

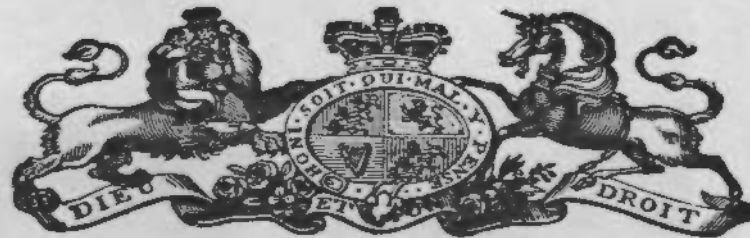
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

In the 3rd Session of the 16th General Assembly,



Holden at St. John's, in the Fifty-fifth year of the Reign
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A.D., 1892.

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PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J.
TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight-Comman-
der 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 De-
pendencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of JULY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TENTH day of SEPTEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TENTH 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, St. John's, in
the aforesaid Island, this Thirteenth
day of July, A.D., 1891.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



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WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the TENTH day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWELFTH day of NOVEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWELFTH 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, St. John's, in
the aforesaid Island, this Seventh
day of September, A.D., 1891.

By His Excellency's Command,

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Colonial Secretary.



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pendencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of JANUARY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of JANUARY 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, St. John's, in
the aforesaid Island, this Fifteenth
day of December, A.D., 1891.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN, Lt.-Col., *By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J.*
Governor. *TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight-Comman-*
[L.S.] *der 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 De-
pendencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of JANUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-FIFTH day of FEBRUARY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-FIFTH 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, St. John's, in
the aforesaid Island, this Twelfth
day of January, A.D., 1892.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



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OF THE

SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY of NEWFOUNDLAND.

Thursday, February 25.

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

At two o'clock a message from His Excellency was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber; and, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance upon 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, which he read to the House as follows:—

“ Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

You will, I feel sure, with all Her Majesty's loyal subjects throughout her vast Empire, warmly sympathize with our Gracious Queen and the members of the Royal Family in their sad bereavement through the untimely death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and

Avondale, taken from their midst at a moment when they and the whole nation had joined in the hope that a long life of happiness and utility awaited him.

At the commencement of your legislative duties I congratulate you upon the favourable aspect of the colony's position.

The year that has passed since I last convened the Legislature for the despatch of business has been replete with blessings for which we owe to the Giver of All Good our reverent acknowledgment.

We have every reason to be thankful for the success which attended our fisheries, for the result of our harvest, and the decrease of poverty, as well as for the improved condition of the public health and the absence of commercial disaster.

In reviewing the events of the past twelve months, we have first to take cognizance of the exceptionally good seal-fishery. That of the previous season was considered to be above the average; but it will be seen that the export of the products of this fishery during 1891 exceeded that of the former year by more than one-half. This was followed by a shore cod-fishery above the average, and the most abundant catch of cod on Labrador that has been realized for very many years. Ready markets and good prices contributed largely to enhance the value of the returns. There is also a marked improvement to be noticed in connection with our mining industry. The export of copper ore and iron pyrites was largely in excess of that of the previous year, and valuable deposits of asbestos and gypsum have been worked with energy and success.

In connection with this, I may observe that the geological survey during the past season has established beyond question what has hitherto been a matter of conjecture, namely, the existence of considerable deposits of coal and iron ores in the vicinity of Grand Lake. I cannot, therefore, too strongly emphasize the importance of this discovery and the desirability of your taking such action as may be considered necessary to turn the same to the advantage of the colony.

It is gratifying to find that the amendment in the Crown Lands Act, regarding the granting of mineral land, which was passed last session, has led to an increased demand for mining locations.

Although last winter was not a favourable one for lumbering operations, the business done in the export of timber was in excess of that of the previous year. This industry has become an important

auxiliary to our commerce, and I am pleased to be able to state that there is evidence of its still greater development.

The amount of deposits in our Savings Bank shews a large increase over 1890, and it is a matter for congratulation that, since the passing of the Act to provide for the appropriation of the profits of that institution, it has been found possible to apply the sum of \$300,000 towards the liquidation of the public debt of the colony.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The Customs revenue for the year 1891 was in excess of the estimate. The estimates for the coming year and the public accounts will be laid before you at an early date, and I feel assured that you will make due provision for the requirements of the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The difference existing between Her Majesty's Government and that of France, respecting the Treaty Shore of this Island, has not yet been adjusted, but it is hoped that the negotiations still in progress, as well as whatever legislation you may deem necessary after receiving the report of the delegates sent by you to England in reference to this matter, may result in the establishment of the position which seems to my Government so just and reasonable.

The negotiations opened with the Administration at Washington for a treaty of reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States, to which I adverted in my speech on the opening of the Legislature last year, are still in abeyance awaiting ratification by Her Majesty's Government.

As a necessary sequence to the conduct of the Government of the Dominion of Canada in imposing duty upon the fishery products of this Colony entering Canadian ports, that clause in the Revenue Act, introduced in the year 1885, which provides for the imposition of an additional duty on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies has, by virtue of the said action of our neighbours, come into operation. It is to be hoped that a more favourable disposition on the part of the Canadian Government may remove the occasion for a continuance of these additional duties.

I am glad to be able to announce that the work on the railway towards Hall's Bay is progressing satisfactorily. About sixty-five

miles have been completed, and it is to be expected that by the end of the present year the important settlement of Gambo, in Bonavista Bay, will be brought into railway communication with the capital. My Government have invited tenders for three steamers to ply upon the great northern bays, so as to bring all the important settlements in those bays into close communication with the railway.

It is considered advisable that a survey for a line of railway to the West Coast, *via* Grand Lake, should be undertaken next summer, so that tenders may be invited for the construction of the line at an early day, and you will be invited to make an appropriation for that purpose.

A census of the population of the colony, for which you made provision last session, has been completed, and an abstract of the returns will be laid before you immediately.

The sum of \$20,000 voted by the Legislature last session for the improvement of education has been distributed as a bonus to teachers. This recognition of the valuable services of a most deserving class of public officials it is hoped will stimulate them to greater effort in their important calling.

The colony has been invited to take part in the World's Columbian Exposition to be held in the city of Chicago in 1893. If Newfoundland is to be represented, it is imperative that a suitable appropriation be made for that purpose, which subject may be advantageously considered in connection with the provision to be made for the local exhibition to be held here next autumn.

In conclusion, I would express the hope that, under the inspiration of the increased prosperity to which I have briefly referred, your deliberations may be harmonious, and that the dictates of prudence and patriotism may lead to the adoption of measures calculated to promote the still greater advancement of the colony."

On motion of the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, it was ordered that the rules of this House be suspended to admit of the immediate consideration of an address of condolence with Her Majesty upon the death of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

It was moved by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. Greene, that an address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows :—

*“ To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA,
by the Grace of GOD, of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of the Colony of Newfoundland, in Legislative session convened, desire to unite in the universal expression of cordial sympathy with your Majesty in the great sorrow occasioned by the untimely decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

A few weeks ago all your Majesty's loyal subjects were looking forward with joy to the bright prospects that were unfolding before His Royal Highness ; suddenly the dark shadow of death intervened, and the nation's joy is turned into mourning.

As part of the great Empire over which your Majesty exercises benign rule, we reverently lay our tribute of affectionate regard upon the hallowed grave of the youthful prince, and pray that the great Ruler of the Universe, and Supreme Consoler, may bestow full consolation in the sore bereavement which your Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales have been called on to endure:”

And it was ordered accordingly.

It was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting its concurrence in the terms of the said address of condolence.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that the Council concurs in the said address of condolence, with an amendment including the Legislative Council therein.

It was moved and seconded, and it was ordered, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he be pleased to forward to Her Majesty the said joint address of condolence.

It was moved by Mr. Whiteley and seconded by Dr. Tait, that an address of thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor in reply to the gracious speech with which he has been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature, and that a select committee be appointed to draft such address in reply.

Ordered accordingly, and that the following gentlemen be such committee : Mr. Whiteley, Dr. Tait, Messrs. Clift, Murray and Carty.

Mr. Rothwell gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a select committee on the printing, reporting, and contingencies of this House.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to furnish this House with copy of all correspondence between him and Her Majesty's Government and between him and the Governor-General of Canada in relation (1) to the imposition of a tax upon Canadian vessels for licenses for taking or purchasing bait fishes in the year 1890; (2) to the withholding from Canadian vessels and fishermen of licenses to take or purchase bait-fishes during the year 1891; and (3) in relation to the imposition of extra duties upon importation of goods from Canada under section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government and the Government of Canada on the subject of obtaining the opinion of H. M. Privy Council in relation to the withholding from Canadian vessels and fishermen of licenses to take or purchase bait-fishes; and, if any such correspondence has taken place, to ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay a copy of same on the table of this House;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table copy of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia upon the subject of withholding from Canadian or Nova Scotian vessels or fishermen of licenses to take or purchase bait-fishes;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any despatch has been received through His Excellency the Governor from Her Majesty's Government in relation to the Acts passed in the last session of the Legislature; and, if so, to lay on the table of this House copy of such despatch or despatches.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary what payments have been made to Messrs. Reid & Middleton, railway contractors, under their contract up to the present time.

Mr. Carty gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House the report of Sir

Robert J. Pinsent and the evidence taken before him as to the losses sustained by the inhabitants of St. George's Bay during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891 by reason of the interference of French naval officers and seamen.

Mr. Greene gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary for a detailed statement of the amount of licenses and fines received by the Game Preservation Society for 1891 ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for a detailed statement of the expenditure in 1891 on main lines, district of Ferryland.

Mr. Morison gave notice that he will ask the Chairman of the Contingency Committee to lay on the table of the House a statement shewing the amount expended by each member of the Assembly for telegraph messages during the sessions of 1890 and 1891 ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act 53 Vic., Cap. 5 ;

Also a Bill to provide for woman suffrage on the question of the restriction of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Thompson gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill in reference to the prosecution of the seal fishery.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, February 29, 1892.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary informed the House that the Government had received last night telegraphic information of a melancholy disaster in Trinity Bay, whereby several lives are known to have been lost, and it was expected that further details would show the loss to be greater than at present reported. He stated that the Government had despatched the steamer *Labrador*, with a medical gentleman, to the assistance of the people who were cast away on the ice ; that the dinner proposed for this evening at Government House had been de-

ferred ; that His Excellency had expressed deep sympathy with the sufferers, and had proposed the starting of a subscription for the benefit of those bereaved. The Hon. Colonial Secretary then moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday next, as an expression of sympathy. It was seconded by Mr. Morison, and was ordered accordingly.

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

Thursday, March 3, 1892.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor with the following telegrams, which he desired to communicate to the House :

(1) " Her Majesty commands me to inform you that she has heard with much regret intelligence of disaster to fishing fleet, and to express her sympathy with injured sailors and relations of those who have lost their lives. Be good enough to send full particulars for Queen's information.

KNUTSFORD.

