spreading of Insects Destructive to Crops.

Of the Game Laws.

Of Promissory Oaths.

Of Trespasses by Cattle.

Of the Compensation to the families of persons killed by accident.

Of the Protection of Electric Telegraphs.

Of Submarine Telegraph Cable.

Of the Protection of Railway Trains.

Of Whipping.

Of the Removal of Criminal Offenders from this Colony.

Of Preventing the Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State.

Of Public Processions.

*Ordered*,—That these several chapters be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Amendments on Preservation of Deer Bill.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported certain amendments as passed, with a Resolution, as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That this House, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's amendments upon the Bill sent up from the House, entitled "An Act for the preservation of Deer," requests the Legislative Council to withdraw the amendments upon the fourth section thereof, as the said amendments relate to the imposition of charges, which is a matter exclusively within the province and privileges of the House of Assembly.

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

*Ordered*,—That the following message be sent to the Legislative Council, embodying the said Resolution, and desiring their concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the better Registration of Voters was read a second time, and

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

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Bernard McGrath and others, of King's Cove, district of Bonavista, asking for a grant of money to purchase Donkeys.

*Ordered*,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

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

Report of Inspector of Lighthouses.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

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## TUESDAY 16th April, 1889.

On motion the order for third reading of Council's amendments of Preservation of Deer Bill was deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Law.



Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed certain chapters, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That the said chapters be read a third time on to-morrow, and that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Acting SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

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

By Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL,—From W. Rielly and others of Placentia, on the subject of a Ferry.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From J. Horwood and others of St. John's East, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GREENE,—From Geoffrey Power and others of the Goulds, on the same subject.

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

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

Receiver General to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the amount paid out of the Treasury on account of the Bait Protection Service to date the 15th April present.

The remainder of the order was, on motion, deferred.

*Ordered*,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next, 23rd inst.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd inst., at eleven of the clock.

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### TUESDAY, 23rd April, 1889.

House met at eleven o'clock

Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Consolidated Statutes were read a third time:—

Of Surveyor's of Shipping and Registry of Ships.

Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy.

Of Passenger Accomodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels.

Of a Marine Court of Enquiry.

Of Pilots and Pilotage and Harbor Regulations.

Of Outport Pilots and Pilotage.

Of Certificates to Masters and Mates.

Of Wreck and Salvage.

Of the Treaty of Washington.

Of the Exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes.

Of the Coast Fisheries.

Of Inland Fisheries.

Of the Propagation and Protection of Oysters.

Of the Protection of the Lobster Fishery.

Of the Insurance of Bank Fishermen.

Of the Court of Labrador.

Of Sheriffs.

Of the Registration of Voters.

Of Laws upon the Credit of this Colony.

Of Highways and Roads.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for consolidation of the Statute Law.

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 passed certain chapters, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*,—That this Committee have leave to sit again on the afternoon session of this day.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By the HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From the inhabitants of Bishop's Cove, District of Harbor Grace, on the subject of a Break-water ; also, from the inhabitants of the Riverhead of Harbor Grace, on the subject of a Road.

By the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS,—From G. Gillett and others of Twillingate, on the subject of Cod-traps.

By Mr. MORINE,—From William Gould and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid the following documents on the table, viz. :—

Report of Postmaster General for year ending Dec. 31st, 1888.

Tender for erection of Fish Hatchery.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

On motion, the order for Committee of the Whole on Railway Resolutions was deferred until Friday next, to stand first on the order of that day.

On motion of Mr. LEMESSURIER,—

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Statute Law Consolidation.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain chapters thereof.

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

On motion, the order for Committee on Supply was deferred until Thursday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges.

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 the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Barristers and Solicitors, presented the following report :—

The Select Committee of the House of Assembly appointed to consider and report upon the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Title " III, Cap. 10, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of the Law " Society, Barristers and Solicitors,'" beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and have adopted the Bill to



them submitted, with some few amendments, and hereby recommend the Bill herewith reported for the consideration of the House.

J. S. WINTER, *Chairman.*

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

M. J. O'MARA,

PATRICK J. SCOTT,

E. P. MORRIS,

D. MORISON,

M. H. CARTY,

GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.

R. J. PARSONS.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
April 23rd, 1889. }

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as reported be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr MORISON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table a return of the amount received in the years 1887 and 1888, for duties on articles distilled or brewed in this Colony, shewing upon what articles collected and by whom paid.

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following message had been brought from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

In reply to the message of the House of Assembly of the 16th of

April instant, upon the subject of the amendments made in the fourth section of the Bill for the preservation of Deer, which apparently is regarded as involving public revenue, the Legislative Council beg to acquaint the House of Assembly that they recede from the said amendments, and would respectfully suggest the adoption of the amendments for the more effectual carrying out the object of the Bill without its being construed into a precedent.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1889. }

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**WEDNESDAY, 24th April, 1889.**

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

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From Ambrose Hallett and others of Little Harbor, District of Twillingate, on the subject of Roads; also, from T. Rousell and others of Leading Tickles, on the subject of a Well.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From G. W. R. Hierlihy, praying for compensation for services; also, from W. Dunn and others, inhabitants of the Riverhead, Harbor Grace, on the subject of a Public Wharf; also, from W. H. Thompson and other members of the Alpha Stock Raising Company, asking for a rebate on duties on stock; also, from John Munn & Co., and others, on the subject of Cod-traps.

By Mr. MORINE,—From W. Wyatt of Alexander Bay, District of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From the inhabitants of Burin, on the subject of a Ferry.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From M. Woodford and others of Holyrood, on the subject of Roads; also, from Rev. E. Colley and others of Topsail, on the same subject.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Rev. M. Walker and others of Tilton Harbor, on the subject of Telegraph Extension.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From S. Mugford of Bishop's Cove, District of Harbor Grace, on the subject of Roads; also, from J. Mincheon and others of Upper Island Cove, on the same subject; also, from W. Baggs and others of Spaniard's Bay, on the subject of Cod-traps; also, from inhabitants of New Harbor, District of Trinity and of Harbor Grace, on the subject of the Road from New Harbor to Harbor Grace.

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

Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Law, were read a third time:

Of Legislative Disabilities and the vacation of Seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Of the Estates of Infants and persons of unsound mind.

Of the Trial of Questions Relating to Crown Lands, &c.

Of Preventing the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Of the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, &c., and of Public Societies.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report certain Resolutions, and he handed in the Resolutions at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and forty-nine 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 Thorburn Road, one hundred dollars.

On the Kenmount Road to Topsail, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from City limits 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 City limits to Portugal Cove, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from City limits to Cape St. Francis, seven hundred dollars.

On the Road from City limits to Cape Spear, three hundred dollars.

\* On the Road from City limits to Brigus, one thousand dollars.

On the Road from Horse Cove to Topsail, seventy-five dollars.

On the Road from the Goulds to Renews, 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, Gasters, 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, nine hundred dollars.

On the Road from Green's Harbor to Harbor Grace, and connecting Spaniard's Bay Road, six 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 Lead Cove, seven hundred and seventy-five dollars.

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On the Road from Lead Cove to Grate's Cove, three hundred and twenty-five 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-be-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, five 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 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 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, by Chairman of Bonavista Road Board, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Cape Freels to Cat Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the Road from Cat Harbor to Musgrave Harbor, half at each place, 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 at each place, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

On the Road from Tilton Harbor to Joe Batt's Arm, half at each place, 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 upon 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 Sulian's Cove, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Jackson's Cove to Birchy Cove and Colchester, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.



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On the Road from Northwest Arm to Rouge Harbor, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

On the Road from Rouge 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 Road on Western Shore, Placentia Bay, three hundred dollars.

On the Road from Branch to Distress, five hundred dollars.

On the Road from St. Shott's 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, two hundred and forty-five dollars.

On the Road from Garnish to Burin, two hundred and forty-five dollars.

On the Road from Burin to Grand Bank, two thousand two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Grand Bank to Garnish, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the Road from Garnish to Grand Bank, fifty 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 Picarre, 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 Bay l'Argent to Baine Harbor and from thence to Rushoon, 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 Harbor Grace, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Upper Island Cove to Tilton, one hundred and thirty dollars.

On the Road from Tilton to Brazil's Hill, fifty dollars.

On the Road from Tilton to Spaniard's Bay, one hundred and twenty dollars.

On the Road from Little Bay Mines towards Indian Brook, five hundred dollars.

On the Ship Harbor Line toward Hodge Waters, one thousand five hundred dollars.

On the main Roads where most required, six thousand dollars.

Local Roads, sixty-seven thousand five hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty cents.

#### LOCAL ROAD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, 1889.

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 received.

In conformity with the above, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges in this Colony, was read a first time, and

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

The remainder of the order was on motion deferred.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General to lay on the table a copy of the presentment of the Grand Jury, in Bonne Bay, to the Supreme Court on Circuit at Bonne Bay, in 1887.

Mr. Bond gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes entitled "Of the duration of, and representation in the General Assembly."

Mr. MORISON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend 50 Vic., Cap. 23, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in seals."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following messages had been brought from the Legislative Council:—

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 certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize im-



ported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and for other purposes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
24th April, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 10, entitled 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the 41st year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'respecting the fishery of Lobsters, and for other purposes,''" to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
24th April, 1889. }

In conformity with the above, the said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on leave granted, Mr. LEMESSURIER introduced a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend Title 27, Cap. 102 of the Consolidated Statutes," which was read a first time, and

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

Upon the notice of motion of Mr. Morris for an Address praying for the appropriation of a sum of money out of the public funds, for the erection of a Public Wharf in St. John's, it was ordered by the Speaker that this notice be stricken from the order, as seeking an appropriation of public moneys not founded on Resolution of the House, and not coming with the recommendation of the Crown, the Supply Bill being still before the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

**THURSDAY, 25th April, 1889.**

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

By Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—From John Clark and others of Crocker's Cove, on the subject of Roads ; also, from James Pomfrey and others, on the subject of Agriculture and stock raising ; also, from B. T. H. Gould, on the subject of Cod-traps.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report certain Resolutions, and he handed in the Resolutions at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are 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, 1889 :—

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 Colonial Secretary's Office, five hundred and twenty dollars.

Clerk in Receiver General's office, one thousand three hundred dollars.

Clerk in Financial Secretary's Office, one thousand dollars.

Clerk, Board Works Office, five hundred dollars.

Inspector of Public Buildings and Lighthouses, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Clerk of Public Buildings and Lighthouses, one thousand dollars.

Geological and Topographical Surveyor, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Keeper of Museum, four 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.

Three Junior Clerks, at five hundred dollars, fifteen hundred 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, six hundred and forty dollars.

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Clerk to Premier, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Colonial Building, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Half-way 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 Supreme Court and Registrar of Deeds, two thousand dollars.

First Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, eight hundred dollars.

Second Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, six hundred dollars.

Stationery for Registrar's office. ninety-three dollars.

Crier and Tipstaff, St. John's, five hundred dollars.

Crown Prosecutions, four thousand dollars.

Magisterial Enquiries, four hundred dollars.

Circuit of Judges and hire of Steamers, five thousand five hundred dollars.

District Judges, travelling expenses, six hundred dollars.

Newfoundland Constabulary, fifty thousand dollars.