(2) I desire to express my deep sympathy with families of unfortunate fishermen who have lost their lives. Accept from me ten pounds for families. Will be paid to the Union Bank of Newfoundland to relief fund.

KNUTSFORD."

Mr. Whiteley, from the select committee appointed to draft an address to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the gracious speech with which His Excellency opened the present session, presented the report of the said committee and draft address annexed.

Ordered that said report be received.

Pursuant to order, the said address was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Whiteley gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of the rules of the House in reference to the address of thanks in reply to His Excellency's speech.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Rothwell moved the appointment of a select committee on reporting, printing, and contingencies.

Ordered that the following gentlemen be such committee: Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Greene, Mr. Murray, Mr. Webber, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Duff, and Mr. Rolls.

Ordered that Mr. Morison's notice of motion for an address to His Excellency (which notice was given on the 25th ult.,) stand over.

In reply to Mr. Morison, the Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table copy of telegram, Nov. 23, 1891, Premier Fielding to Premier Whiteway, and of reply.

In reply to Mr. Greene, the Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table an account of licenses and fines under Game Preservation Act for the year 1891.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, and pursuant to order, a Bill in reference to the prosecution of the seal fishery was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, and pursuant to order, a Bill to amend Title 15, Chapter 54, of the Consolidated Statutes, was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Shea gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary if there has been any correspondence between the Imperial and Local Governments respecting a Commission proposed to be sent to Newfoundland to acquire certain financial information in view of a contemplated loan to the colony on guarantee of interest by the Imperial Government; and, if so, if he will place a copy of such correspondence on the table.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock, p.m.

Friday, March 4, 1892.

Pursuant to order of the day, the address of thanks was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Whiteley, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the rules of the House be suspended in relation to the address of thanks.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on address of thanks.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Studdy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that such report be received and that the said committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Morison, and pursuant to order, the following Bills were read a first time :—

Bill to amend 53 Vic., cap. 5 ;

Bill to permit women to vote on liquor questions.

Ordered that said bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred :—

Second reading of Bill relating to the seal-fishery ;

Second reading of Bill relating to patents ;

Notice of Mr. Morison of question to chairman of committee on contingencies.

On motion of Mr. Morison, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that an address to His Excellency the Governor do pass in conformity to Mr. Morison's notice for address given on the 25th February last.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table a statement in detail of the expenditure of the sum of \$20,000 voted by the Legislature last session for the improvement of education, and distributed among the teachers ;

Also, that he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table a statement in detail of the expense of executing the commission to

enquire into the operation of the Bait Act presided over by Judge Bennett ;

Also, that he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table a statement in detail of the amount expended to date out of the vote passed at last session of the Legislature for an industrial exhibition ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence on the subject of the recent outbreak of diphtheria at Greenspond.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock, p.m.

Monday, March 7, 1892.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on address of thanks.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Studdy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered the said address, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that said report be received.

On motion that the said report be adopted, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morison, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the following words be added at the end of paragraph nine of the address (that is to say, following the words " necessary provision for the public service ") :—

" In view of the fact that the Customs Revenue of the past year " was in excess of the estimate, we trust that the duties now imposed " on the necessaries of life may be proportionately reduced during the " present session ;" and, the question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment five, namely: Mr. Morison, Mr. Greene, Mr. Carty, Mr. Rolls and Mr. Munn ; and against the amendment eighteen, namely: Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Geran, Mr. Webber, Mr. Duff,

Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Clift, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Murray.

So it passed in the negative, and it was ordered accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Morison, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the eleventh paragraph of the address (which ends with the words "Her Majesty's Government") be left out, and the following words inserted :

" We learn with surprise that Her Majesty's Government have
" been asked to ratify a treaty for reciprocal trade alleged to have
" been negotiated between this colony and the United States of
" America. In view of the fact that the negotiation of such a treaty
" has never been authorized or ratified by the Legislature, and that we
" have not been informed as to the terms of the alleged treaty or
" of the position of the negotiations, we cannot recognize the submis-
" sion to Her Majesty's Government for ratification as in any manner
" binding on the colony. As the representative branch of the Legisla-
" ture to which are specially entrusted the interests of the people, we
" earnestly protest against the usurpation of our constitutional func-
" tions, and we respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased
" to bring this departure from constitutional practice and our opinions
" in relation thereto under the notice of Her Majesty's Government."

On the question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative eighteen, and for the negative five, the names being the same as in the last division, and it was ordered accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Morison, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the twelfth paragraph of the address (which ends with the words "its present attitude towards this colony") be left out and the following words inserted :

" We learn with regret that the Government of the Dominion of
" Canada have imposed duties upon the fishery products of this colony
" imported into Canada, and that the clauses of our Revenue Act
" providing for additional duties upon certain Canadian products, on
" account of the said action on their part, have come into operation.
" We await with much anxiety further information as to the causes
" which have brought about this most unsatisfactory condition of
" affairs."

On the question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative eighteen, and for the negative five ; the names being the same as in the last division ; and it was ordered accordingly.

The original motion that the said address be adopted was then put, and it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

The said address was then read a third time, and it was further ordered that the same do pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the whole House.

And the House having sat after twelve of the clock, midnight,

Tuesday, March 8, 1892.

It was ordered that the several matters on the order paper be deferred until after the presentation of the address of thanks.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until four of the clock this day, in the afternoon.

Tuesday, March 8, 1892.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, it was ordered that the order of the day be proceeded with.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rolls, it was ordered that the Bill relating to the seal-fishery be now read a second time.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Morison, and pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the law relating to patents was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House to-morrow.

With the assent of the House, it was ordered that second reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 5, and of Women Suffrage Bill relating to liquor questions, be deferred.

The Hon. E. P. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 9, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

By Captain Blandford,—From Samson Mifflin and others, of Bonavista, praying for repairs to the breakwater there.

By Mr. Morison,—From Charles Brown and others, of Newman's Cove, on the subject of roads.

By the Hon. Mr. Woods,—From Edward Mulley and others, of Small Point, on the same subject.

Captain Blandford gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor in Council on the said petition of S. Mifflin and others.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House went into committee of the whole on Sealing Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered the said Bill, and had resolved that the House be requested to order that the Bill be referred to a select committee.

Ordered that said report be received.

On motion that the said report be adopted, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Webber, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the Bill be now re-committed to committee of the whole House.

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment ten, and against it eleven.

So it passed in the negative.

The motion being then put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion eleven, against it ten ; those voting for the motion being Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Duff, Mr. Clift, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. Fox, Mr. Munn, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Shea ; those voting against the motion being Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Geran, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. F. Morris and Dr. Tait ; so it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered that the following be the select

committee : Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shea, Mr. Greene, Mr. Whiteley, and Mr. Webber.

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Munn, that it be an instruction to the said select committee to report on or before the twentieth day of this month ; and it was ordered accordingly.

Ordered that the remainder of the business on the order of the day be deferred.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary as follows :

(a) Whether any extension of the term of their contract has been lately granted to the Coastal Steamship Company ; and, if so, to state the length and date of such extension ; also to lay on the table a copy of the existing contract ;

(b) To lay on the table copy of the official certificate of survey from the Government engineer in relation to the 65 miles of railway completed by Messrs. Reid and Middleton and paid for by the Government ;

(c) Why the 65 miles of railway completed by Messrs. Reid and Middleton are not now being operated according to the terms of their contract.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the address of thanks to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at 11.15 a.m.

Thursday, March 10, 1892.

The House met at a quarter after eleven, a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

At half-past eleven o'clock, 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 Legislature, Mr. Speaker and the House went to Government House and, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr.

Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance on His Excellency, he had presented the address of thanks, to which His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows :

“ Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

“ I thank you for your loyal and dutiful address, and join with you
 “ in your hopes that last year may presage a still more prosperous
 “ future for the colony, and I further trust that by the calmness of your
 “ deliberations you may aid in removing the several difficulties to which
 “ you allude.

“ I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere condolence with
 “ the unfortunate families of those who were lost in the recent disaster
 “ in Trinity Bay, as well as my sympathy with the survivors.

“ T. O'BRIEN, Lt.-Col.,

“ *Governor.*

“ Government House, March 10, 1892.”

The matters on the order of the day were deferred till a later hour in the day.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Morris for Bill to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company was deferred.

Pursuant to notice of Captain Blandford, it was ordered that an address to His Excellency the Governor do pass in the matter of the petition of Samson Mifflin and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of repairs to the breakwater there, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take the said petition into his favourable consideration and make such order thereon as may appear reasonable ; and that such address be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of His Excellency's Council.

(Mr. Speaker then left the chair until the hour of four of the clock this afternoon, with consent of the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair accordingly).

Ordered that committee of the whole on Bill relating to patents, and second reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 5, be deferred.

Ordered that second reading of Bill relating to woman suffrage on liquor questions be struck off the order of the day.

Hon. Receiver General gave notice that on Friday, the 18th instant, he will move the House into committee of the whole on ways and means.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they lie on the table :

On the subject of roads,—

By Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From Rev. F. G. Willey and others, of Hant's Harbour ;

From William Seeley and others, of Old Shop ;

From Thomas Sparks and others, of Sibley's Cove ;

From James George and others, of Heart's Desire ;

From L. Reed and others, of Sibley's Cove ;

From E. Pelley and others, of George's Brook.

By Mr. Thompson,—From Isaac Dean and others, of Burnt Arm ;

By Mr. Rolls,—From Philip Hicks and others, of Western Arm.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Jethro Potter and others, of Flat Rock.

By Mr. Webber,—From W. Balson and others, of Butter Cove.

By Mr. Shea,—From Rev. L. Vereker and others, of Caplin Bay.

Also, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From James Strong and others, of Lance Cove, for a slip.

By Mr. Rolls,—For a bridge, from Patrick Brine and others, of Tilton Harbour ;

From Philip Hicks and others, of Noggan Cove ;

From Philip Hicks and others, of Rocky Bay Brook.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—For a public store, from W. W. King and others, of Broad Cove ; and for a wharf, from W. Parsons and others, of Ochre Pit Cove.

By Mr. Morris,—From James Hawes and others, of Chapel Cove, for a wharf ; and, on the same subject,

By Mr. Whiteley,—From W. Mulcahy and others, of Harbour Grace.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four p.m.

Friday, March 11, 1892.

The Chairman of the Board of Works laid on the table—

(a) Consolidated statement expenditure St. John's extern local and main roads ;

(b) Detailed statement of expenditure on public works ;

(c) Detailed statement of expenditure sundry institutions ;

(d) Detailed statement of expenditure repairs sundry institutions ;

(e) Detailed statement of expenditure on light-houses.

The Financial Secretary laid on the table—

(a) Detailed statement of expenditure ;

(b) Consolidated statement of expenditure.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table—

Report of Postmaster-General, with estimates and accounts ;

Report of Pilots, with accounts ;

Report of the Commissioner of Poor ;

Report of Board of Agriculture ;

Report of Inspector of Police, with estimates, &c. ;

Report of fishery protection, Cape John ;

Report of Lloyd's Surveyor ;

Report of Fisheries Commission ;

Report of Money Order office ;

Return as to shipwrecked crews ;

Report of the Canada Life Assurance Company ;

Report of the Harbour Grace Water Company ;

Report of the Union Bank of Newfoundland ;

Report of the Commercial Bank ;

Report of the Savings Bank ;

Report of the Notre Dame Mining Company ;

Report of Monroe Fibre Company ;

Report of St. John's Gas-light Company ;

Report of the Masonic Hall Company ;

Report of the Terra Nova Bakery ;

Report of the Colonial Cordage Company ;

Report of the *Hercules* Steamship Company ;

Report of the Coastal Steamship Company ;

Report of the St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company ;
Report of the Consolidated Foundry Company ;
Report of the Screw Steam-tug Company ;
Report of the St. John's Electric Lighting Company ;
Report of the Nfld. Steam Sealing and Whaling Company ;
Report of the Nfld. Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company ;
Report of the Floating Dock Company ;
Report of the Townships Timber and Land Company ;
Report of the Carbonear Water Company.

Mr. Thompson, from the select committee on the Bill relating to the seal-fishery, presented the report of the said committee with draft Bill annexed.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Thomson, that the said report and Bill be referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered that committee on Bill relating to patents, and second reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., cap. 5, be deferred.

Ordered that the notice of motion for Bill to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company be struck off the order paper.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Morison, that the Bill relating to woman suffrage on liquor questions stand for second reading on Monday next.

The following notices of question were given for to-morrow :—

By Mr. Morison, to ask the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table the report made by Judge Bennett upon the operation of the Bait Act ;

Also, to ask the Receiver General to lay on the table a statement setting forth (1) the names of all persons who have been fined or otherwise dealt with by the Board of Revenue for offences against the Customs laws during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891 ; (2) the names of the persons who have paid, and of those who have not paid these fines, and (3) if proceedings are to be taken to recover the unpaid fines ;

Also, to ask the Receiver General if the fine of \$400 inflicted on Mr. G. C. Jerrett, of Brigus, by the Board of Revenue for smuggling at Smoky Run, Labrador, has been paid and, if not, what further proceedings have been taken against G. C. Jerrett with regard to the said offence ;

Also, to call the attention of the chairman of the committee on contingencies to the resolution of this House on page 168 of the Journal of last session and to ask (1) if the person or persons who destroyed a portion of the reported debates of this House have been discovered; (2) the name of such person or persons; (3) if the said committee have taken, or propose taking, any further action thereon.

By Mr. Murray, to ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any progress has been made in the negotiations for the purchase and transfer of the Newfoundland Railway Company; and, if so, to state briefly what has been done;

Also, to ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any arrests or commitments have taken place in connection with the mail matter missing at the General Post Office or in process of delivery therefrom, and to state what progress, if any, has been made in the matter.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock p.m.

Monday, March 14, 1892.

It was ordered that the following be deferred:

Committee on Sealing Bill;

Committee on Bill relating to Patents;

2nd reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 5;

Second reading of Woman Suffrage (Liquor) Bill;

The notice of Mr. Morison, given on last day of sitting, referring to destruction of part of the debates of last session.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to define the duties and limit the liabilities of common carriers;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 and the amendments thereof;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Title 23, Chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Lotteries;"

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General by whose or by what authority the common sale of intoxicating liquors is permitted at the station-house at Whitbourne, in the electoral district of Trinity, while the local option prohibitory law is in operation in that district ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General when the consolidation of our statute laws, now in progress, is likely to be completed.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, namely :

On the subject of roads, by Mr. Duff, from
Luke Clark and others, of Carbonear ;
William Butt and others, of Heart's Delight ;
Patrick Doyle and others, of Gaden's Marsh ;
John Kennedy and others, of Carbonear.

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary, from
Rev. C. W. Hollands and others, of West Coast, and from Rev.
W. S. Rafter and others, of Blaketown ;

Also, by Hon. Colonial Secretary, on subject of road-board, from
Jonathan Reed and others, of Chapel Arm ;

And, by Mr. Greene, from E. Fitzpatrick and others, of the Goulds,
for a bridge.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of
the clock, p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 1892.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House went into committee of
the whole on the Bill to amend the law relating to the seal fishery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the mat-
ter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered that said report be received.

On motion that the said report be adopted, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Clift, seconded by Mr. Munn, that the word "tenth" be substituted for the word "twelfth" in the first paragraph of the said Bill.

The said amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment four, namely, Mr. Clift, Mr. Munn, Mr. Duff, and Mr. Carty; and against the amendment eighteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Geran, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Fox, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Morison, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Shea. So it passed in the negative.

The original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

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

Ordered that committee on Bill relating to patents, and second reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 5, be deferred.

It was moved by Mr. Morison, seconded by the Hon. Surveyor General, that the Bill to provide suffrage to women on liquor questions be now read a second time.

And the question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion ten, and against it twelve; so it passed in the negative, and was ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, a Bill to define the duties and limit the liabilities of common carriers was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred:

Notice of Mr. Morison of question relating to the destruction of a part of last session's debates;

Motion for introduction of

Bill to amend the License Act of 1875, and of

Bill relating to lotteries.

Mr. Murphy presented the following petitions, which were ordered to lie on the table:

From Jordan Somerton for compensation;

From Martin Kennedy and others, for roads ;

From Rev. M. J. Clarke and others, for a wharf at Flat Rock.

The Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and declare the law of partnership.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 16, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

On the subject of roads,—

By Mr. Rolls,—From E. C. Hyde and others, of Change Islands ;

From Rev. R. M. Walker and others, of Cape Cove ;

From Wm. Simms and others, of Fogo.

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From G. Read and others, of Russell's Cove ;

By Mr. Webber,—From Joseph Guy and others, of Catalina.

By Mr. Shea,—From Peter Power and others, of Bay Bulls.

By the Hon. Surveyor General,—From John Colford and others, of Redlands ;

From John Power and others, of Low Point.

By Mr. Greene,—From M. Bryne and others, of Cape Broyle.

By Mr. Duff,—From Joshua Hiscock and others, of Victoria Village ; also, for call of mail steamer,

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From Revd. W. Patterson and others, of Gooseberry Island ;

From Rev. G. Battcock and others, of Cottell's Island ;

From John Lean and others, of Burnt Island : and

From Rev. S. J. Andrews and others, of Western Cove, for a ferry.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to the seal-fishery was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be

entitled "An Act to regulate the prosecution of the seal-fishery," and be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Ordered that committee on Bill relating to patents be deferred; that Bill to amend 53 Vic., cap. 5, be deferred and stand for second reading to-morrow; that second reading of Carriers' Liabilities Bill be deferred until to-morrow, and that notice of such Bill relating to Carriers be given with copy of the Bill to the Newfoundland Railway Company.

Ordered that notices of motion for leave to introduce Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 and the Acts in amendment thereof be deferred, and that similar notice as to Bill relating to lotteries be deferred.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon. the Premier, and pursuant to order, a Bill to amend and declare the law of partnership was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the protection of persons employed in factories, foundries, bakeries, and other like buildings.

Mr. Clift gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend 51 Vic., cap. 25, entitled "The Life Insurance Companies' Act of 1888."

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Friday next at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, March 18, 1892.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock in the afternoon of this eighteenth day of March, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. Receiver General, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Tait, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Webber, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Shea, Mr. Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until Monday next, the 21st instant, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, March 21, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

On the subject of roads, by the Hon the Premier :
 From Nicholas Ryan and others, of Spillar's Cove ;
 Joseph Strickland and others, of Hant's Harbour ;
 Ambrose Harris and others, of Russell's Cove ;
 Robert Barrett and others, of Heart's Content ;
 William White and others, of Bird Island Cove.

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From Jeremiah Ryan and others, of Birchy Cove ;

From Rev. W. Weaver and others, of New Bonaventure ;
 From Samuel Pincet and others, of Dildo.

By Mr. Clift,—From P. Mahoney and others, of Sandy Head.

By Mr. Morison,—From N. Chafe and others, of Amherst Cove.

Also, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From J. Barnes and others, of Torquay, for a launchway ;

And from Rev. P. W. Browne and others, of Pinware, Labrador, for a ferry.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in reply to question of Mr. Morison, laid on the table copy of correspondence relative to diphtheria at Greenspond.

Ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred until Friday next, then to stand first on the order of the day, and that following be deferred :

Committee on Bill relating to patents ;
 2nd reading of Bill to amend 53 Vic., cap. 5 ;
 2nd reading of Carriers' Liabilities Bill ;
 2nd reading of Partnership Bill.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Murray, the following Bills were read a first time :

Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 and the amendments thereof ;

Bill to amend title 23 of Consolidated Statutes, chapter 86, entitled " Of Lotteries."

Ordered that said Bills stand for second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, pursuant to notice, a Bill to provide for the protection of persons employed in factories was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Clift, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend the Life Insurance Companies' Act of 1888 was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. F. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1889 and the amendments thereof.

Mr. Clift gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor on the petition of Abram Bussey and others, of Port-de-Grave.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, March 22, 1892.

The following petitions on the subject of roads were presented by Mr. Murphy, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

- From Patrick Thorne, of Torbay ;
- From Patrick Larkin, of Torbay ;
- From James Malone, of Torbay ;
- From James Thorne, of Torbay ;
- From John Moran, of Pouch Cove ;
- From Thomas Moran, of Pouch Cove ;
- From William Evans, of Pouch Cove ;
- From James Evans, of Pouch Cove ;
- From Thomas Keefe, of Pouch Cove.

On motion of Mr. Clift, and pursuant to order, a Bill to amend the Life Insurance Companies' Act of 1888 was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House to-morrow.

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Rothwell, that the Bill to define and limit the duties and liabilities of common carriers be now read a second time, and, before question put, the said Bill was (with the assent of the House) withdrawn, and it was ordered accordingly.

Ordered that notice for address on petition of Abram Bussey and others, of Port-de-Grave, be discharged.

Ordered that the several other matters on the order paper be deferred.

The Hon. Mr. Morris presented a petition from Alexander J. Harvey, of St. John's, baker, praying that the House will be pleased to pass an Act to incorporate him with the Honourable A. M. Mackay, of St. John's, John Starr, of Halifax, and other persons, under the name of "The St. John's Electric Tramway Company," with powers to construct, equip, and operate a line of electric tramway upon the streets of the city of St. John's, and for furnishing electric power and light for use upon the Company's works or cars in connection with the said electric tramway.

Ordered that said petition lie on the table.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a select committee to consider and report as to the said petition of Alexander J. Harvey.