Clerk of the Peace, St. John's, and for collection of License Fund, one thousand five hundred and seventy dollars.

Governor of Penitentiary, nine hundred dollars.

First Turnkey, Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Second Turnkey, Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Two Assistants, Penitentiary, five hundred and sixty dollars.

Trades' Warden, Penitentiary, 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.



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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 Lamaline, fifty-six 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.

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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 Surgeons, 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, four hundred dollars.

Permanent and Casual Poor, one hundred and fifty 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 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.

Ladies' 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.

The sum of five thousand and seventy-six dollars, towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Ferrymen, as follows :—

A Ferryman at Main Tickle, Twillingate, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Main Tickle, Twillingate, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Exploits, Burnt Island, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Windmill Brook, Cat Harbor, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Ragged Harbor, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Deadman's Bay, forty-seven dollars.

A Ferryman at Greenspond to Ship Island, one hundred and twenty dollars.

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- A Ferryman from Greenspond to Mainland, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Badger's Quay, two hundred dollars.
- A Ferryman at King's Cove to Amherst Cove, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- A Ferryman at Trinity Harbor, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.
- A Ferryman at Trinity, South-west Arm, one hundred and forty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Random Sound, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Harbor Grace, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Bay Roberts, one hundred and sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Chappel Cove to Duff's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Chappel Cove to Duff's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Belle Isle to Topsail, one hundred and thirty-six dollars.
- A Ferryman at Portugal Cove, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Aquaforte, ninety-four dollars.
- A Ferryman at Salmonier, fifty-eight dollars.
- A Ferryman at Salmonier, fifty-eight dollars.
- A Ferryman at Great Placentia, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Riverhead, St. Mary's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Mall Bay, eighty dollars.



A Ferryman at Holyrood, St. Mary's, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Admiral's Cove, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Trepassey, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Barrisway, twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Branch, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Little St. Lawrence, eighty-seven dollars.

A Ferryman at Burin to Mud Cove, seventy-eight dollars.

A Ferryman at Mud Cove to Burin, seventy-eight dollars.

A Ferryman at Mortier Bay, Big Head to Spanish Roem, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

A Ferryman at Corbin, forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Grand Beach, forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Connaigre Bay, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton to Jersey Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Little Bay to Coomb's Cove, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Bay de L'Eau, one hundred and ten dollars.

A Ferryman at Jersey Harbor to Harbor Briton, "carrying mails"  
"Bay de L'Eau Ferry," five dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton to Jersey Harbor, "carrying mails"  
"Bay de L'Eau Ferry," five dollars.

A Ferryman at Grand Bay, one hundred and twenty dollars.

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A Ferryman at LaPoile Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at LaPoile, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Fischell's Brook, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Robinson's Head, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Crabb's Brook, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Highlands, twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Bonne Bay, one hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at White Bay, one 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, three hundred dollars.

Repairs, Outport Court Houses and Gaols, two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Repairs, Lunatic Asylum, five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Poor Asylum, four hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Hospital, Quidividi, one thousand three hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Custom House, four hundred dollars.

Repairs, Colonial Building, one thousand two hundred dollars.

Repairs, Block House, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Repairs, Imperial Property, one thousand dollars.

Repairs, Kerosene Oil Store, one hundred 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 House and Gaols, eleven thousand dollars.

Winter Service to Halifax, ten thousand eight hundred 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, sixty thousand dollars.

Land Surveys, five 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.

Harbor Grace Gas Company, five hundred dollars.

Agricultural Grant, (General,) one thousand seven hundred dollars.

► Agricultural Grant, (Conception Bay,) four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Repairs of Town Clock, and for attendance on Clocks in Public Offices, two hundred dollars.

Special Votes for Public Works, thirty-six thousand dollars.

To encourage Instructors of Masters and Mates, two hundred dollars.

Bait Fishes Protection, thirty thousand dollars.

To educate Deaf and Dumb, five hundred dollars.

To educate the Blind, three hundred dollars.

Maintenance of Telegraph Lines, twelve thousand dollars.

Maintenance of General Lighthouses, forty thousand dollars.

Observatory Vote, one hundred and sixty dollars.

Rent of Public Offices, Athenæum, nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Fuel and Attendance Public Offices, Athenæum, three hundred dollars.

Legal Expenses, Railway Case and Interest on Railway Subsidy, twenty thousand, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

Pension to Paul Carty, late Inspector of Police, one thousand, four hundred and forty dollars.

Pension to Widow Buckley, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

Pension to Widow Fennessey, eighty dollars.

Pension to Harriet Oke, two hundred dollars.

Pension to Rebecca Oke, one hundred dollars.

Medical Attendance on Labrador Coast, etc., eight hundred dollars.

Consolidation of Laws, three thousand dollars.

Bay Steam, twenty thousand dollars.

Hatcheries, six thousand dollars.

Western Steam and Extra Mail Subsidies, two thousand dollars.

Elections, fifteen thousand dollars.

Dredging, ten thousand dollars.

Museum, eight hundred dollars.

Draft Rules and Procedure under Act, 1886, one thousand four hundred dollars.

In accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, and for other purposes, which was read a first time. and

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled “ An Act to amend Title III, Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors.’ ”

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.



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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.

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

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the amendments made by the Legislative Council on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Deer."

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 amendments to them referred, and had passed the same in respect of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections.

*Ordered,*—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing that body that this House cannot accede to their suggestion as to the amendment of the Fourth Section, nor as to the suggestion of the new Sixteenth Section, as both these matters concern the immediate privileges of this House, the consequential re-numbering of Sections being thus rendered un-necessary.

Pursuant to order, a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of roads, streets and bridges, and other public works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same, was read a second time and

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

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, Mr. BOND presented a Bill to amend Title II, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, which was read a first time, and

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

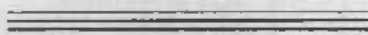
Pursuant to notice and leave granted, Mr. MORISON presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions, which was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, Mr. MORINE presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the taking of, and right of property in seals, which was read a first time, and

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.



### FRIDAY, 26th April, 1889.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for consolidation of the Statute Law.

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 passed certain chapters, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered.*—That this report be received.

*Ordered.*—That the said chapters be read a third time on to-morrow, and that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Joseph Voize and others of Topsail, on the subject of increase of salary ; also, from James Wade and others of Conception Harbor, on the subject of Roads ; also, from the inhabitants of Turk's Gut, on the subject of Roads.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From the inhabitants of Leading Tickles, on the subject of a Ferry.

*Ordered.*—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury, for the service of the Colony.

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from the Rev. C. E. Smith and others of Heart's Content, which was received and read, on the subject of Railway extension.

*Ordered.*—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend Title III, Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled " Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors," was read a third time.

*Ordered.*—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled " An Act to amend Title III, Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ' Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors.' "

*Ordered*,—That the Clerk or Clerk Assistant of this House do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

Five chapters of the Bill to revise the Statute Law noted as passed the 23rd of April, were severally read a third time and passed, and are as follows :

Of Legislative Disabilities and the vacation of seats in the Legislative Assembly.

Of the Estates of Infants and Persons of unsound mind.

Of the Trial of Actions relating to Crown Lands.

Of preventing the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Of the formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, etc., and of Public Societies.

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

Report of Dr. Crowdy, Superintendant of St. John's Hospital.

Report of Dr. Stabb, Superintendant of Lunatic Asylum.

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

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

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

By Mr. PARSONS,—From Rev. M. J. Clark and others of Torbay, on the subject of the alteration of the Tariff on Butterine.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From Messrs. Harvey & Co., and Messrs. Hearn & Co., on the same subject.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Michael Hearn and others of St. John's, on Roads.

By Mr. MORISON,—From Wm. M. Barnes of St. John's, for compensation for loss of office.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Frederick R. Shears of Open Hall, on Roads.

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

Mr MORISON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on the petition of Wm. M. Barnes.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

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### SATURDAY, 27th April, 1889.

Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Bill to revise the Statute Law were read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That the said chapters do pass, and be entitled as follows :

Of the office of Clerk of the General Assembly.

Of the Supreme Court, and the Judges, Officers, Sessions and Circuits thereof.

Of the Law Society, etc.

Of the Circuits.

Of Cruelty to Animals.

Of Practice and Mode of Procedure on the Common Law side of the Supreme Court in St. John's.



Of Practice on the Common Law side of the Supreme Court on Circuit.

Of the Forms of Pleadings in the Supreme Court, St. John's.

Of Evidence.

Of Costs on the Common Law side of the Supreme Court.

Of proceedings in the nature of Interpleader.

Of the recovery of Penalties becoming due upon the forfeiture of certain Recognizances.

Of Proceedings in Equity.

Of the Practice on the Equity side of the Supreme Court on Circuit.

Of the recovery of Claims *ex contractu* against the Government.

Of Probates of Wills and Letters of Administration.

Of Estates of Homestead.

Of the Promotion of Agriculture.

Of the Encouragement of Sheep farming in this Colony.

Of the Post Office.

Of Post Office Savings' Banks.

Of the Compromises of Partners and Joint Debtors.

Of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery.

Of Life Insurance Companies.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to revise and consolidate the Statute Law.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain chapters thereof, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

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

*Ordered,*—That this report be received.

*Ordered,*—That the said chapters be read a third time on to-morrow.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock.

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### MONDAY, 29th April, 1889.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following message had been brought from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the

Law relating to the qualification of Electors for members of the General Assembly," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
26th April, 1889. }

Mr. LEMESSURIER presented a petition from Joseph Coady of St. John's, which was received and read, praying for compensation for loss of his schooner, lost in the Bait Protection Service.

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

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the petition of Joseph Coady of Lamaline.

Mr. SHEA presented a petition from the Rev. L. Vereker and others, on the subject of a Public Wharf, at Ferryland.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from James. J. Rogerson and others, members of the Arbor Society, on the subject of tree culture.

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

Railway Resolutions deferred until to-morrow, to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order, the following chapters of the Consolidated Statutes were read a third time :—

Of the Board of Works.

Of Bannerman Park.

Of the Re-building of St. John's.

Of the St. John's Fire Brigade.

*Ordered,*—That these several chapters be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time :

A Bill to amend Title 26, Cap. 100 of the Consolidated Statutes.

A Bill to amend Title 27, Cap. 102 of the Consolidated Statutes, and Acts in amendment thereof.

A Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled " An Act to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap 10, entitled ' An Act to amend an Act passed in the 41st year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ' An Act respecting the fishery of Lobsters, and for other purposes.' " "

A Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes.

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

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in pursuance to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums advanced by him for the service of the Colony, which was read a first time, and

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**TUESDAY, 30th April, 1889.**

House met at four o'clock.

Railway Resolutions deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into

Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government.

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 passed the Bill to them referred 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 be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, 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 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 being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered.*—That the said 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 Bill to amend Cap. 102, of Consolidated Statutes.



Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. O'MARA, took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on the Council's Lobster Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PARSONS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had passed the Bill 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 Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2, of the Consolidated Statutes.

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 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.

Mr. LEMESSURIER, pursuant to notice, moved the appointment of a Select Committee on the petition of Joseph Coady.