Mr. Murray gave notice, referring to the over-expenditure of \$24,400 for poor relief the past year, as per Financial Secretary's printed statement, that he will ask that official to lay on the table of the House a comparative statement shewing the relative amount of this over-expenditure of, for, or pertaining to each electoral district respectively ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. Receiver General what amount has been received by him in 1891, account broom department, Penitentiary ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. Receiver General what amounts have been received for insurance *re* the late Poor House fire, and particulars thereof ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. Receiver General what sum has been collected for arrears of rent due by the Simpson Dry Dock the past year, and what amount has been collected of the current year's rent ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to suspend, repeal, or operate the Bait Act during the current season ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier on what service the steamer *Fiona*, now being fitted out, is to be engaged ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to continue the expenditure on the Dildo fish hatchery and service during the current year.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present session to amend the Acts relating to the St. John's Municipal Council ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary (1) to lay on the table all correspondence relating to the proposed industrial exhibition, (2) whether the Government have expended or authorized the expenditure of any sum beyond the \$2,000 voted at last session, (3) if so, to what amount, (4) whether the Government have authorized the erection of a permanent building for said exhibition, and (5) what will be the probable total cost of the exhibition ;

Also, that he will ask the chairman of the contingencies committee to lay on the table a report of the committee's proceedings for this session, and of the arrangements made by them for the reporting and printing of the proceedings of this House.

Mr. Whiteley gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole to consider certain rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission and contained in the report laid on the table of the House.

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

Resolved,—That this House views with surprise and deep regret “ the fact, as admitted by him in his annual statement just laid on the “ table of this House, that the Financial Secretary of this Colony has “ allowed an over expenditure on current account of \$99,329.79, not- “ withstanding the very liberal grants made by this House to defray the “ expenses of government for the past year, and that, as this is the third “ time this over-expenditure has taken place in the history of this Legis- “ lature, we desire to express our dissatisfaction therewith.”

Mr. Shea gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table a detailed statement of the sums paid by the Poor Commissioner for medical aid for the past year, and to whom paid.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 23, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and ordered to be laid on the table :

By Mr. Clift,—From John Dawe and others, of Cupids, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. F. Morris,—From Revd. R. H. Taylor and others, of Turk's Gut, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. F. Morris,—From Patrick Buckmaster, praying for compensation for loss caused by increase of duties under revenue law.

Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a select committee to consider and report upon the said petition of Patrick Buckmaster.

It was ordered that the following be deferred :

Notice of Mr. Whiteley for committee of the whole to consider fishery rules ;

Committee on Bill relating to patents ;

Second reading of Bill for the protection of persons employed in factories ;

Motion of Mr. Murray for resolution as notified by him yesterday.

Ordered that motion of Mr. Whiteley for committee of the whole on fishery rules stand first on the order of the day to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend the Life Insurance Companies Act, 1888.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with an amendment.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

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

On motion of Mr. Morison, and with the assent of the House, the Bill to amend 53 Vic., cap. 5, was withdrawn.

The Bill entitled " An Act to declare and amend the law of part-

nership" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Bill entitled "An Act to amend the License Act of 1875 and the Acts in amendment thereof" was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Murray it was ordered that the same be referred to a select committee.

Ordered that the following be the select committee on the said Bill: Mr. Murray, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hallaren, Hon. E. P. Morris, Mr. Carty, Mr. Clift, and Mr. Munn.

The Bill entitled "An Act to amend title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of lotteries" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be referred to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. F. Morris, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1889 and the amendments thereof was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Rothwell, chairman of the select committee on contingencies, laid on the table of the House the report of the said committee, which is as follows:

"The select committee appointed on the printing, reporting, and contingencies of the House of Assembly beg to report that they have considered the matters to them referred and recommend the following:

That Mr. J. J. Flannery be appointed supervisor of debates at the same rate as last session;

That the following gentlemen, namely, Messrs. Gleeson, Knight, Devine, Emerson, Dyer, and Berteau be appointed reporters at the same rates as last session;

That the debates be published by the proprietors of the *Evening Telegram* and copied by the *Colonist*, *Harbour Grace Standard*, *Trinity Record*, and *Twillingate Sun* newspapers at the same rates and under the same conditions as last session;

That the printing of the Journal and Sessional Papers of this House and the miscellaneous printing of the same be done by the proprietors of the *Evening Telegram*, and that they be paid for the same at the rate of seven dollars per sheet for tabular work and five dollars for plain;

“ That the binding of the Journal and Sessional Papers of this House (in one volume) be done by Messrs. Dicks & Co., and that they be paid for the same at the rate of three dollars per volume ;

That Robert Walsh be appointed the fireman of this House during the illness of James Higgins ;

That George Jackman be the inner doorkeeper of this House in the room of Robert Walsh ;

That Ford Winsor be a messenger of this House in the room of George Jackman.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. ROTHWELL, *Chairman*,
D. C. WEBBER,
ELI DAWE,
WILLIAM DUFF,
JAMES MURRAY.”

Ordered that the said report be received.

On motion of Hon. E. P. Morris, it was ordered that the following be a select committee to consider and report upon the petition of Alexander J. Harvey on the subject of the incorporation of himself and others as “ The St. John’s Electric Tramway Company,” namely, Hon. E. P. Morris, Mr. Morison, Mr. Greene, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. Woodford, and the Hon. the Premier.

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of this House a copy of the lease of dry dock to the Messrs. Simpson ;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of this House copy of minutes of all meetings of the commission appointed to consolidate the laws of this colony.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

On the subject of roads,—

By Mr. Whiteley,—From John Ford and others, of Gullies.

By Mr. Dawe,—From James Jones and others, of Harbour Grace.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From A. Murray and others, of Pouch Cove ;

From Edward Constant and others, of Pouch Cove ;

From William Evans and others, of Pouch Cove.

By Mr. Rothwell,—From Rev. W. Swann and others, of Kelly Cove.

By Mr. Clift,—From Rev. E. F. Walsh and others, of Brigus.

By Mr. Burgess,—From Rev. J. Lumsden and others, of Little Bay Mine.

By Mr. Morison,—From P. Levesconte and others, of King's Cove.

By Mr. Morison, on the subject of ferries, from S. Osmond and others, of Gambo.

By Mr. Burgess, on the same subject, from Rev. W. Rex and others, of Ward's Harbor.

By Mr. Rothwell,—From John Coady and others, of Lamaline, for a breakwater.

By Mr. Rothwell,—From Rev. J. Whelan and others, of Roundabout, for a bridge.

By Mr. Whiteley,—From M. Doran and others, of Hard Path, for a plough.

By Mr. Shea,—From Rev. L. Vereker and others, of Ferryland, for a wharf.

By Mr. Dawe,—From Thomas Batcock and others, of French's Cove, for a wharf.

By Mr. Rothwell,—From W. Gilfoy and others, of Little Bay, for a slip.

By Mr. Morison,—From S. Brown and others, of Salvage, on the subject of wood-cutting.

Pursuant to order, the Bill relating to Life Insurance Companies was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to repeal the Life Insurance Companies' Act of 1888," and that the same be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence therein as amended.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Whiteley, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider certain rules

and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission and contained in the report laid on the table of this House.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Woodford took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had adopted the following resolution :

*“Resolved,—*That it is the opinion of this committee that a select committee be appointed to whom the rules now before the House be referred for consideration and report.”

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

Ordered that the following be the select committee to consider and report of such rules :

Hon. Premier, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Munn, Mr. Dawe, and Mr. Shea.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Whiteley, it was ordered that the number of said select committee be eleven.

Ordered that the following be added to the said select committee : Hon. Receiver General, Mr. Duff, Mr. Peyton and Mr. Rolls.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Partnership Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to lotteries.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow as amended.

Ordered that the following be deferred :

Committee on Bill relating to patents ;

Second reading of Bill to amend Agricultural Act, 1889 ;

Second reading of Bill to protect factory employees.

By the leave of the House, and on motion of Mr. Murray, his motion for resolution expressing dissatisfaction that the Financial Secretary has allowed an over-expenditure as stated in Mr. Murray's notice of motion given on twenty-second instant, was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. F. Morris, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the following be a select committee on petition of Patrick Buckmaster praying for compensation for loss through increase of duties :

Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Shea, Mr. Webber, Mr. Greene, Mr. Morison, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Clift.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock, p.m.

Monday, March 28, 1892.

Mr. Clift presented a petition from Henry C. Dawe and others, of North River, on the subject of roads.

Ordered that said petition be laid on the table.

Ordered that motion for committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred until Friday next, then to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Partnership Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to declare and amend the Law of Partnership," and be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Third reading of Bill relating to lotteries standing next on the order of the day, the same was called ; but the third reading not being moved, it was ordered that the same be struck off the order of the day until after due notice given of motion for such third reading.

The remainder of the order of the day was deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock, p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid upon the table :

On the subject of roads,—

By Mr. Rolls,—From Richard Bursey and others, of Gander Bay ;
From Henry Penney and others, of Seldom-Come-By ;
From Timothy Collins and others, of same place.

By Mr. Whiteley,—From Archibald Sheppard and others, of Harbor Grace.

By Mr. Woodford,—From Rev. E. Colley and others, of Indian Pond.

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From James Rowe and others, of Whale's Brook.

By Mr. Munn,—From John Callahan and others, of Harbor Grace.

By Mr. Clift,—From Margaret Kavanagh and others, of North River ; also

By Mr. Woodford,—From John Sullivan and others, of Harbor Main, for a landing-place.

By Mr. Whiteley,—From John Coady of Harbor Grace, for increase of salary.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Edward Walsh and others, of Baccalieu, for a landing-place.

By Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From James Lynch and others, of Tickle Harbor, for a ferry.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that an order of the House do issue to the Clerk of the House directing him to lay upon the table of the House, at its opening on Thursday next, the original journals of the House for the session of 1891, as corrected and approved from day to day, and also the original resolutions in committee of the whole upon ways and means, as reported to the House and adopted on the 24th day of April, 1891 ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will move that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor asking that he will be pleased to order that on Thursday next at the opening of the House the Colonial Secretary lay upon the table of this House the original parchment copy of "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies " as it passed this House and the Legislative Council, and as it received His Excellency's assent ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will move that an order of the House do issue to the Queen's Printer, and to the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Engrossing Clerk of the House to attend at the bar of the House on Thursday for the purpose of being examined on oath touching an erasure in an Act entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies " ;

Also that, on Thursday next, he will move that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that he will be pleased to order that there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence by telegraph or otherwise between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and His Excellency in reference to His Excellency's assent to an Act passed by the Legislature of this Colony in the session of 1891, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies."

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to patents.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that said committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that the second reading of Bill for protection of factory employees be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, and on motion of Mr. F. Morris, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., cap. 8, and the Act in amendment thereof" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Mr. Murray gave notice that on to-morrow he will move the third reading of the amended Lotteries Bill ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill relating to common carriers.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 30, 1892.

Mr. Murray presented a petition from William Herridge and others, of Burgeo and LaPoile, on the subject of the game laws.

Ordered that the said petition be laid on the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend the Agricultural Acts.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received.

On motion that the said report be adopted, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morison, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the following stand as section 4 of the said Bill, "Section 2 of the Act 54 Victoria, Cap. 18, is hereby repealed."

The said amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment six, and against it fifteen ; so it passed in the negative.

The motion being put, the same passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

Ordered that said bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered that committee on Bill relating to patents be deferred.

Ordered that second reading of Bill for protection of factory employees be deferred until Tuesday next.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that an order of the House do issue to the Clerk of the House, directing him to lay upon the table of the House at its opening on Thursday next the original journals of the House for the session of 1891 as corrected and approved from day to day, and also the original resolutions in committee of the whole upon ways and means as reported to the House and adopted on the 24th day of April, 1891.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion five, namely, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. Munn, Mr. Carty, Mr. Fearn; and against it thirteen, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Clift, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Hallaren; so it passed in the negative.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, asking that he will be pleased to order that on Thursday next, at the opening of the House, the Colonial Secretary lay upon the table of this House the original parchment copy of "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies," as it passed this House and the Legislative Council, and as it received His Excellency's assent.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion seven, namely, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. Munn, Mr. Carty, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Fearn, and Mr. Murray; and against the motion sixteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, the Financial Secretary, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Geran, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Clift, Mr. Hallaren, and Mr. Fox; so it passed in the negative.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that an order of this House do issue to the Queen's Printer, the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Engrossing Clerk of the House to attend at the bar of the House on Thursday for the purpose of being examined on oath touching an erasure in "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies."

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion six, namely, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. Carty, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Munn, and Mr. Fearn; and against it twenty, namely: Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Geran, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Clift, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Murray; so it passed in the negative.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Murray moved that the Bill relating to lotteries be now read a third time.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the said Bill be read this day six months.

It was moved in amendment by the Hon. Surveyor General, seconded by Mr. Webber, that the said Bill be now re-committed to committee of the whole House.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Morine being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the said amendment eight, against it fifteen; so it passed in the negative.

The ruling of the Speaker being asked whether the said Bill relating to lotteries should not have originated in a committee of the whole House, Mr. Speaker ruled that the said Bill should have so originated, and that the same cannot now proceed further.

It was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the House do now adjourn.

The question being put, it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend and declare the law relating to carriers was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

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

Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of this House the annual report of the St. John's Municipal Council for the past year.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of this House particulars of the following expenditure *re* railway construction inspection to Hall's Bay, paid Government Engineer \$490.13

350.00	
—————	\$840.13

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of this House detailed statement of expenditure of \$9,000 paid the Fisheries Commission in 1891, also detailed statement of expenditure of \$3,350.56 paid for herring fishery investigation in 1891.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a detailed statement of the amount expended to date of the vote of \$2,000 for industrial exhibition.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole on certain resolutions with respect to lotteries.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, March 31, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, on the subject of roads :

By Mr. Woodford,—From Patrick Wall and others, of Chapel Cove.

By Mr. Rolls,—From Jonathan Abbott and others, of Musgrave Harbor.

By Mr. Greene,—From William M. Williams and others, of Bay Bulls.

By Mr. Murphy,—The following, namely :

From James Moran, of Pouch Cove ;

From Martin Burke, of same place ;

From Philip Field, of Torbay ;

From Charles Tapper, of same place ;
From James Wheeler, of same place ;
From Peter Martin and others, of same place ;
From Matthew Quigley and others, of same place ;
From Peter Cullen and others, of same place ;
From Patrick Larkin and others, of same place ;
From Thomas Quigley and others, of same place ;
From Martin Ryan and others, of same place ;
From Brian Quigley and others, of same place ;
From James Quigley and others, of same place ;
From John Quigley and others, of same place ;
From William Cullen and others, of same place.
Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table, in reply to question of Mr. Morison,

Return of fines and forfeitures for 1889, 1890, and 1891.

He also laid upon the table

Letter from the Chairman of the St. John's Municipal Council (Mr. Power) to him, dated January 23, 1892 ;

Statement of expenditure and revenue of the said Council for year ending 31st December, 1891 ;

Balance sheet of said Council as at December 31, 1891, with five sheets of remarks thereon ;

Statement of application of Government debt ;

Comparative statement shewing actual and estimated expenditure on principal services to December 31, 1891 ;

Report of City Engineer for year ending December 31, 1891 ;

Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade, dated Jan. 14, 1892 ;

Detailed accounts of said Council (90 sheets).

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to agriculture was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture,' and the Act in amendment thereof."

Ordered that the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence therein.

Ordered that committee of the whole on Bill relating to patents be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, it was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Fearn, that the Bill relating to carriers be now read a second time.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the second reading twelve, namely, Mr. Murray, Mr. Fearn, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Webber, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Hallaren, and Mr. Woodford; and against it six, namely, Mr. Clift, Mr. Greene, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Morine, Mr. Munn, and Mr. Shea.

So it passed in the affirmative, and was ordered accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

In consequence of a reply made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Morine asked leave to withdraw his notice of motion for an address to His Excellency the Governor asking that His Excellency will be pleased to order that there be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence, by telegraph or otherwise, between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and His Excellency in reference to His Excellency's assent to an Act passed by the Legislature of the colony in the session of 1891, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies."

Ordered that leave be granted accordingly.

Ordered that motion of Mr. Murray for committee of the whole on certain resolutions with respect to lotteries be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, April 1, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

By Mr. Greene,—From Michael Joyce and others, of the Goulds, on the subject of roads.

By Hon. Mr. Morris,—From Samuel Ruby and others, of the same place, on the same subject.

By Mr. Thompson,—From David Barrett and others, of Beaver Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. Webber,—From William Fowlow, and others, of Pease Cove, for a wharf.

By Mr. Burgess,—From R. M. Hamilton, of Fortune Harbor, for increase of salary.

By Mr. Woodford,—From Rev. W. Veitch and others, of Colliers, for a wharf.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, in reply to question of Mr. Morison, laid upon the table,—

Account of Mr. Nielsen with the Fisheries Commission, February 1, 1891, to December 31, 1891, with vouchers ;

Account of the Fisheries Commission for 1891, with vouchers.

The Hon. the Receiver General laid upon the table of the House the following documents :

Account Bank Fishermen's Insurance Fund for 1891 ;

Return of vessels fitted out for the Bank fishery, their crews, tonnage, and catch, 1891 ;

Return of ships built, bounty paid, and to whom, 1891 ;

Consolidated account current of receipts and payments, 1891 ;

Consolidated account of goods imported, 1891 ;

List of vessels surveyed by Lloyd's Surveyor, and account, 25th July to December 31, 1891 ;

Return of parcel post duties for 1891 ;

Abstract of shipping, 1891 ;

Receiver General's Financial Statement for 1892 ;

Treasury account current, 1891 ;

Detailed statement of Magistrates' salaries, &c., for 1892 ;

Aggregate amount of public debt, December 31, 1891 ;

Statement of balances in Treasury Department, Dec. 31, 1891 ;

Estimate of light-house expenditure for 1892.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by the Hon. Receiver General that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. Speaker having put the question "that I do now leave the chair," it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next, and that the same stand first on the order of the day.

And it being half-past six of the clock, Mr. Speaker left the chair until half-past seven p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair at half-past seven.

Notice being taken that twelve members were not present, Mr. Speaker ordered that members within the precincts of the House be summoned by the servants of the House to attend, and, twelve members not being present within five minutes of notice taken as aforesaid, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until four of the clock in the afternoon of Monday next.

The members present on said adjournment were: Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Geran, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Shea.

Monday, April 4, 1892.

The Hon. the Premier presented a petition from Robert J. Kent, on behalf of the Newfoundland Railway Company, on the subject of the Carriers Bill now before the House.

Hon. E. P. Morris presented a petition from G. L. Walsh and others, of the St. John's Typographical Union.

The Financial Secretary presented petitions from S. S. Fiander

and others, of Coomb's Cove, for a breakwater, and from J. Thornhill and others, of Little Bay, for roads.

Mr. F. Morris presented a petition from Rev. E. Colley and others, of Topsail, for roads.

Mr. Murphy presented the following petitions, all on the subject of roads :

- From P. Hickey and others, of Outer Cove ;
- From James Martin and others, of Bauline line ;
- Five petitions from inhabitants of Pouch Cove ;
- Seventeen petitions from inhabitants of Torbay.

Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to patents.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had adopted a resolution that the same be referred to a select committee.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

On the question being put by Mr. Speaker " that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to carriers,"

It was moved in amendment by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the question be amended by leaving out all the words after " that " in order to add the words " this House will on this day six months resolve itself into the said committee."

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment nine, namely, Hon. the Premier, Mr. Morine, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Mr. Clift, Mr. Greene, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Morison, and Mr. Shea ; and against it eight, namely, Mr. Murray, Mr. Fearn, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Woodford, and Mr. Fox ; so it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Murray, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on certain resolutions relating to lotteries.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table a statement of the expenditure of the Exhibition Commission ;

Also, copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Governor-General of Canada as to tax on Canadian vessels getting bait in 1890 (twelve documents) ; also,

Copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Governor-General of Canada as to withholding licenses from Canadian fishermen in 1891 (nine documents) ; also

Copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Secretary of State for the Colonies as to the said withholding of licenses (thirty documents) ; also,

Copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Governor-General of Canada as to imposition of extra duties on Canadian goods under section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891 (five documents) ; also,

Copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the imposition of extra duties on Canadian goods under section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891 (five documents).

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General if his attention has been drawn to the fact that chapter 17 of the Acts enacted last session is a violation of section 4 of chapter 27 of the Acts of the same session, and what, if any, action the Government will take in the matter.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General (1) if one Coleridge and another were convicted at Catalina during the past winter for breach of the license or temperance Act ; (2) the amounts of the fines imposed, if any ; (3) by whom the convictions were made ; (4) if said fines have been reduced or remitted, and if so, by whose authority ; (5) if any part of the said fines has been collected ; (6) if said fines have not been collected, whether it is the intention of the Hon. Attorney General to give instructions for the collection of the said fines without undue delay ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Sec-

retary if any petition has been received by His Excellency the Governor in Council from any persons residing at Catalina, praying for the repeal of the Local Option Act now in operation at that place, or for a new poll under said Act ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of this House a copy of the instructions issued to the officials connected with the Bait Protection service with respect to the operation of the said Act during the current session.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, when the House is next moved into committee on ways and means, he will move the following amendments to the motion that " the Speaker do now leave the chair " :—

Whereas,—The fish and fish products of this Colony are subject to duty upon entering the United States of America ; and

Whereas,—While frozen herring taken from this Colony into the United States by vessels belonging in that country are admitted free of duty, frozen herring taken into the United States by vessels belonging in this country are subject to a duty, by which discrimination the profitable prosecution of the trade by the latter class of vessels is made impossible ; and

Whereas,—During the fishing season of 1891 American fishing vessels were permitted to obtain full supplies of bait, ice, &c., in this Colony without paying license, tonnage, or any other fees or dues whatever ; and

Whereas,—The power of imposing an export duty upon frozen herring exported in foreign vessels, confided to the Governor in Council by an Act passed during the last session of the General Assembly, has not been exercised up to this time—

Be it resolved,—(1) That it is expedient to impose a tonnage due or license fee upon all vessels belonging in the United States which obtain bait, ice, &c., in the ports of this Colony during the present year, and (2) That it is also expedient to impose a duty upon all frozen herring exported from the Colony in vessels belonging to citizens of the United States equivalent to the import duty charged in the United States upon frozen herring when imported there in Newfoundland vessels ; and

Be it resolved,—That it is expedient to apply the moneys received from such export duty in the following manner : first, to the repayment to the shipper of frozen herring in Newfoundland vessels of the amount

of duty paid by them upon such herring when taken into the United States; and, second, to the encouragement of the herring trade in those sections of the Colony in which United States vessels usually procure their voyages."