*Ordered*, that Mr. LeMessurier, Mr. Watson, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Scott, Mr. Morris, and the Hon. the Speaker, do form the said Committee.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor, to inspect and classify ships in this Colony.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**WEDNESDAY, 1st May, 1889.**

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from Richard Traverse and others, inhabitants of Horse Cove, in the Electoral District of Harbor Main, which was received and read, on the subject of Roads.

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

Mr. MORRIS, pursuant to notice and on leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor to inspect and classify ships in this Colony, which was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to order, the Supply Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass, and be engrossed, and entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1889, and for other purposes.”

*Ordered*,—That the Clerk or Clerk Assistant of this House do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Council's Bill relating to the Fishery of Lobsters, was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be taken to the Legislative Council by one of the Clerks of this House, with a message stating that this House has passed the said Bill without amendment.

House resolved itself into Committee on Indemnity Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

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

House resolved itself into Committee on Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes.

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 Bill to them referred 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 said Bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

The Bill to amend the Law relating to the taking of, and right of property in seals, was read a second time, and

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

The remainder of the order was, on motion, deferred.

Mr PARSONS presented a petition from James Rorke and others of Portugal Cove Road, District of St. John's East, on the subject of Roads.

*Ordered*,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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### THURSDAY, 2nd May, 1889.

Pursuant to order, the Indemnity Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass and be engrossed, and entitled “An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the services of the Colony.”

The Road Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass and be engrossed, and entitled ‘An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this Colony.’”

The Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass and be engrossed, and entitled “An Act to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the duration of, and representation in the General Assembly.’”

*Ordered*,—That the said Bills be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Sealing Bill.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

MR. MORRIS, from the Select Committee on the Mechanic's Lien Bill, presented the following report :

The Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of Mechanic's Liens, report that they have considered the question to them referred, and append the Bill, hereto annexed, as their report, and recommend the adoption thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. MORRIS, *Chairman*.

P. J. SCOTT,

D. J. GREENE,

J. S. WINTER,

GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.

J. J. CALLANAN.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
April 29th, 1889. }

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.



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

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following message had been brought from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend Title 3, Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors, ’ ” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
2nd May, 1889. }

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay upon the table of this House a copy of all the tenders received by the Government for the construction of the Railway to the north.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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### FRIDAY, 3rd May, 1889.

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

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From Henry Knight and others, of Wild Bight, Little Bay Mines, district of Twillingate, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. EMERSON,—From the Rev. I. St. John and others, of Salmonier, district of Placentia and St. Mary's, on the subject of division of the Electoral district ; also, from P. Roach and others, of Branch, and from Rev. R. O. Donnell and others, of St. Mary's, on the same subject.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Fred. Shears and others, of Plate Cove, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Lighthouses.

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

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend 51 Vic. Cap. 13.

Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, and in reply to notice of motion, laid on the table of the House the following Document, viz :—

Copies of Tenders for Railway Construction.

*(For which see Sessional Papers.)*

Mr. MORRIS, gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table, a copy of the Survey and report of the Government Engineer, on the proposed harbor at Broad Cove, Conception Bay, in the district of St. John's West.

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

*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 comfort and safety of our fishermen.

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying for the erection of Lighthouses on the following parts of the coasts of this Colony :—

Upon the Western Head of King's Cove; Upon the Western Head of St. Jacques; at, or near, Heart's Content; Upon the Island of Marticot; Upon Powel's Head; Salmon Cove Point, Conception Bay; Bay of Islands; Funk Islands; Penguin Islands; Herring Head, Fogo; and a Fog Alarm on the Southern Head of Bacalieu.

House Resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill relating to Pilots and Pilotage.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to them referred, and recommended the relegation thereof to a Select Committee to report to this House.

*Ordered,*—That the said Committee consist of the following :—

Messrs Shea, Grieve, Emerson, Morine, LeMessurier, and March.

House Resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Sealing Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if it be the intention of the Government to distribute seed potatoes to settlers engaged in Agriculture this Spring, especially St. John's East.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the subject of the rules of the House, and the conduct of the business thereof.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock.

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MONDAY, 6th May, 1889.

Mr. SHEA presented a petition from John Brien and others of Bay Bulls, District of Ferryland, on the subject of Roads.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Mechanic's Lien Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress in the matters 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.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written messages from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate

the Laws relating to the exportation and sale of Bait Fishes," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
3rd May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

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

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
3rd May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 10, entitled 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters, and for other purposes,''" without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
3rd May, 1889. }

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 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-nine, and for other purposes," also, the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other public works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same," and the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of the duration of, and representation in the General Assembly.'"

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
3th May, 1889. }

Pursuant to order, the Bills sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled respectively "An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission," and "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the exportation and sale of Bait Fishes," were read a first time.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**TUESDAY, 7th May, 1889.**

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from C. Dawe and others, of Lance Cove, district of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Bull.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered.*—That this Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next, to stand first on the order for that day.

The remainder of the day's order was, on motion, deferred.

On motion of Mr. Morison, seconded by Mr. Scott, that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Petition of W. M. Barnes,

*Ordered.*—That the following do form the said Committee:—

Messrs Morison, Rolls, Emerson, Watson, Greene, March, Godden.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon Attorney General whether any complaint or representation has been made to His Excellency the Governor or the Government, by the residents of Bonne Bay, in reference to the conduct of Donald Browne, Esq., a Magistrate at that place, and whether any inquiry has been ordered to be made in reference to any charges, complaints or representations against or concerning that gentleman; and, if so, whether such inquiry has been proceeded with, any report has been made thereon, and, if so, to lay the same on the table of this House.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the duration of, and representation in the General Assembly."

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee on the Bill relating to Pilots and Pilotage, presented their Report, which was received and read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the question of Pilots and Pilotage in this Colony, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and present to the House the accompanying Bill as their report, and they request the concurrence of the House thereto.

GEO. SHEA,  
W. B. GRIEVE,  
A. B. MORINE,  
H. W. LEMESSURIER,  
GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.,  
STEPHEN R. MARCH,

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
May 7th, 1889.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**WEDNESDAY, 8th May, 1889.**

Mr. MURPHY presented a petition from W. Long, and others of Pouch Cove, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from James Burden and others of Salvage, District of Bonavista, on the subject of Telegraph Extension.

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

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 13, was read a first time.

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

On motion of Mr. MORINE, seconded by Mr. EMERSON, the following were appointed to be a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the subject of the Rules of the House and the conduct of the business thereof:

Messrs. Morine, Scott, Bond, Greene, Emerson, Hons. the Attorney General, Receiver General, the Speaker.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, was read a first time.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Mechanic's Lien 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 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.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Pilot's Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had passed the Bill 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 said Bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MORISON, seconded by Mr. MORRIS, that the Bill to amend the Law relating to limitation of personal actions, be now read a second time.

It was moved in amendment thereof by Hon. the PREMIER, seconded by Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE, that the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment*—12.

*Against the Amendment*—6.

Hon. Premier,

“ Receiver General,

“ Surveyor General,

Chairman Board of Works

Mr. Godden,

“ Dawe,

“ Peters,

“ Bradshaw,

“ Veitch,

“ Watson,

“ LeMessurier,

“ Kean,

Mr. Morison,

“ Morine,

“ Scott,

“ Greene,

“ Morris,

“ McGrath,

So it passed in the negative.

*Ordered.*—Accordingly.

HON. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and continue the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 14.



Mr. LEMESSURIER, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of Joseph Coady, presented the following report :

The Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House to consider the petition of Joseph Coady of Lamaline, praying for compensation for the loss of the schooner *Annie Lewis*, whilst employed on the Bait protection service, beg to report that they have examined the said Joseph Coady on the subject matter of the said petition, and have considered the said evidence, and that of Sub-Inspector Sullivan, Sergeant Oliphant, and Captain Hugh Coady, taken before them, and all the circumstances of the case, and

That the Committee are of opinion that the case of the petitioner is one deserving of favorable consideration, and would recommend that he be paid the sum of one thousand dollars from the funds of the Colony, as compensation for the loss which he has sustained.

H. W. LEMESSURIER,  
*Chairman.*

P. J. SCOTT,  
E. C. WATSON,  
H. BRADSHAW,  
E. P. MORRIS.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
8th May, 1889. }

(*For accompanying evidence see Sessional Papers.*)

*Ordered,*—That this report be received.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

**THURSDAY, 9th May, 1889.**

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the report of Select Committee appointed to enquire into the petition of Joseph Coady.

Mr. ROLLS presented a petition from R. Scott and others, of Fogo, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

Mr. McGRATH presented a petition from Rev. R. O'Donnell and others, of St. Mary's, on the same subject.

*Ordered*,—That these petitions lie on the table.

Mr MORISON, from the Select Committee appointed to consider certain Resolutions with regard to Agriculture, presented their report which was read and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider certain Resolutions with regard to Agriculture, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and recommend the adoption of the Bill hereto annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. MORISON, *Chairman*.

E. P. MORRIS,

W. B. GRIEVE,

STEPHEN R. MARCH,

ROBERT THORBURN,

[Reserving freedom of action as to details of proposed Bill.]

A. F. GOODRIDGE,

In conformity with the above, and on leave granted, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the petition of Rev. M. J. Clarke and others, on the subject of Oleo Butterine and Margarine.

On the motion for third reading of Bill relating to Pilots and Pilotage, it was moved by Hon. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Shea, that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole of this House.

HON. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed the Committee with some amendments.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass and be engrossed and entitled, “An Act to amend Title 26. Cap. 100, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.’”

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

HON. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the following message had been brought from the Legislative Council:—

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 service of the Colony,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
9th May, 1889. }

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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### FRIDAY, 10th May, 1889.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Mechanic's Lien 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 passed the Bill to them referred 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 Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

The Bills sent down from the Legislative Council entitled respectively, "An Act relating to the formation of a Fisheries Commission," "and an Act to amend the Laws relating to the exportation and sale of Bait Fishes," were read a second time, and

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

Pursuant to order and on leave granted, Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL introduced a Bill entitled an Act to amend and continue the Act 51, Vic. Cap. 14, which was read a first time, and

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of Messrs. Harvey & Co., and Messrs Hearn & Co., on the subject of the Local Manufacture of Oleomargarine and Butterine.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.

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**SATURDAY, 11th May, 1889.**

Mr. PETERS presented a petition from inhabitants of Grand Bank, district of Burin, on the subject of Roads.

*Ordered*,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written message from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Copyright,” to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
10th May, 1889. }

In conformity with the above, the said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, at a later period on this day.

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Fisheries Commission Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock.

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**MONDAY, 13th May, 1889.**

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Agricultural 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 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.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered.*—That this Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

## AFTER RECESS.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Railway Resolutions.

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 therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

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

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon. the Premier if all the tenders received by the Government to date for the construction of the Railway north, have been laid on the table of the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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## TUESDAY, 14th May, 1889.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Agricultural Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Fishery Commission Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

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

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat until twelve o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, 15th May, 1889.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee 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 to-morrow.

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



Hon. Attorney General for copies of any correspondence between Mr. McGibbon and the Government, in relation to his tender for Railway construction, received by telegram or mail, since his departure from this Colony, or that may be received by the mail due to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-day at four of the clock.

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Agreeably to the order of the day a Bill for the promotion of Agriculture was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act for the promotion of Agriculture.”