Mr. Morine also gave notice that, when the House is next moved into committee of the whole on ways and means, he will move the following amendment to the motion "that the Speaker do now leave the chair":—

Whereas,—At the time when the Bait Act, so-called, was assented to by Her Majesty, a pledge was given by the Government of this Colony that the provisions of that Act should never be enforced so as to prevent Canadian fishermen from obtaining a full supply of bait in this Colony; and

Whereas,—It was never the intention of the Legislature of this Colony to prohibit a supply of bait to the fishermen of any country giving free entry to fish exported from this Colony, and competing fairly with us in foreign markets; and

Whereas,—The business of supplying bait, ice, and other fishery outfits to the fishing vessels of Canada has in the past been a lucrative one; and

Whereas,—The privilege of entering fish and fish-products of this Colony into Canada free of duty has in the past years given a ready and valuable outlet for surplus produce, the retention of which in this Colony, even for a short time, would have materially decreased the price of every quintal of codfish sold here, to the great disadvantage of the fishermen; and

Whereas,—The privilege of importing the products of Canada upon an equality as to the amount of duty with similar products from other countries has led to a vast and constantly increasing trade between this Colony and Canada, and has been especially advantageous to those fishermen who have resorted to Canada for the purpose of selling their fish and buying supplies; and

Whereas,—The trade between Canada and the west and southern coasts of this Colony has in consequence of steam and other communication assumed great importance, and is especially advantageous to the districts of St. Barbe, St. George's Bay, Burgeo and LaPoile, Fortune Bay, Burin, and Placentia and St. Mary's; and

Whereas,—By prohibiting Canadian fishermen from obtaining

bait in this Colony last year, the Government of this Colony broke a pledge binding upon the honor of this Colony, adopted and enforced a policy of violence never sanctioned by the Legislature, and destroyed a trade in bait, ice, &c., of great importance to the people ; and

Whereas,—The enforcement of that prohibition led in the autumn of last year to the imposition by Canada of a duty upon the fish and fish products of this Colony entering Canadian ports ; and

Whereas,—The imposition of that duty by Canada led to imposition by this Colony of a duty almost prohibitory upon certain products of Canada when entering this Colony ; and

Whereas,—By the imposition of these duties great harm has been done to the people of this Colony, the cost of many necessaries of life being increased, and the natural course of trade being impeded ; and

Whereas,—A continuance of the policy of retaliation may lead to a withdrawal of the privilege of bonding fish passing through Canada to foreign ports, wholly destroying a valuable trade ; and

Whereas,—Very many fishermen yearly resorting to the waters of Canadian Labrador may be prevented from fishing therein by hampering regulations adopted as a part of the policy now being pursued ;

Therefore resolved,—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that efforts should at once be made to bring about a return to the status of 1889, whereby Canadian fishermen may obtain bait and other supplies in this Colony under suitable regulations and safeguards free of license fees ; our fish and fish products may be admitted into Canada free of duty ; and Canadian products may be admitted into this Colony upon an equality with those of other countries."

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 5, 1892.

A message was received by the House from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the prosecution of the seal-fishery," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of this House.

The said amendments were then read a first and a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, it was moved by the Hon. Receiver General that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole on ways and means.

The question being put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Rolls, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to add the words :

Whereas,—The fish and fish products of this Colony are subject to duty upon entering the United States of America ; and

Whereas,—While frozen herring taken from this Colony into the United States by vessels owned in that country are admitted free of duty, frozen herring taken into the United States by vessels owned in this country are subject to a duty, by which discrimination the profitable prosecution of the trade by the latter class of vessels is made impossible ; and

Whereas,—During the fishing season of 1891 American fishing vessels were permitted to obtain full supplies of bait, ice, &c., in this Colony without paying license, tonnage, or other fees or dues whatever ; and

Whereas,—The power of imposing an export duty upon frozen herring exported in foreign vessels, confided to the Governor in Council by an Act passed during the last session of the General Assembly, has not been exercised up to this time—

Be it resolved,—(1) That it is expedient to impose a tonnage due or license fee upon all vessels owned in the United States which obtain bait, ice, &c., in the ports of this Colony, until the United States permits the fish and fish products of this Colony to be entered free of duty ; and (2) That it is also expedient to impose a duty upon all frozen herring exported from the Colony in vessels belonging to citizens of the United States equivalent to the import duty charged in the United States upon frozen herring when imported there in Newfoundland vessels ; and

Be it further resolved,—(1) That it is expedient to apply the moneys received from such tonnage dues or license fees in the following manner : first, one-half towards the enforcement of the Bait Act ;

second, the other half towards the encouragement of the herring fishery in those sections of the Colony injuriously affected by the enforcement of the Bait Act ; and (2) That it is expedient to apply the moneys received from such export duty in the following manner : first, to the repayment to the shippers of frozen herring in Newfoundland vessels of the amount of duty paid by them upon such herring when taken into the United States ; and, second, to the encouragement of the herring trade in the sections of the Colony referred to above."

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment seven, namely, Mr. Morine, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Greene, Mr. Carty, Mr. Morison, Mr. Fearn, and Mr. Shea ; and against it twenty-one, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, White, Whiteley, Dawe, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Fox, and Murray ; so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Speaker being about to put the original question " that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, and seconded by Mr. Morison (with the unanimous consent of the House), that the words of the question after the word " that " be left out in order to add the words following, namely :

Whereas,—At the time when the Bait Act, so-called, was assented to by Her Majesty, a pledge was given by the Government of this Colony that the provisions of that Act should never be enforced so as to prevent Canadian fishermen from obtaining a full supply of bait in this Colony ; and

Whereas,—It was never the intention of the Legislature of this Colony to prohibit a supply of bait to the fishermen of any country giving free entry to fish exported from this Colony, and competing fairly with us in foreign markets ; and

Whereas,—The business of supplying bait, ice, and other fishery outfits to the fishing vessels of Canada has in the past been a lucrative one ; and

Whereas,—The privilege of entering fish and fish-products of this Colony into Canada free of duty has in the past years given a ready and valuable outlet for surplus produce, the retention of which in this Colony, even for a short time, would have materially decreased the price

of every quintal of codfish sold here, to the great disadvantage of the fishermen ; and

Whereas,—The privilege of importing the products of Canada upon an equality as to the amount of duty with similar products from other countries has led to a vast and constantly increasing trade between this Colony and Canada, and has been especially advantageous to those fishermen who have resorted to Canada for the purpose of selling their fish and buying supplies ; and

Whereas,—The trade between Canada and the west and southern coasts of this Colony has in consequence of steam and other communication assumed great importance, and is especially advantageous to the districts of St. Barbe, St. George's Bay, Burgeo and LaPoile, Fortune Bay, Burin, and Placentia and St. Mary's ; and

Whereas,—By prohibiting Canadian fishermen from obtaining bait in this colony last year, the Government of this colony broke a pledge binding upon the honor of this colony, adopted and enforced a policy of violence never sanctioned by the Legislature, and destroyed a trade in bait, ice, &c., of great importance to the people ; and

Whereas,—The enforcement of that prohibition led in the autumn of last year to the imposition by Canada of a duty upon the fish and fish products of this colony entering Canadian ports ; and

Whereas,—The imposition of that duty by Canada led to imposition by this colony of a duty almost prohibitory upon certain products of Canada when entering this colony ; and

Whereas,—By the imposition of these duties great harm has been done to the people of this colony, the cost of many necessaries of life being increased and the natural course of trade being impeded ; and

Whereas,—A continuance of the policy of retaliation may lead to a withdrawal of the privilege of bonding fish passing through Canada to foreign ports, wholly destroying a valuable trade ; and

Whereas,—Very many fishermen yearly resorting to the waters of Canadian Labrador may be prevented from fishing therein by hampering regulations adopted as a part of the policy now being pursued ;

Therefore resolved,—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that efforts should at once be made to bring about a return to the status of 1889, whereby Canadian fishermen may obtain bait and

other supplies in this colony under suitable regulations and safeguards free of license fees ; our fish and fish products may be admitted into Canada free of duty ; and Canadian products may be admitted into this colony upon an equality with those of other countries."

And, the said amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment seven, namely, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. Greene, Mr. Carty, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Fearn, and Mr. Shea ; and against it seventeen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Fox, and Dr. Tait ; so it passed in the negative.

The original question, " that I do now leave the chair," having been put, it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

And it being after the hour of twelve, midnight,

Wednesday, April 6, 1892.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received and that the committee have leave to sit again on Friday next, and that same stand first on the order of the day.

Hon. Receiver General gave notice that, on Thursday next, the seventh instant, he will move that a supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to provide protection to factory employees be deferred.

Mr. Morine gave notice that he will ask the Hon. Attorney General if his attention has been drawn to the fact that chapter 17 of the Acts enacted in the session of 1890 is a violation of section 4 of chapter 27 of the Acts of the British Parliament of 1890, and what, if any, action the Government will take in the matter.

The Hon. Receiver General laid on the table of the House estimate for defraying part of the public expenditure of the colony for the year 1892.

Mr. Carty gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may be pleased to cause to be laid on the table of the House a copy of the report of Sir Robert Pinsent on the losses sustained by certain inhabitants of Bay St. George by reason of the interference of French and British naval officers, together with the evidence taken before him, and all correspondence relating thereto.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of this sixth day of April.

Wednesday, April 6, 1892.

The Hon. the Premier laid on the table of the House—

Report of Superintendent of Penitentiary ;

Circular dated Downing Street, 20th September, 1890.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table report of Judge Pinsent on Bay St. George fishery claims ; and

Copy of instructions as to carrying out Bait Act.

The Financial Secretary laid on the table return of payments to doctors attending poor in 1891.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, viz. :—

By Mr. Greene,—From R. G. Randall, for compensation.

By Hon. the Premier,—From Rev. H. C. H. Johnson and others, of New Perlican, for sinking of public wells ;

From James Roil and others, of St. John's, for compensation ;

From Rev. P. W. Browne and others, of Tickle Cove, for a ferry ;

From William Head and others, of Lance Cove, for a launchway ;

From John Silver and others, of Bonne Bay, for recognition of G. F. Preble as a medical practitioner.

By the Hon. Surveyor General,—From Wm. Milley and others, of Burnt Point, for a landing place.