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

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

By Mr. CARTY,—From John Gillis and others of Codroy, on the subject of a Breakwater.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From John Whelan and others of Horse Cove, in the district of Harbor Main, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MARCH,—From George Cooper and others, inhabitants of Lower Island Cove, on the subject of the employment of Turner's Craft as a Packet ; also, from Noah Thistle and others of Broad Cove, on the subject of a Public Wharf ; also, from Samuel Short and others of Upper Small Point, on the subject of a Bridge ; also, from Thomas Cull and others of Caplin Cove, on the subject of a Landing Place.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From James Williams and others of Currant Island, St. Barbe, on the subject of a Ferryman.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

AFTER RECESS.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Bond, member for the district of Fortune Bay, had been requested to attend and repeat certain words used by him in Committee before recess, which were as follows:—

“I have been informed that the Attorney General has endeavoured to stifle debate and carry the Resolutions now before the Committee by bribery, and I am prepared to lay before the House the Statutory Declaration of the member who made the statement to me.”

Whereupon it was moved and seconded and carried, that this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole upon the privileges of the House in respect of the said words.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on to-morrow, to stand first on the order for that day.

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

House resolved itself into Committee on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat after twelve o'clock.

### THURSDAY, 16th May, 1889.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee 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 to-morrow.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if the tenders laid on the table of this House on the 3rd and 15th inst., for the construction of a Railway to Hall's Bay, are all the tenders or offers that have been received by the Government to date.

Then the House adjourned until to-day, at four of the clock.

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Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Privilege.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report certain Resolutions, and he handed in the Resolutions at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

• *Whereas*, it has been charged that the Hon. the Attorney General, had bribed Mr. Parsons and through him had offered a bribe to Mr. Murphy, in return for their support of certain Railway resolutions now before this House.

*And whereas*, this Committee of Privilege appointed to enquire into the charge aforesaid has heard the evidence and the statutory declarations of Messrs. Bond, Murphy, Parsons, Winter, Morine, Emerson and Scott.

*Resolved*,—That this Committee is clearly of opinion that the said charges against the Attorney General, Sir James S. Winter, is a gross calumny and wholly unfounded.

*Resolved*,—That these Resolutions should be inscribed upon the Journals of the House and a copy thereof with the evidence taken be published in the official reports of the proceedings of the House.

*Resolved*,—That the Committee rise and report the evidence and these Resolutions to the House.

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. BOND,—

*Ordered*,—That evidence accompanying the above report, together with the Resolution, be printed and published forthwith in a special edition of the *Evening Mercury*.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Railway Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat after twelve o'clock,

### FRIDAY, 17th May, 1889.

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 without amendment, and he handed in the said Resolutions at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

*WHEREAS*, in the year 1881, a contract was entered into and ratified by the Legislature between the Government of the colony and the Newfoundland Railway Company, under which the said Company undertook to construct, within five years from the date of the contract, and to operate, for the period of thirty-five years, a line of railway between St. John's and Hall's Bay, with branch lines to Harbor Grace and Clarke's Beach—in all, about 340 miles of railway—in consideration of an annual cash subsidy from the funds of the Colony, and certain grants of land ;

*And whereas*, the said Company have failed in the performance of their contract, and have constructed and operated only a portion of the line contracted for, *viz.*, from St. John's to Harbor Grace, a distance of about 85 miles, and have no intention of proceeding further with the construction of said line ;

*And whereas*, the Government have invited tenders for a contract to build and operate the uncompleted portion of said line, to which a small number of supplies only have been received ;

*And whereas*, after having given the most careful consideration



to the said several tenders, the Government consider that, on account of the absence from the colony of the parties tendering, of the want of necessary information in detail in relation to the probable cost of the contemplated work and other conditions incident to its being carried forward, they cannot recommend the acceptance and legislative adoption, during the present session, of any of the said tenders ;

*Therefore Resolved,—*

1.—That in the opinion of this Committee, it is desirable that the construction of the line of railway to Hall's Bay and branch lines, as contemplated by the said contract of 1881, be proceeded with forthwith.

2.—That the line or route of said Railway shall conform generally to that laid down in the said Act and contract of 1881, with such minor modifications along the route as after examination and survey may be found desirable.

3.—That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the work of constructing the line to Hall's Bay, should extend over a period of ten years, and that the line should be built at an average rate of about 25 miles per annum.

4.—That provision be made by this Legislature for raising the money necessary for the carrying out of the said work.

5.—That authority be taken to raise by loan upon the credit of the Colony, to be expended upon said work, a sum of not exceeding \$4,250,000 in ten annual amounts of not exceeding \$425,000 each.

6.—That arrangements be made for a full and complete survey of the proposed line from Harbor Grace Junction to Hall's Bay during the ensuing summer.

7.—That, upon such survey and a full and complete specification of the required work, tenders for the construction and operation of the line, and for each service separately, be invited by the Government, to be laid before the Legislature at next session for such action thereupon as may then be determined.

8.—That in the meantime the work of construction of said line be commenced forthwith, under the direction and control of commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council, and continued under such management unless or until the Legislature shall determine to adopt a contract for the further continuance and completion of the work.

9.—That a Bill be introduced embodying the foregoing resolutions, and containing such provisions as may be necessary for giving full effect to the objects therein set forth.

On motion that this report be received, it was moved in amendment thereof by Mr. BOND, seconded by Mr. MURPHY, that the following be substituted therefor :—

*WHEREAS*, in the year 1881, a contract was entered into and ratified by the Legislature between the Government of the Colony and the Newfoundland Railway Company, under which the said Company undertook to construct, within five years from the date of the contract, and to operate, for a period of thirty-five years, a line of railway between St. John's and Hall's Bay, with branch lines to Harbor Grace and Clarke's Beach—in all, about 340 miles of railway—in consideration of an annual cash subsidy from the funds of the Colony, and certain grants of land ;

*And whereas*, the said Company have failed in the performance of their contract, and have constructed and operated only a portion of the line contracted for, *viz* : from St. John's to Harbor Grace, a distance of about 85 miles, and a suit at law has been instituted against the said Company for the recovery of damages for the alleged breach of contract, which suit is still pending in the Supreme Court ;

*And whereas*, the Government have invited tenders for a contract to build and operate the uncompleted portion of said line, which tenders were solicited by the Government, not with a view to the contracting for the actual construction of a railroad to Hall's Bay, but for

the purpose of obtaining evidence wherewith to sustain the said suit against the Company ;

*And whereas*, after careful consideration of the several tenders, and of the information which was afforded the parties concerned, prior to their tendering, it appears to this Committee to have been impossible for them to make any tender upon an intelligent financial basis ;

*And whereas*, it would be highly detrimental to the financial stability of the Colony that a work of such magnitude as that of the construction of the railroad contemplated, should be entered upon until full and definite information is laid before the Legislature, and that when such information is obtained, it is the opinion of the Committee that the work of construction and operating of the road should be performed by a Company upon an annual subsidy ;

*And whereas*, the resulting advantages to the Colony will be slow in development, and the returns consequent upon the operation of the contemplated railway very much minimized, unless in connection with a scheme for the construction of a line of railway a well considered plan for settling the agricultural lands through which the road shall run be organized and determined upon ;

*Resolved*,—That this Committee is of opinion that a survey should be commenced forthwith, and that measures be at once adopted for the obtaining of tenders for the construction and operation of a line of railroad between Harbor Grace Junction and Hall's Bay, by a Company upon an annual subsidy.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Government should prepare and submit to the Legislature a scheme for the settlement of the valuable lands through which the proposed railroad will run, to be adopted simultaneously with the contract for the construction of the railroad and to operate concurrently therewith.

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

*For the Amendment—2.*

Mr. Bond,  
 “ Murphy.

*Against the Amendment—30.*

Hon. Premier,  
 “ Attorney General,  
 “ Receiver General,  
 “ Surveyor General,  
 “ A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 “ Dawe,  
 “ Peters,  
 “ Bradshaw,  
 “ Carty,  
 “ Veitch,  
 “ Watson,  
 “ Grieve,  
 “ LeMessurier,  
 “ March,  
 “ Kean,  
 “ Rolls,  
 “ Scott,  
 “ Greene,  
 “ O’Mara,  
 “ Callanan,  
 “ McDonnell,  
 “ Shea,  
 “ Morris.  
 “ McGrath,  
 “ Emerson,  
 “ Morine,  
 Mr. Morison.

So it passed in the negative.

And on the question on the original motion being again put,

It was moved in amendment thereof by Mr. GRIEVE, seconded by Mr. PETERS, that the following be substituted therefor:—

“ *Whereas*, no financial scheme has been submitted by means of which a correct estimate can be formed of the gross cost of the undertaking, or the means by which any deficit is to be met;

*And whereas*, in the opinion of this House, the contemplated

expenditure under the Resolutions is not within the means of this Colony ;

*Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, provision be made by this Legislature for raising the money necessary for carrying out a complete survey of the line from H. G. Junction to Hall's Bay.

That upon such survey, and a full and complete specification of the required work, tenders for the construction and operation of the line, and for each service separately, be invited by the Government, to be laid before the Legislature at next session, for such action thereupon as may then be determined."

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

*For the Amendment—6.*

Mr. Grieve,  
 " Dawe,  
 " Peters,  
 " Bradshaw,  
 " Watson,  
 " McDonnell.

*Against the Amendment—26.*

Hon. Premier,  
 " Attorney General,  
 " Receiver General,  
 " Surveyor General,  
 " A. F. Goodridge,  
 Chairman Board of Works,  
 The Financial Secretary,  
 Mr. Godden,  
 " Carty,  
 " Veitch,  
 " LeMessurier,  
 " March,  
 " Kean,  
 " Rolls,  
 " Scott,  
 " Greene,  
 " O'Mara,  
 " Callanan,  
 " Shea,  
 " Morris,  
 " McGrath,  
 " Emerson,  
 " Bond,  
 " Murphy,  
 " Morine,  
 " Morison.

So it passed in the negative.



And the question on the original motion being again put,  
The House divided, when there appeared

*For the Motion—26.*

*Against the Motion—6.*

Hon. Premier,  
“ Attorney General,  
“ Receiver General,  
“ Surveyor General,  
“ A. F. Goodridge,  
Chairman Board of Works,  
The Financial Secretary,

Mr. Grieve,  
“ Dawe,  
“ Peters,  
“ Watson,  
“ Bond,  
“ Murphy.

Mr. Godden,  
“ Carty,  
“ Veitch,  
“ LeMessurier,  
“ March,  
“ Kean,  
“ Rolls,  
“ Scott,  
“ Greene,  
“ O'Mara,  
“ Callanan,  
“ McDonnell,  
“ Shea,  
“ Morris,  
“ McGrath,  
“ Emerson,  
“ Morine,  
“ Morison,  
“ Bradshaw.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered,—Accordingly.*

In accordance with the above, Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, introduced a Bill, entitled “An Act for the construction of a Line of Railway to Hall's Bay,” which was read a first time, and

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

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to the Bill, for the construction of the line to Hall's Bay.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole upon the condition of the public health in the town of St. John's, and to consider the widespread prevalence of diphtheria therein, and of its increasing tendency to attack adult life, and of the failure of all measures so far taken to prevent the spread of the malady, and of the fact that several of the physicians of St. John's have urged the adoption of the following drastic measures, viz :

1. That the churches and schools should be closed until the epidemic decreases.
2. That all houses where the disease prevails should be publicly indicated and quarantined.
3. That all premises whereof the inmates have suffered from diphtheria should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

*Resolved*,—That a sufficient sum of money to meet the expense of carrying out the suggestions above recited should be allocated to the Board of Health from the General Revenue of this Colony.

*Ordered*,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until this day, at half-past seven in the evening.

Then the House adjourned until this evening, at half-past seven of the clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

By Mr. PETERS,—From Rev. M. J. Flynn and others of Burin, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

By Mr. MORINE,—From John Swyres and others of Bonavista, on the subject of Cod-traps.

*Ordered*,—That these petitions lie on the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Railway Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the Rules were suspended in reference to said Bill.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on said 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 passed the Bill to them referred 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 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 to make provision for the construction of a line of Railway to Hall’s Bay.”

*Ordered.*—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, by the Clerk of this House, requesting their concurrence.

And the House having sat until twelve o’clock,

### SATURDAY, 18th May, 1889.

On motion of Mr. SCOTT, the Committee of the Whole on the health of the town, was deferred until to-morrow, and to stand first on notice of motion paper.

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of Joseph Coady, and embodying the report of the Select Committee of this House, recommending the compensation to be given to the said petitioner.

The Hon RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move this House into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions in relation to raising a Loan upon the credit of the Colony, to stand first upon the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned until to-day, at four of the clock.

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House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Fishery Commission Bill.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. PARSONS 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 being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that a message had been brought from the Legislative Council by their Acting Master-in-Chancery, bringing down amendments on a Bill entitled "An Act to amend Title 26, Chapter 100, of the Consolidated Statutes.

*Ordered,*—That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Amendments.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered,*—That this Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.



Mr. EMERSON moved that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting that body that this House desires leave to search their Journals in respect of the Bill sent up, entitled "respecting the Lien of Mechanic's and others."

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock.

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**MONDAY, 20th May, 1889.**

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

By Mr. MORISON,—From John Roper and others of Bonavista, praying for the abolition of Cod-traps.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From James Warren and others of Groaix Islands, district of St. Barbes, on the subject of Schools.

By Mr. O'MARA,—From James O'Neil and others, St. John's East, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Samuel Dawe and others of Harbor Main, on the same subject.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From T. Deady and others of Joe Bats Arm, district of Fogo, on the subject of Wild Grass.

*Ordered*,—That these several petitions do lie on the table.

Pursuant to order, the Council's Fisheries Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be sent to the Legislative Council by one of the Clerks, with a message acquainting that Body, that this House has passed the said Bill with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therewith.

*Ordered*,—That the following be appointed a Committee to confer with the Council on Pilots Bill:—Messrs. Shea, Morine, O'Mara, Emerson, LeMessurier, Watson.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Bait Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. O'MARA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Quarantine and Boards of Health," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
20th May, 1889. }

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Council's Copyright Bill, was read a second time, and

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

*Ordered*,—That the consideration of the Resolutions with regard to Loan Bill, be deferred until to-morrow, to stand first on the order of the day.

Mr. MORINE gave notice to ask Hon. Attorney General, whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Post Office and Postal matter.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice to ask Hon. Surveyor General, to lay on the Table, a copy of the lease from the Government of Newfoundland, to Messrs. Clift Wood & Co., of the Public Wharf in Clift's Cove.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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### TUESDAY, 21st May, 1889.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Council's Bait Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Copyright Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LEMESSURIER took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered.*—That this Committee have leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received 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 the promotion of Agriculture," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
21st May, 1889. }

In conformity with the above, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the said amendments.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing them of the concurrence of this House in the said amendments.

Pursuant to order, the following Bills were read a second time :

An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 13.

An Act to amend Title 2, Cap. 2, Consolidated Statutes.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Shipbuilding.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Quarantine and Boards of Health.”

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

Mr. MORISON, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of Wm. M. Barnes, presented the following report :—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the petition of Wm. M. Barnes, praying for compensation for loss of office, beg to report that they have fully considered the matter to them referred.

The Committee find upon enquiry that Mr. Barnes was appointed on the thirtieth day of January, 1874 to the office of Superintendant of Fisheries, under a commission from His Excellency the Governor, and by virtue of an authority contained in Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Consolidated Statutes.

It appears that the office could not be regarded as one to which the petitioner could by precedent or authority have been appointed for any longer period than the then ensuing year, but in the course of his examination before the Committee, Mr. Barnes stated that when he accepted the office he was assured by the then Executive that the appointment was a permanent one, and that, relying upon this assurance, he had refused to accept other permanent offices connected with the public service. The Committee then thought it desirable to enquire from members of the Executive of that day : James L. Noonan, Esq., now H. M. Assistant Collector of Customs, and the



Hon. Mr. Justice Little, one of the Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, as to the intention and object of Mr. Barnes' appointment. These gentlemen state that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive of the day, was clearly of opinion that the office to which Mr. Barnes was then appointed was of a permanent character, and of that class of offices which the incumbent could hold during good behaviour.

The Committee append hereto the evidence of Mr. Barnes, and the replies from Mr. Noonan and Mr. Justice Little, hereinbefore referred to.

This being so, the Committee are of opinion that Mr. Barnes accepted the office under the belief that it would be of the class of office referred to and claimed by him, and, although the Committee do not deny the right of the Government to dismiss from office any official; yet it is usually considered that no incumbent of any office, not of a temporary nature, ought to be discharged without cause.

The Committee consider that Mr. Barnes was undoubtedly misled by his Excellency's advisers in accepting an office to which they had no power to appoint him in the manner and form aforesaid.

Mr. Barnes has received from time to time certain sums from the Government, amounting to about \$800, but your Committee having considered the equities of Mr. Barnes' claim, are clearly of opinion that the office of which he was deprived was *bona fide* given by the Government and accepted by him as a permanent official position. Having been thus misled and deprived of the office from no fault of his own, the Committee respectfully submit that Mr. Barnes is entitled to some adequate compensation, which they estimate and report should be not less than one thousand dollars, in full discharge of all claims of Mr. Barnes upon the Government of Newfoundland.

D. MORISON,  
D. J. GREENE,  
GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.  
J. GODDEN,  
STEPHEN R. MARCH.

(For accompanying evidence see *Sessional Papers*.)

*Ordered.*—That this report be received.

Mr. MORISON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor upon the petition of William M. Barnes, and the report of the Select Committee of this House thereon.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock.

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**WEDNESDAY 22nd May, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the Council's Bait Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered.*—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council with a message desiring their concurrence.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 13.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McGRATH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Ship-building Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments.

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's Quarantine and Board of Health Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McDONNEL took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock.



### THURSDAY, 23rd May, 1889.

Mr. CARTY presented a petition from Thomas Evans and others, of Robinson's Head, district of St. George, on the subject of the appointment of a Preventive Officer.

*Ordered,*—That this petition do lie on the table.

Pursuant to order, the Bills entitled respectively "An Act to amend 51 Vic. Cap. 13," and "An Act to amend the Law relating to Ship Building," were read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That these Bills do pass, and be engrossed and sent to the Hon. Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Loan Resolutions.

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Resolutions to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed in the said Resolutions at the Clerk's Table, were they were read and are as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that it is expedient to raise, by loan, the sum of four hundred and ten thousand five hundred dollars, for the public service of this colony, to be applied as follows:—

To the payment of the balance of the floating debt against the Colony, two hundred and six thousand dollars.

To the completion of the Placentia Railway, the equipment thereof, and the pier at Placentia, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

To the payment of the balance of the purchase-money of the steamship *Fiona* thirty thousand dollars.

To the construction of an iron bridge at Colinet, eight thousand dollars.

To the construction of a public wharf at Catalina, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To the construction of a public wharf at St. John's, two thousand five hundred dollars.

To the construction of a Breakwater at Bonavista, and the completion thereof, five thousand dollars.

To the construction of a public wharf at King's Cove, one thousand five hundred dollars.

To the construction of a Road between Codroy, and St. George's Bay, three thousand dollars.

To the construction of Fish Hatcheries, twelve thousand dollars

To the alteration and repair of the Court House, St. John's; ten thousand dollars.

To the Harbor improvements at Grand Bank and Fortune, by the completion of the Piers, eight thousand dollars.

To the construction of a Light House at Penguin Islands, twelve thousand dollars.

*Resolved*,—That a Bill authorizing the raising of the said amount be introduced.

In conformity with the above Resolutions, Hon. Attorney General, in the absence of the Hon. Receiver General, introduced a Bill entitled "An Act for raising a sum of money by loan for the public service of the Colony," which was read a first time, and

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

On motion of Mr. MORISON, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, on the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Wm. M. Barnes.

The House divided, when there appeared

*For the Motion*—7.

*Against the Motion*—8.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday, at four of the clock.





**SATURDAY, 25th May, 1889.**

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

By Mr. PARSONS,—From Thomas Westcot of Winsor Lake, for compensation for loss of property.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From William Reed and others of Smith's Sound, on the subject of a Ferry; and from James Dover and others of Random, on the subject of Roads.

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to amend Title 2, Cap. 2, of the Consolidated Statutes.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Pursuant to order, and on motion made, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Council's amendment on Pilot's Bill.

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 the amendments of the Legislative Council upon this Bill are in such form, that they cannot conveniently be dealt with by this House, and that the Committee recommend that a message be sent to the Hon. Legislative Council requesting them to re-consider and reform said amendments.

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council embodying the views set forth in this report.

Pursuant to order, and on motion made, the Loan Bill was read a second time, and

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

Mr. MARCH presented a petition from the Rev. J. Pratt and others, inhabitants of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of continuing the services of Frederick LeGrow, in the packet service.

*Ordered*,—That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. MARCH presented a petition from Joshua Penny of Salmon Cove, on the subject of Roads.

*Ordered*,—To lie upon the table.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to the several stages of Bills and other matters before the House, for the remainder of this session.

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

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

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**MONDAY, 27th May, 1889.**

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Loan Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had passed the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

*Ordered*,—That the Rules of this House be suspended with regard to all business, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. LEMESSURIER,—

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the Hon. Legislative Council, requesting that they will be pleased to furnish this House with the amount of their contingent expenses for the present session.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, on the petition of Mr. Westcott.

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

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**TUESDAY, 28th May, 1889.**

Pursuant to order, the Loan Bill was read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill do pass, and be engrossed, and entitled “An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of money by loan, for the public service of this Colony.”

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence therewith.

Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received 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 make provision for the construction of a line of Railway to Hall’s Bay, and for other purposes,” with an amendment to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
27th May, 1889. }

On motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—

*Ordered*,—That the amendment be adopted, and that a message be sent to the Council, acquainting them therewith.

Mr. MORINE, from the Select Committee, upon the Rules and procedure of this House, presented the following Report :—

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to consider and report upon the subject of the rules of the House and the conduct of the business thereof, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and have adopted the accompanying Rules which they recommend for the consideration of the House.