Also, on the subject of roads,—By the Hon. the Premier :

From Rev. H. C. H. Johnson and others, of New Perlican ;

From Reuben Belbin and others, of Seal Cove ;

From Rev. J. G. Cragg and others, of Catalina ;
From Martin Belbin and others, of Seal Cove ;
From Enos Harris and others, of same place ;
From Solomon Hutchings and others, of Bay Bulls Arm.

By Mr. Carty,—From Rev. A. Currie and others, of West Coast ;
From George Sheppard and others, of same place.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Peter Doyle and others, of Gull Island.

By Hon. E. P. Morris,—From Jacob King and others, of Broad Cove ;
From Thomas Stack and others, of Petty Harbor.

By Mr. Murphy ; nine petitions,—From Robert Bradbury and others, Patrick Downs and others, Philip Yeo and others, P. McGrath and others, John Yeo and others, James Fitzpatrick and others, Robert Bradbury and others, George Bradbury and others, and John Bulger and others.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Council's amendments on the seal-fishery Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill as amended, and requested that the same be referred to a select committee.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the following be the said committee accordingly : Mr. Thompson, Mr. Webber, Mr. Greene, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. Munn, and Hon. E. P. Morris.

Ordered that second reading of Bill for protection of factory employees be deferred until this day week.

Ordered that the following be a select committee on Bill relating to patents, viz. : Hon. E. P. Morris, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Geran, Mr. Greene, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison and Mr. Murray.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carty, pursuant to notice, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may be pleased to cause to be laid on the table of this House a copy

of the report of Sir Robert Pinsent on the losses sustained by certain inhabitants of Bay St. George, by reason of the interference of French and British naval officers, together with the evidence taken before him, and all correspondence relating thereto.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table of the House a copy of all correspondence in connection with the retirement of John Bemister, Esq., from the Shrievalty of the Northern District, and his retiring allowance; and also in connection with the appointment of a successor to that office.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table of the House—

(1) A copy of the contract for a steamer to ply from Halifax to Placentia, with the correspondence connected therewith;

(2) Report of the Registrar of births, marriages, and deaths;

(3) A copy of the report of the magistrate appointed to investigate the charges against Dr. Somerville, late magistrate at Bonne Bay; and all correspondence in connection therewith, and with the appointment of a successor;

(4) All correspondence in connection with the dismissal of the late sub-collector of Customs at Bonne Bay, and the appointment of a successor.

Mr. Greene gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a select committee to consider the petition of R. G. Randall.

Mr. Greene also gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table of the House all papers concerning the employment of Mr. R. G. Randall upon railway survey.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, April 7, 1892.

The Hon. Receiver General presented a petition from W. S. Dunphy and others, of Placentia, praying for re-establishment of trade relations with Canada in connection with the herring fishery.

Mr. Woodford presented a petition from John Austin and others, of Holyrood, on the subject of roads.

Ordered that said petition be laid on the table.

A message was received from the Legislative Council informing this House that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to declare and amend the law of partnership" with an amendment, wherein they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the said amendment was read and adopted, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House has adopted the said amendment without amendment.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by the Hon. Receiver General that this House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider a resolution that a supply be granted to Her Majesty and to consider certain votes in supply.

The question being put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Fearn, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to add the words following:—

"This House cannot be the effectual guardian of the revenue and expenditure of the colony unless the whole amount of the revenue from Customs and other sources be paid into or accounted for directly to the treasury, and the cost of collecting the revenue and carrying on the whole public service, except so far as provided by statute, be made subject to the supervision of this House."

The question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, it passed in the affirmative.

The original question being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Woodford took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred and had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next, and stand on the order next after committee on ways and means.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill denominated "An Act respecting the liabilities of carriers by water."

Mr. Murray also gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the prohibition of lotteries, raffles, and other games of chance.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay upon the table of the House a statement shewing the following :

Number of persons confined in the St. John's Penitentiary on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1891, respectively ;

Number of inmates in St. John's Poor-House on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1891, respectively ;

Number of inmates of Lunatic Asylum on 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1891, respectively.

Ordered that the two notices of question given yesterday by Mr. Morine be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Greene, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that a select committee be appointed to consider the petition of R. G. Randall for compensation.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, April 8, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, viz. :

By Mr. Rolls,—From Samuel Baird and others, of Fogo, for the erection of a Court-house and gaol.

By Mr. Whiteley,—From William Dunn, of Harbour Grace, for a wharf.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From James Hiscock and others, of Lance Cove, on subject of salary to ferryman.

By Mr. Burgess,—From Francis Silvey, on the subject of road inspectorship.

Also, on the subject of roads :

By Mr. Woodford,—From Joseph Miller and others, of Topsail ;

From Rev. E. Colley and others, of same place.

By Mr. Dawe,—From S. Mercer and others, of Bay Roberts.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From Henry Bickford and others, of Lance Cove; from Michael Roach and others, of Bullock Town; from John Connors and others, of Pouch Cove; and, from same place, from Pierce Butler and others; from Henry Kirby; from James Langmead, and from Edward Baldwin.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the table copy of telegram of April 6, 1892, Colonial Secretary to Hon. James G. Blaine, and copy of telegram of April 7, 1892, Hon. James G. Blaine to the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table (1) a statement shewing the amount expended on Hall's Bay railway construction under the commissioners appointed by the late Government; (2) a statement of the amount since expended on said service; (3) a statement shewing the total amount paid for rails, spikes, and all other plant and implements on account of Hall's Bay railway construction; (4) a detailed statement of the sum of \$196,855, received from Messrs. Reid & Middleton, shewing what the said amount is for.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the said committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Murray, the following Bills were read a first time, and it was ordered that they be read a second time to-morrow:

A Bill respecting carriers by water;

A Bill to prohibit lotteries, raffles, &c.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, April 11, 1892.

Mr. Rolls presented a petition from William Holmes and others, of Seldom-Come-By, on the subject of roads.

Ordered that the said petition be laid on the table.

Mr. Whiteley, chairman of the select committee upon rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission, presented report of the said committee, which is as follows :—

“ The select committee appointed to consider and report upon the rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission for adoption by this House, beg to state that they have carefully examined the said rules and have amended them as per draft herewith annexed, which they present as their report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. WHITELEY, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM DUFF,

E. R. BURGESS,

E. DAWE,

JAMES ROLLS,

(With exceptions.)

JAMES MURRAY,

ROBERT S. MUNN,

(With reservations.)

Committee Room, April 11th, 1892.”

Ordered that the said report be received.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Thompson, from the select committee appointed to consider and report upon the amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill entitled “An Act to amend the laws relating to the

seal-fishery" presented the report of the said committee, that they had considered the said amendments and had made some amendments thereon, which they appended to the said report.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill relating to the seal-fishery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said amendments, with some amendments as reported by the said select committee.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

Ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House had adopted their said amendments with some amendments.

Ordered that the following be deferred :

Second reading of Bill relating to carriers by water ;

Second reading of Bill to prohibit lotteries, &c.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table all further correspondence respecting the recent outbreak of diphtheria at Greenspond.

Mr. F. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table the report of James Doyle, census enumerator for section 1 of St. George's Bay for the past year.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 12, 1892.

The Hon. Premier laid upon the table of the House letter of the Chairman of St. John's Municipal Council to Hon. Colonial Secretary, dated April 6, 1892 ;

Letter of Secretary of the said Council to Hon. Colonial Secretary, dated April 6, 1892 ;

Account shewing estimated revenue and estimated expenditure of the said Council for 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, namely :

By Hon. E. P. Morris,—From M. Murphy and others, of St. John's, for compensation for damages to land.

By Hon. Receiver General,—From Ambrose Power and others, of Branch, on the subject of roads ;

From Thomas Power and others, of North-east Arm, on the same subject.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Rev. H. Hatcher and others, of Western Bay, for a magistrate ;

From P. White and others, of Perry's Cove, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. F. Morris,—From John Dunphy, of St. John's, for increase of salary.

By Mr. Fox,—From Joseph Shea and others, of Pouch Cove, for a launchway ; and from Philip Ryan and others, of same place, on same subject.

From D. Whelan, of Pouch Cove, for a bridge ;

Also from the following, on the subject of roads :

From P. Doyle and ten others, all of Torbay ;

From M. Connors, and V. Butler, of Pouch Cove ;

From P. Dooley and others, of Flat Rock ;

From J. Jenkinson and others, of Oxen Pond Road ;

From John Coady and others, of Outer Cove ;

From S. Neary and others, of Portugal Cove ;

From W. Bennett and others, of Belle Isle Beach.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that the remaining matters on the order-paper be deferred.

Ordered that the following be a select committee on petition of R. G. Randall, namely, Mr. Greene, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Studdy, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Geran, Mr. Munn, and Mr. Fox.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Tuesday, the nineteenth instant, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 19, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table, viz. :—

On the subject of roads :

By Mr. Hallaren,—From W. Gosse and others, of Torbay ;

From W. Ryan and others, of same place ;

From John Manning, of same place ;

From Samuel Fleming, of same place ;

From F. Sullivan, of Pouch Cove ;

From W. Long and others, of same place ;

From John Kirby, of same place ;

From Michael Carey and others, of same place.

By Mr. Woodford,—From Philip Mahoney, of Conception Harbor.
By Mr. Clift,—From Moses Bartlett and others, of Turk's Water ;
From Henry Wells and others, of Goulds River, for a bridge ;
From John Smith and others, of Brigus, on the subject of weights
and measures.

By Mr. Studdy,—From W. Reeves and others, of Garnish, for a
breakwater.

By Mr. Whiteley,—From Isaac Sparks and others, of Bay Roberts,
for a post-office.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon.
the Premier for a copy of all correspondence relative to the relations of
this Colony and Canada not yet laid upon the table of the House.

Mr. Morine also gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the
Hon. Surveyor General to lay upon the table of the House a statement
of all grants issued since the first of January, 1890, for land in and about
Clode Sound.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon.
the Receiver General to lay on the table of the House the following
particulars in connection with the Customs expenses, 1891, \$76,799.59,
shewing first, amount paid to collectors and others in outharbours ;
second, amount paid to collectors and officials in St. John's ; and, third,
amount paid in St. John's for other expenses ; particularising these lat-
ter, to whom paid, and amount paid to each.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon.
Receiver General to lay upon the table a statement shewing the items
which make up the sum by which the floating debt was reduced in 1891,
as compared with the said debt at the end of 1890.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the
appointment of a select committee to consider and report upon the
petition of Martin Murphy and others, of St. John's, praying for com-
pensation for damages to land.

It was ordered that the following be deferred until to-morrow :

Committee of the whole on supply ;

Committee of the whole on ways and means ;

Second reading of Bill relating to factory employees.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on certain rules recommended by the Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Ordered that committee of the whole on supply stand first, and committee of the whole on ways and means next, on the order of the day to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Morine, and pursuant to order, a Bill respecting the liability of carriers by water was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the Bill to prohibit lotteries, &c., be now read a second time.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the second reading thirteen, namely: Mr. Murray, Mr. Morine, Hon. Premier, Hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Thompson, Mr. White, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Morison, and Mr. Munn; and against it four, namely: Hon. E. P. Morris, Mr. Geran, Mr. Clift, and Mr. Shea; so it passed in the affirmative.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 20, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, namely :

By Hon. E. P. Morris,—From Andrew Macdonald, of Kilbride, on the subject of a cattle ranch ;

From W. H. Tucker and others, of Broad Cove, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Rolls,—From F. C. Earle and others, of Change Islands, on the subject of call of mail steamer.