ALFRED B. MORINE,

J. S. WINTER,

A. PENNEY,

GEO. H. EMERSON,

[Subject to certain Amendments.]

D. J. GREENE,

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

P. J. SCOTT,

[Subject to Amendments.]

Committee Room, }  
House of Assembly, }  
28th May, 1889. }

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the Report of the Select Committee on the Rules and Procedure of this House.

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

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**WEDNESDAY 29th May, 1889.**

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Rules and Procedure of the House.

Committee sat with closed doors.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on to-morrow.

*Ordered.*—That this Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written messages from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to authorize the



raising of a sum of money by loan for the public service of this Colony" without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
29th May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that they have passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic. Cap. 13," entitled "An Act, to amend an Act passed in the 47th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," and "An Act passed for the same purposes in the 50th year of the present Reign," with an Amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
29th May, 1889. }

On motion of Mr. SCOTT, seconded by HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

*Ordered*,—That this amendment be adopted, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting that body therewith.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that they have passed the amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and upon the Bill sent down entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the exportation and sale of Bait-fishes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
29th May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply

to their message of the 27th inst., in reference to the amendments made by the Council, in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Title 26, Chapter 100, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," that they have re-considered and reformed the said amendments, and have added other amendments, to all of which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President,*

Council Chamber, }  
29th May, 1889. }

The said Amendments were read a first and second time, and

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

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of Joseph Coady.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of the Clerks of the House of Assembly.

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

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### THURSDAY, 30th May, 1889.

Mr. MORRIS presented a petition from T. W. Spry and others of St. John's West, on the subject of Roads.

*Ordered,*—That this petition do lie on the table.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on **Rules and Procedure**.

Hon. Mr. **SPEAKER** left the Chair.

Mr. **PENNEY** took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. **SPEAKER** resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments.

*Ordered.*—That this report be received.

Mr. **GREENE** gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to the duration of, and representation in, the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council, informing the House that they had passed a Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the Penitentiary" to which they requested the concurrence of the House.

The said Bill was accordingly read a first and second time, and

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

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on **Registration of Voters Bill**.

Hon. Mr. **SPEAKER** left the Chair.

Mr. **MARCH** took the Chair of the Committee.

And the Committee having sat after twelve o'clock.

**FRIDAY, 31st May, 1889.**

Hon. Mr. **SPEAKER** resumed the Chair.

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

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

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL from the Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Statute Law, presented the following report:—

The Select Committee appointed to revise the consolidation of the Statutes and the Draft Rules of Court under the Judicature Act 1886, beg to report that they have considered it desirable to consolidate into one Act the several Chapters and Acts, now in force, relating to the Supreme Court, its practice, procedure, officers, circuits &c., and to embody therein the provisions of the English Judicature Acts and Rules relating to procedure, so far as the same can be made applicable to this Colony, and they have accordingly drafted a Bill with that object, which they herewith beg to submit for the consideration of the House.

The Committee also beg to submit a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.

Also, a Bill to make provision for the publication &c., of the Consolidated Statutes, as revised by this Committee, and the incorporation therewith, of the legislation of the present session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. S. WINTER, *Chairman.*  
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,  
PATRICK J. SCOTT,  
D. J. GREENE,  
GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.  
M. H. CARTY.

Committee Room,  
House of Assembly,  
30th May, 1889. }

In conformity with the above Report, the Bills entitled respectively "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Supreme Court and procedure therein," "An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace," and "An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes," were read a first and second time, and

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

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Education Acts.

Then the House adjourned until this afternoon, at three of the clock.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Consolidation of the Statute Law.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed certain remaining chapters, as follows:—

Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes.

Of vacancy in Office of Speaker,



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- Of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Quarter Sessions &c.  
Of the Courts of Session, Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.  
Of District Courts.  
Of Trial by Jury.  
Of Application of English Law and Practice.  
Of the Criminal Jurisdiction, Power and Procedure of the Supreme Court on Circuit.  
Of the Criminal Jurisdiction, Power and Procedure of Courts of certain Quarter Sessions.  
Of Executors and Administrators.  
Of the Constabulary.  
Of Crown Lands, Mines and Minerals.  
Of Pensions.  
Of Salaries of certain Officers.  
Of the Penitentiary and Gaols.  
Of the Municipal affairs of the Town of St. John's.  
Of the Sanitary Improvement of the Town of St. John's.  
Of Aliens.  
Of Education.  
Of Insolvency.  
Of Trade Marks.  
Of the Registration of Trade Marks.  
Of the Encouragement of Manufacturing.  
Of Newspapers, Copyrights, &c.  
Of the Registry of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.  
Of Killing of Wolves.  
*Ordered*,—That the said Chapters be read a third time.  
*Ordered*,—That the said Chapters be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the following Bills :—

Council's Quarantine Bill.

Council's Amendments on Pilot's Bill.

Supreme Court Bill.

Quarter Sessions Bill.

Bill for Publication of the Consolidated Statutes.

Council's Penitentiary Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Bills without amendment :—

Supreme Court Bill.

Quarter Sessions Bill.

Publication of Consolidated Statutes Bill.

Council's Amendments on Pilot's Bill.

And the following Bills, with some amendments :—

Council's Quarantine Bill.

Council's Penitentiary Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bills be read a third time.

The Bill to amend the Law relating to the duration of, and representation in, the General Assembly, was read a first and second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments.

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

The Bill to amend the Education Acts was read a first and second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a third time.

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

Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received the following written messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Quarantine and Boards of Health," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President,*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

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 Shipbuilding, and for other purposes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act relating to the Penitentiary," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

The House went into Committee of the Whole on Registration of Voters Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That this Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence therewith.

Mr. CARTY, from the Joint Select Committee on French Shore Resolutions, presented the following Report :—

The Select Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed for the purpose of considering the subject of

British rights and French claims on that part of the coast of Newfoundland, on which the French have fishery privileges, report that they have arrived at certain conclusions, which are embodied in the following Report and Resolutions:

The Committee have had submitted to them the correspondence in reference to the interference with the rights of Messieurs Murphy and Andrews, British subjects, in the prosecution of their business as Lobster Packers at Hauling Point, in White Bay, during the Fishery Season of 1888.

This correspondence comprehends not only the statement and claim of Messieurs Murphy and Andrews, but, also the collateral correspondence of His Excellency the Governor and the Imperial authorities; all of which, as laid before the Committee, is appended hereto as a portion of this Report.

In connection with this, the Committee have had occasion to consider the action of the Legislature in previous sessions, and the assurances of the Imperial Government as given, from time to time, in confirmation of positions asserted and maintained by the Colony in respect of the relative rights of British and French subjects, under Treaties between the two great Powers.

The Committee, in their present deliberations, have been constrained to regard as a prominent cause of difficulty, the new claims now attempted to be put forward by the French, which, in the case of Messieurs Murphy and Andrews, seem to involve the consideration not only of Fishery, but also of Territorial, rights.

The facts set forth in this correspondence, and which, in their material points, are not the subject of dispute, warrant the Committee in expressing the opinion that, in this, as in other cases, there has been displayed, at times, on the part of Imperial authorities, a disposition to make undue concessions in fishery matters, to the aggressive claims of the subjects of France; and, to subordinate to politic or diplomatic exigencies, the undoubted rights of British subjects wherever such rights appeared to conflict with French assertions.



In the case of Messieurs Murphy and Andrews, it is apparent that the French have asserted a right to take and can lobsters, and to erect factories for the purpose of preserving lobsters upon British Territory.

The Committee cannot too strongly affirm the contention of this Colony, that the French have no right, under any existing Treaty, to take lobsters for commercial purposes in any British territorial waters; and therefore, *a foriori*, the Committee deny, with vehemence, the right asserted by the French of erecting factories for the purpose of canning lobsters taken in British waters for purposes of exportation and sale.

The Committee are constrained to regard with regretful resentment the fact that in the case under consideration, the removal of establishments erected by British subjects, for the purposes of taking and canning Lobsters, has been enforced by subjects of France at the instance of the French authorities, a French warship assisting, and a British warship interfering, to support the unwarranted contention of the French.

By reason of these unwarranted claims, and by this interference with the rights of British subjects, much damage and loss have accrued, and many of Her Majesty's subjects have been deprived of the means of subsistence for their families. The Committee regard, with reasonable apprehension and alarm, the probability of further encroachments upon British rights being made or attempted by the French, which must be disastrous to the interests of our people.

The Committee are of opinion that the claims of the French, in respect of the taking and preserving of Lobsters and Salmon on any portion of the coasts of this Island, are utterly without foundation, and cannot be maintained; and that the action of French subjects in this behalf, has been in violation of Treaty obligations, and of international law, a gross trespass upon the rights of British subjects, and one for which an exemplary compensation should be demanded from the Government of France.

The Committee, whilst not admitting that their conclusions in this behalf are open to discussion, would submit the following facts in support of their position, if these conclusions should be assumed to admit of argument :—

- 1.—Because it was declared by the Treaty of Utrecht that it should be unlawful for the French to erect buildings except those “ *necessary and usual for drying of fish.*”
- 2.—Because the Treaty of Paris (1763) restricted the liberty to “ *fishery and drying.*”
- 3.—Because the Treaty of Versailles (1783) speaks of “ *the fishery assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht.*”
- 4.—Because the declaration speaks of “ *the fishery* ” and “ *the method of carrying on the fishery, which has at all times been acknowledged shall be the plan upon which the fishery shall be carried on there.*”
- 5.—Because the French King’s Counter Declaration speaks of “ *the fishery on the coast of Newfoundland, which has been the object of the new arrangements.*”
- 6.—Because the Treaty of Paris (1814) declares that the French right of fishery “ *shall be replaced upon the footing in which it stood in 1792.*”
- 7.—Because there was no such industry as a Lobster fishery in Newfoundland at any of these periods, and no such industry was heard of until within a few years past, and the language used to describe “ *the fishery* ” which the French were entitled to pursue is utterly inapplicable to Lobster catching or to the erection of factories for taking or canning Lobsters.

Having regard to all these facts, and the necessary deductions therefrom, the Committee are of opinion that in the assertion and

protection of British rights in Newfoundland, and for the avoidance of discord, tumult and disturbance between the subjects of the two great Powers, some firm and vigorous action should be taken—

- 1.—In the matter of the protection of British fishermen in the prosecution of their lawful avocations as regards the Lobster fishery ;
- 2.—In the resistance to the claims of the French now first asserted in respect of this new industry ;
- 3.—In the removal of all Lobster factories or buildings in connection with the Lobster fishery, erected by French subjects upon Newfoundland territory; and
- 4.—In the assertion and protection of the right of British subjects to the user of British territory in Newfoundland for agricultural, lumbering or mining purposes, without the interruption, molestation or interference of the French under any pretended treaty claims.

In order to carry into effect the views of the Committee, it is necessary to have the sympathy of the Imperial authorities, and the support of the Imperial power, and the Committee are therefore of opinion, and have—

*Resolved*,—That a humble Address to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty should be forwarded by both branches of the Legislature of Newfoundland, setting forth the foregoing facts and conclusions.

*Resolved*,—That it should be the prayer of said Address, that the matters hereinbefore referred to, should be taken into the consideration of Her Majesty's advisers ; that Her Majesty would graciously cause such action to be taken as would lead to the removal of all Lobster factories or buildings connected with the Lobster industry, erected by the French upon the territory of Newfoundland, and to the prevention of any such erections in future; and that Her Majesty would cause it to be an instruction to the Commanders and Officers of

Her ships engaged in the protection of the fisheries upon the coast of Newfoundland, that they should be aiding and assisting Her Majesty's subjects in this Island in the prevention of interference by the French with the prosecution of any lawful industries enterprised by British subjects.

*Resolved*,—That the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly be requested to confirm a joint Address of both Houses of the purport and with the prayers hereinbefore set forth.

Committee Room, May 31, 1889.

A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*.  
 PHILIP CLEARY,  
 JAMES S. PITTS,  
 M. MONROE,  
 J. S. WINTER,  
 ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,  
 M. H. CARTY,  
 P. J. SCOTT,  
 W. B. GRIEVE,  
 R. BOND,  
 D. MORISON,  
 G. H. EMERSON.  
 A. BRADSHAW.

*Ordered*,—That this report be received.

Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received the following written message :—

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, }  
 30th May, 1889. }

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:—

The President of the Legislative Council, two hundred and forty dollars.

Eleven members of the Legislative Council, one thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Clerk, one hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-one cents.

Usher of the Black Rod, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of Usher of the Black Rod, five hundred and fifty-four dollars and twenty-five cents.

The Reporter of the Legislative Council, eight hundred dollars.

The Reporter, for extra services, one hundred dollars.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery, seven hundred dollars.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery, for extra services, one hundred dollars.

The Door-keeper of Council, two hundred dollars.

The Assistant Door-keeper, one hundred and ninety dollars.

The Fireman of the Legislative Council, sixty-five dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Times*, Miscellaneous Printing, three hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Evening Telegram*, printing Debates, one hundred and sixty dollars.



The Proprietor of the *Evening Telegram*, short paid for the years 1887 and 1888, forty dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Standard*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Times*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

• The Proprietor of the *Colonist*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Twillingate Sun*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Trinity Record*, copying debates, one hundred dollars.

Newspapers for Council and Members during session, one hundred and sixty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Estimated expenses for Printing and Binding Journals, five hundred dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, Binding Newspapers, twenty dollars.

Acting Clerk, for attendance on Select Committees, fifty dollars.

India Rubber Overcoats for Door-keepers and Boy Assistant, as Messengers, twenty-five dollars.

G. Langmead, for winding and regulating clocks, ten dollars.

M. FENELON, *Chairman*.

A. W. HARVEY,

M. MONROE,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

CHAS. BOWRING.

Committee Room,  
May 29th, 1889.

*Ordered*,—That this report be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. LEMESSURIER, pursuant to notice, moved the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut. Col., 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 Joseph Coady, of Lamaline, praying for compensation for the loss of a Schooner, alleged to have been in the Government service, and the report of the Select Committee of this House thereon, request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into your favorable consideration.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly, }  
31st May, 1889. }

*Ordered,*—That the said Address do pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

And the House having sat after twelve o'clock,

### SATURDAY, 1st June, 1889.

The Chairman of the Select Committee on the Printing, Reporting and Contingencies of this House, presented the Report, which was read.

And the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the consideration of the same.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, and he handed in the Resolutions at the Clerk's table, were they were read, and are as follows :—

*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 the 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 eighty dollars.

The Inner Door-keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Outer Door-keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Assistant 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 on Clerk during recess, one hundred dollars.

The Second Assistant Messenger, one hundred and eighty dollars.

Proprietor of *Evening Mercury*, printing Bills and Miscellaneous Papers, one thousand, two hundred and thirty-six dollars and seventy cents.

Thomas Walsh, Under Door-keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

Proprietor of *Evening Mercury*, for publishing Debates, one thousand dollars.

The Clerk Assistant, extra services, three hundred and fifty dollars.

The Acting Speaker, for his services, four hundred dollars.

Estimate for printing Journals and Index, and estimate for Sessional Papers and Index, two thousand, one hundred dollars.

Estimate, Mrs. Dicks, binding Journals, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, binding Newspapers, fifty dollars.

The Chairman of Supply, four hundred dollars.

To Twenty-eight Members, resident in St. John's, for their services during the present session, at two hundred dollars each, five thousand, six hundred dollars.

To Eight Members, resident in Outports, at three hundred dollars each, two thousand, four hundred dollars.

To the Savings' Bank, prior to opening of session, for advances, to be paid on order of Chairman of Contingencies, one hundred and forty dollars.

The *Harbor Grace Standard*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

*Twillingate Sun*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

*Trinity Record*, copying Debates, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The *Colonist*, copying Debates, five hundred dollars.

The Chairman of the Board of Works, proportion of Fuel, Electric Light, etc., two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty cents.

The Chairman of the Board of Works, for advances during session, four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ten cents.

Mrs. Feehan, to be paid to the Savings' Bank, one hundred and eighty-four dollars and sixty cents.

Mrs. Ryall, attendance during session, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents.

Mrs. Ryall, for Reporters' Room, twenty dollars.

The Clerk, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office during the present session, five hundred and eighty dollars and forty-seven cents.

Clerk Assistant, Contingencies, three hundred and thirty dollars and eighty-seven cents.

Mrs. Wm. Warren, engrossing Bills, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Bonus to Mrs. Wm. Warren, forty dollars.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office, one hundred and twenty dollars.

Solicitor, for extra services during the session, two hundred dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, stationery, one hundred and eight dollars and thirty cents.

Mrs. Rouse, stationery, eighty dollars and ninety cents.



Maurice Fenelon & Co., stationery, twenty-two dollars and ninety-five cents.

J. F. Chisholm, stationery, twenty-seven dollars and ninety cents.

Garret Byrne, stationery, ninety-eight dollars and forty cents.

S. E. Garland, stationery, seventy dollars and forty-eight cents.

George S. Milligan, stationery, one hundred and seventeen dollars and two cents.

Mrs. Mackenzie's account, twenty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents.

Job Brothers & Co's account, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.

J. J. Dearin's account, twenty-five dollars and twenty cents.

J. H. Martin & Co's account, one hundred and twelve dollars and five cents.

Furniture Factory's account, eighty-six dollars.

*Harbor Grace Standard*, eight dollars.

*Twillingate Sun*, eight dollars.

*Trinity Record*, two dollars.

*Advocate*, eight dollars.

*Times*, sixteen dollars and eighty cents.

*Gazette*, sixteen dollars and eighty cents.

*Telegram*, eighteen dollars.

*Colonist*, thirty-nine dollars and fifteen cents.

*Patriot*, twenty-six dollars.

T. D. Lane's account, thirty-three dollars and thirty cents.

George Langmead, repairing clocks, twenty-eight dollars.

Edward Coleman, repairing locks, eighteen dollars and five cents.

Care-taker of Library, to be paid on certificate of the Speaker, two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Supervisor of Debates, three hundred dollars

Four Reporters, viz :

W. H. Horwood, two hundred and eighty dollars.

John Flannery, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Herbert Knight, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Charles Emerson, two hundred and eighty dollars.

General Post Office account, nineteen dollars and eighty-four cents.

J. T. O'Mara's account, fourteen dollars and forty cents.

Charles Gamburg's account, sixty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Marshall & Rodger's account, twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents.

Telegraph messages, five hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-four cents.

F. W. Bowden, printing, one hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents.

Anglo Telegraph Co., for telephone, one hundred and twenty dollars.

Gibb & Calvert's account for page, fourteen dollars.

John McKenzie, thirteen dollars.

Wm. Parker & Co., one dollar and forty-five cents.

Thorburn & Tessier's account, thirty-three dollars and twenty-five cents.

Gear & Co., eight dollars.

P. W. Kelly's account for page, six dollars and fifty cents.

Wm. Firth's account, nine dollars and ninety cents.

Mrs. J. H. Martin's account, four dollars and forty cents.

P. R. Bowers, books sold, five dollars.

John Adrian, one dollar and ten cents.

James Pennock, twelve dollars and sixty-eight cents.

John Peach, fifteen dollars and thirty cents.

Richard Goff, sixty-three dollars and forty cents.

Committee privilege, Chairman and copying evidence, twenty dollars.

Compiling and printing Rules and Orders of Practice of House of Assembly, one hundred and fifty dollars.

A. B. Morine, for Compiling Rules, one hundred dollars.

The Daughters of the late Robert Parsons, in consideration of his services, two hundred dollars.

F. W. Bowden, Printing Bills, ninety-two dollars and fifty cents.

Library for purchase of Books, five hundred dollars.

*Resolved*,—That the Governor in Council be requested to exercise the direction and control, during the recess, of the business of the House and the expenditure for the several services of the House and the control of the furniture and property of the House.

GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,

*Chairman.*

M. J. O'MARA,

D. J. GREENE,

P. J. SCOTT,

H. W. LEMESSURIER,

STEPHEN R. MARCH.

*Ordered*,—That the said report be received.

In conformity with the foregoing, the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature,” was then read a first and second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a third time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill do pass, and be sent to the Legislative Council, with a message desiring their concurrence.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written messages from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled “An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President,*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled “An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes,” with

the exception of the amendment on the tenth section of the Bill, which amendment the Council requests the House of Assembly to reconsider.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the encouragement of Education," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their message of to-day on the subject of "British rights and British claims, on that part of the coast where the French have a temporary right of Fishing," that they concur in the report thereon adopted by the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1889. }

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 Law relating to the Supreme Court and procedure therein" without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
31st May, 1887. }



On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. BOND, the following were appointed to be a Select Committee for the management of the Legislative Library :—

Hon. Attorney General, Messrs. Bond, Scott, Emerson, Grieve, Morine and Penney.

Hon. the PREMIER informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had signified his intention to prorogue this House on to-day, at four of the clock.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at eleven of the clock.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From D. Duggan and others of Ragged Harbor, district of Trinity, on the subject of a Bridge; also, from William Emberley and others of Old Shop, on the subject of Roads; also, from John Newhook and others of Chapel Arm, on the same subject.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From M. Dwyer and others of Belle Isle, praying for the establishment of a harbor of refuge at Broad Cove.

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

Third reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to duration of, and representation in, the Legislative Assembly.

On motion made and seconded, the Title of the said Bill was amended, and the Bill read a third time, under the title "An Act en-

titled 'Of the representation in the Legislative Assembly, and of the powers and privileges thereof.' "

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill do pass, and be engrossed, and sent to the Legislative Council, by the Clerk of this House, with a message desiring their concurrence.

On motion made, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Court of Quarter Sessions Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GRIEVE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

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

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, by the Clerk of this House, with a message desiring their concurrence.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following written messages from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Voters," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for revising and consolidating the General Statutes of Newfoundland," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1889. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the amendments made by the Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1887. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act entitled 'Of the Representation in the Legislative Assembly, and of the powers and privileges thereof,' " without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1889. }

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, }  
1st June, 1889. }

**Mr. SPEAKER,—**

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1889. }

Mr. CARTY moved that the following Address, on the report of the Joint Select Committee on French Shore Resolutions, be presented.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST  
EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—**

We Your Majesty's humble and devoted subjects, the Legislative Council and the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, beg to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Throne.

Upon us, as branches of the Colonial Legislature, has devolved the duty of considering the subject of British rights and British claims on that portion of the Coast of Newfoundland on which the French have certain fishery privileges in special reference to certain claims asserted by subjects of France in the year 1888, in respect of the taking and preserving of Lobsters.

The claims of the French, in this behalf, have been now made for the first time.

The facts surrounding these new claims, are set forth in certain correspondence, which has been brought before us as a Legislature, which correspondence has already been a matter of consideration for Your Majesty's Ministers, and has formed a subject of diplomatic communication between Your Majesty's Ministers and the Government of France.

This correspondence has reference to the grievances complained of by two of Your Majesty's subjects, one Murphy, and one Andrews, who during the fishery season of 1888, were lawfully engaged in the prosecution of their business of taking and canning Lobsters at a place called Hauling Point, in White Bay, on the North East Coast of Newfoundland.

In connection with this correspondence and the grievances complained of, we have had occasion to regard and make reference to the action of our Colonial Legislature on former occasions, in respect of the large issues which are involved in the present subject of consideration; and we have had to revert to the assurances of Your Majesty, as, from time to time, given by Your Majesty's Ministers in confirmation of positions asserted and maintained by this Colony, as to the relative rights of British and French subjects on the Coast of Newfoundland under Treaties between the two great Powers.

In our present deliberations, we have been constrained to regard as a prominent cause of difficulty, these new claims, which in the case of Messieurs Murphy, and Andrews, seem to involve the consideration, not only of Fishery rights, but also of Territorial rights, which have hitherto been unquestioned.

The facts set forth before us, which, in their material points are not the subject of dispute, warrant us in the expression of the opinion that in this particular case, as in others, there has been displayed at times, on the part of Imperial authorities, a disposition to make undue concessions in Fishery matters to the aggressive claims of the subjects of France, and to subordinate to politic or diplomatic exigencies the undoubted rights of British Subjects.

In the case of Messieurs Murphy and Andrews, it is apparent that the French have asserted a right to take and can lobsters, and to erect upon British territory, Factories or Establishments for the purpose of preserving Lobsters.

With due devotion to Your Majesty, we cannot too strongly affirm the position taken by this Colony, that the French have no



right under any existing Treaty to take Lobsters for Commercial purposes in any territorial waters of this Island, and therefore *a foriori*, we humbly contend that the French are unwarranted in the erection of Factories or Establishments upon our Coasts, for the purpose of canning Lobsters taken in British waters for the purposes of exportation and sale. The claims asserted by the French in this behalf with all humility we vehemently deny.

We are constrained to regard with regretful resentment, the fact that in the case under consideration, the removal of Establishments erected by British subjects for the purpose of taking and canning Lobsters, has been enforced by subjects of France, at the instance of the French authorities, a French Warship assisting and a British Warship interfering to support the unwarranted contention of the French.

By reason of these unwarranted claims, and by this interference with the rights of Your Majesty's subjects, much damage and loss have accrued, and we have reason to believe that many of Your Majesty's subjects have been deprived of a means of subsistence for themselves and their families. We therefore regard with reasonable apprehension and alarm, the probability of further encroachments upon the rights of Your Majesty's subjects being made or attempted to be made by the subjects of France, the acquiescence in which encroachments must be disastrous to the interests of our people.

With all submissiveness we are constrained to state to Your Majesty our position that the claims of the subjects of France in respect of the taking and preserving of Lobsters upon our Coasts, and also their claims in respect of the taking of Salmon, which latter claims have also been a subject of our deliberations, are utterly without foundation and cannot be maintained, and that the action of French subjects in this behalf has been in violation of Treaty obligations and of International Law, and that there has resulted therefrom a gross trespass upon the rights of British subjects, for which an exemplary compensation should be demanded from the Government of France.

Whilst we humbly submit to Your Majesty, that our assertions of right, as Your Majesty's subjects in this behalf are unquestionable, we would further submit to Your Majesty, irrefragable character of our conclusions by reference to the following facts.

- (1.) Because it was declared by the Treaty of Utrecht that it should be unlawful for the French to erect buildings except those "*necessary and usual for drying of fish.*"
- (2.) Because the Treaty of Paris, (1763) restricted the liberty to "*fishing and drying.*"
- (3.) Because the Treaty of Versailles, (1783) speaks of "*the fishery assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht.*"
- (4.) Because the declaration speaks of "*the fishery*" and "*the method of carrying on the fishery, which has at all times been acknowledged, shall be the plan upon which the fishery shall be carried on there.*"
- (5.) Because the French King's Counter Declaration speaks of "*the fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland, which has been the object of the new arrangements.*"
- (6.) Because the Treaty of Paris, (1814) declares that the French right of fishery "*shall be replaced upon the footing in which it stood in 1792.*"
- (7.) Because there were no such industry as Lobster Fishery in Newfoundland at any of these periods, and no such industry was heard of until within a few years past, and the language used to describe "*the fishery*" which the French were entitled to pursue is utterly inapplicable to Lobster catching, or to the erection of Factories for taking or canning Lobsters.

Having regard to all the facts referred to and the necessary deductions relating therefrom, we are led to the expression of opinion,

that, in this matter, that is to say in the assertion and protection of the rights of Your Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland against the aggressive and unwarranted claims of French subjects, and for the avoidance of discord, tumult and disturbance between the subjects of the two great Powers, it is necessary that some firm and vigorous action should be taken by the Colony with the co-operation and active assistance of Your Majesty's Government.

We humbly submit that such action, should have special reference to the following points :

- (1.) To the protection of British Fishermen in the prosecution of their lawful avocations as regards the Lobster Fishery.
- (2.) To the resistance to the claims of the French now first asserted in respect of this new industry.
- (3.) To the removal of all Lobster Factories or Buildings in connection with the Lobster Fishery, erected by French subjects upon Newfoundland Territory.
- (4.) To the assertion and protection of the right of British subjects, to the use of British territory in Newfoundland for agricultural, lumbering or mining purposes, without the interruption, molestation or interference of the French under any pretended Treaty Claims.

For the causes herein set forth and with the grievances herein complained of, we, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, do therefore approach Your Majesty with the humble prayer, that Your Majesty will be pleased to take the same into gracious and favourable consideration, that Your Majesty will cause the same to be brought to the notice and consideration of Your Majesty's Ministers, that Your Majesty will graciously cause such action to be taken as shall lead to the removal of all Lobster Factories, or Establishments, or Buildings, connected with the Lobster industry, erected by the French upon the territory of Newfoundland, and to the prevention of

any such erections in future; and that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause it to be an instruction to the Commanders and Officers of Your Majesty's Ships, engaged in the protection of the Fisheries upon the Coast of Newfoundland, that they shall be aiding and assisting Your Majesty's subjects in this Island, in the prevention of interference by the French with the prosecution of any lawful industries enterprised by British subjects in Newfoundland.

Deign to accept Most Gracious Sovereign our profoundest expressions of loyalty and affection.

Passed the House of Assembly, 1st June, 1889.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

*Speaker.*

Passed the Legislative Council, 1st June, 1889.

E. D. SHEA,

*President.*

*Ordered,*— That this Address be adopted, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, by the Clerk of this House, asking their concurrence therewith.

Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received the following written message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in, and have passed the accompanying Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the subject of British rights and French claims on that portion of the coast of Newfoundland on which the French have certain fishery privileges.

E. D. SHEA,

*President,*

Council Chamber, }  
1st June, 1889. }

Mr. CARTY moved that an Address be sent to His Excellency the Governor, on this subject, as follows :—

*To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut. Col.,  
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 adopted the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the subject of British rights and French privileges on that part of the coast of Newfoundland where the French have certain fishery privileges, with which Address the Legislative Council have concurred ; respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

*Speaker.*

House of Assembly, }  
1st June, 1889. }

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

#### A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

At four o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor 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 Governor 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 :

An Act to amend the Law relating to the taking of Seals and right of property therein.

An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Exportation and Sale of Bait Fishes.

An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Line of Railway to Hall's Bay, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes.

An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Quarantine and Board of Health.

An Act to amend Title 2, Cap. 2, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the duration of, and representation in, the General Assembly."

An Act relating to the Penitentiary.

An Act to amend the Laws in force in this Island for the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

An Act to provide for the Preservation of Deer.

An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money, by loan, for the Public Service of this Colony.

An Act for revising and consolidating the General Statutes of Newfoundland.

“Of the Representation in the Legislative Assembly, and the powers and privileges thereof.”

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 amend Title 3, Cap. 10, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors.”

An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes.

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-nine, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend Title 26, Cap. 100 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.”

An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.

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 to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 10, entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters, and for other purposes.’”

An Act for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 13, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes,'" and an Act passed for the same purposes in the Fiftieth year of the present reign.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts for the encouragement of Education."

An Act to amend the Law relating to the qualification of Electors for Members of the General Assembly.

An Act to amend the Law in relation to the Registration of Voters.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to the Supreme Court, and procedure therein.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

To which His Excellency was pleased to give His assent.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech to both branches of the Legislature :—

*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 release you from your arduous labors at the close of an unusually protracted Session.

I notice, with pleasure, the care which you have bestowed upon the many important and usual measures that have engaged your attention.

Foremost among these, is the Act making provision for the completion of the Line of Railway to Hall's Bay. The methods, which you have adopted for the immediate resumption of work, and for the ultimate execution of this great project, are such as will, I trust, provide for the protection of the public credit and financial interests of the Colony, and secure the accomplishment, upon a sound basis, of an undertaking which has been generally accepted as one of vital necessity to the future progress and prosperity of Newfoundland.

The formation of a Fisheries Commission is a measure which contains the promise of most beneficial results, in the acquisition and practical application of useful knowledge in relation to the preservation and improvement of our Fisheries.

The Consolidation of the Statute Law, and the application to the Colony of the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court in England, cannot fail to be of great value in connection with the administration of Justice.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :*

I have to thank you for the supplies granted by you for the public service of the Colony, which shall be applied with due regard both to economy and efficiency.

I am also pleased to observe the provision that you have made for various useful public works and improvements.

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

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :*

I shall forward without delay your addresses to Her Majesty, on the subject of recent trouble between our fishermen and those of France, in connection with questions of Fishery and Territorial Rights, especially in relation to Lobster Factories, and, I am certain that Her Majesty's Government will not fail to accord the fullest possible attention to your representation, and that you may rely upon their earnest

sympathy, and, I can assure you that I will use my best efforts towards the full assertion and maintenance of the just claims of our people, consistent with existing Treaty obligations.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the generally successful issue of the Seal-fishery, and I trust that the ensuing season may be attended with no less fortunate results from the other occupations of our people.

In bidding you farewell, I earnestly trust that under the blessing of Providence, your efforts as Legislators may tend towards the promotion of the general prosperity and contentment of the people of this Colony; and, I beg to assure you of my cordial wishes for your welfare in your private avocations.

After which the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, said,—

GENTLEMEN,—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued, until Thursday the Eighteenth day of July next.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued, until Thursday the Eighteenth day of July, to be then and here holden.

**RICHARD B. HOLDEN,**

*Clerk of the General Assembly.*

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