By Mr. Webber,—From James Drover and others, of Hodge's Cove, for a bridge ;

And from D. Peddle and others, of Hodge's Cove, on the subject of roads.

Dr. Tait gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Public Health Act of 1889.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred until Friday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on rules recommended by the Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said rules, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the said committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that the same stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill respecting liability of carriers by water.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to prohibit lotteries, raffles, and other games of chance.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed, as amended, and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered that the Bill for protection of factory employees stand over for second reading to-morrow.

Ordered that Mr. Morine's notice of question to Hon. Premier be deferred, and that the two notices of question to Hon. Receiver General be deferred till Friday; also that motion for select committee on petition of Martin Murphy and others be deferred.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on Friday next, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General to state what amount or amounts have been paid as subsidies to the steamer *Hercules* for the year 1891.

Hon. Surveyor General gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the prevention of seal-killing on Sunday.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, April 21, 1892.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock in the afternoon of this day, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely: Messrs. Duff, Tait, Whiteley, Thompson, Webber, Murphy, Murray and Morine, Mr. Speaker declared the House adjourned, for want of a quorum, until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of to-morrow.

Friday, April 22, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table:

By Mr. Clift,—From W. F. Horwood and others, of Clarke's Beach, for a wharf;

From Solomon Sparkes and others, of Bull Cove, for roads.

By Mr. F. Morris,—From Rev. W. Veitch and others, of Conception Harbor, for roads.

By Capt. Dawe,—From John Delaney and others, of Bay Roberts, for a wharf.

By Mr. Murphy,—From the following, all on the subject of roads:

John Horwood and others, of New Town Road;

Seventeen petitions from inhabitants of Torbay;

Eight petitions from inhabitants of Pouch Cove.

On the question being put, pursuant to order of the day, that the Bill entitled "An Act to prohibit lotteries, raffles, and other games of chance" be now read a third time, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Hon. E. Morris, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be struck out in order to insert the following words "this Bill be read a third time this day six months."

And the question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the question now put fifteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Surveyor General, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Thompson, Peyton, Duff, Dawe, Rothwell, Tait, Blandford, Rolls, Morine, Morison, Munn,

and Murray ; and against it six, namely, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murphy, Clift, F. Morris, and Woodford ; so it passed in the affirmative.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass.

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Webber, that the title of the said Bill be amended, and that the said Bill be entitled "An Act to amend title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Lotteries.'"

The question being put that all the words of the title of the said Bill after the words "An Act" be left out in order to insert the following : "to amend title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Lotteries,'" it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered that the title of the said Bill be amended accordingly ; and that the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Hon. E. P. Morris, from the select committee appointed to consider a Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited)," presented the report with a draft of Bill annexed. The said report is as follows :

"The select committee appointed to consider a Bill entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Saint John's Electric Tramway Company (limited),' respectfully report that they have considered the accompanying Bill, which they submit for the approval of the House of Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

The 21st day of April, A.D., 1892,

E. P. MORRIS,
J. HALLAREN,
W. WOODFORD,
D. J. GREENE,

Committee Room."

(Draft Bill annexed.)

Ordered that the said report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, it was ordered that the said report stand for adoption to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said rules and regulations, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the said rules and regulations be adopted as amended.

The following resolution was moved by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. E. P. Morris :

“Resolved,—That the House of Assembly hereby confirms the rules and regulations respecting the lobster industry, and the cod and herring fisheries, made under and by virtue of section 16 of the Act passed in the 52nd year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes,’ with the amendmerts thereof made in committee of this House.”

And, the question being put, the said resolution was adopted, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be sent to the Legislative Council together with the said rules and regulations, with a message requesting their concurrence in the said rules and regulations and that they will adopt a resolution confirming the same as amended.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they 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 as follows :

“Resolved,—That a supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that there 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 on the 31st day of December, 1892, and for other purposes, viz.:—

(The details of the resolutions being subject to amendment when the House is in committee on the Bill, they will appear in the appendix of this Journal as enacted.)

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said resolutions do pass.

On motion of the Hon. Receiver General, a Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the civil government of this Colony for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1892," was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred until Tuesday next, and that it then stand first on the order of the day.

Ordered that committee on Bill respecting liability of carriers by water be deferred till to-morrow.

Ordered that Bill for protection of factory employees stand for second reading this day week.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, it was ordered that the following be a select committee to consider and report upon the petition of Martin Murphy and others, of St. John's: Hon. Mr. Morris, Mr. Hallaren, Mr. Morison, Mr. Webber, Mr. Greene, Mr. Clift, and Mr. Dawe.

Ordered that first reading of Bill for prevention of seal-killing on Sunday be deferred.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Dr. Tait, a Bill to amend the Public Health Act of 1889 was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of the House copies of all vouchers for all sums paid on account of or by the St. John's Board of Health to Dr. J. S. Tait for reports of infectious diseases and for all other services by him for which he was paid by or on behalf of the said Board, from Jan. 1, 1891, to April 1, 1892;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for a detailed statement of the amount of \$4,819.90 paid on account of the constabulary and repaid to his department by the Financial Secretary.

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Financial Secretary for particulars of the following sums in Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement:

Salaries (miscellaneous)	\$42,313.47
Salaries (special)	50,706.00

Mr. Webber presented a petition from William Jerrett and others, of Shoal Bay, for a road.

Ordered that said petition lie on the table.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock p.m.

Monday, April 25, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same lie on the table:—

By Mr. Rolls,—From R. Normore, of Seldom-Come-By, for a bridge; and, on the subject of roads,

From William Brett and others, of Joe Batt's Arm;

From P. Newell and others, of Seldom-Come-By;

From W. Anthony and others, of same place.

By Mr. Woodford,—From Sir R. Pinsent and others, of Harbor Main;

By Capt. Blandford,—From Wm. Stares and others, of Brooklyn;

By Mr. Hallaren,—From Jacob Newell and others; from Joseph Noftall; from Joseph Newell; from Thomas Sullivan and others, all of Pouch Cove; and

From the following residents of Torbay:

Linus Gosse and others, Jesse Gosse and others, William Martin and others, Patrick Martin and others, Patrick Ryan and others; also,

From John Smart, of Outer Cove.

The Hon. Premier laid on the table:—

Copy of correspondence between the Secretary of State and His Excellency the Governor in relation to Canadian matters (twelve documents);

Copy of correspondence between the Governor-General of Canada and His Excellency the Governor on the same subject (seven documents);

Copy of despatch from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor in relation to report of Geological Surveyor ;

Report of Registrar-General of births, marriages, and deaths ;

Report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company ;

Report of the Equitable Life Assurance Association ;

Copy of correspondence as to engagement of R. G. Randall on railway survey ;

Copy of agreement between Colonial Secretary and Messrs. Pickford and Black ;

Copy of correspondence as to contract for steamer to ply between Halifax and Placentia ;

Copy of further correspondence as to diphtheria at Greenspond ;

Copy of the following reports :

Respecting Church of England schools ;

Respecting Roman Catholic schools ;

Respecting Methodist schools.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill respecting the liability of carriers by water.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the committee reported that they had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

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

Pursuant to order, the Supply Bill was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend the Public Health Act of 1889 be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Morine,

Ordered that report of select committee in reference to incorporation of St. John's Electric Tramway Company be referred back to the

select committee for report upon the petition presented praying that the House will be pleased to pass a Bill to incorporate the said company.

On motion of Hon. Surveyor General, pursuant to notice, a Bill for the prevention of seal-killing on Sunday was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table

(1) Copies of "cable despatches already sent to our own Provincial Government and that of the Dominion" referred to in Sir R. Thorburn's letter to Colonial Office, dated 27th May, 1887 ;

(2) Copy of despatch No. 56, dated 26th May, 1891, from Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to erect a light-house on Western Head, King's Cove, during the current year.

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

(1) Whether it is the intention of the Government to allocate any sum of money for the exhibition to be held in St. John's this year over and above the sum already voted ; and, if so, how much ;

(2) Whether it is the intention to allocate any sum for the Chicago Exhibition ;

(3) Whether the Government intend to proceed with and complete the construction of Bonavista breakwater this year.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 26, 1892.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary laid upon the table :

Statement shewing the population of each settlement in the Island, with ages, sexes, denominations, &c. ;

General recapitulation of the last statement ;

Recapitulation of totals of population and denominations, shewing increase and decrease as compared with the returns for 1884 ;

Statement of numbers of population, ages, and sexes ;

Statement shewing approximate population of St. John's, within the limits of the Municipal Act ;

Copy of report of census enumerator, section 1, St. George's.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Premier to lay on the table copies of—

(1) 'The opinion expressed by the law officers of the Colony' *in re* the prohibition of bait to Canadians, referred to in the minute of Council now before the House, dated 18th June, 1891 ;

(2) 'Telegraphic correspondence,' referred to as 'enclosed' in Edward Wingfield's letter, dated April 25th, 1891, to Sir Wm. V. Whiteway.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to furnish the names and salaries classed under the head of "miscellaneous" salaries to the amount of \$42,313.47 ; and, also, of the names and salaries classed under the head of "special" salaries to the amount of \$50,706, as per Financial Secretary's consolidated statement recently printed and laid on the table of this House.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to carriers by water was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act respecting the liabilities of carriers by water," and that the same be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Committee of the whole on ways and means standing first on the order of the day, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to insert the words following :

"Whereas in the fall of 1891, as the consequence of an imposition of duties upon fish of this Colony entering Canada, additional duties as provided by section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891 were levied, collected, and paid upon certain products imported from Canada into this Colony ;

And whereas the object had in view at the time of providing for such additional duties under certain circumstances was not the collection of revenue but the practical exclusion from our markets of certain articles coming from any country falling under the provisions of said section 13 ;

And whereas certain persons in the Colony purchased abroad and imported into this Colony certain articles upon which such additional duties were levied, collected, and paid, many of such persons being unaware, at the time of purchasing such articles, that such additional duties would be levied ;

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the levying and collecting of such additional duties were lawful ;

Be it resolved,—That in the opinion of this House it is agreeable with the object of the Revenue Act of 1891, consonant with justice, and expedient, that the additional duties levied, collected, and paid under and by virtue of section 13 of the Revenue Act should be repaid to the persons by whom they were paid.”

The question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative of the question now put sixteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Duff, Hallaren, Frank Morris, Woodford, Rothwell, and Tait ; and for the negative nine, namely, Messrs. Morine, Morison, Greene, Carty, Rolls, Munn, Murray, Dawe, and Blandford ; so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next, and that same then stand first on the order of the day.

Ordered that committee of the whole on supply be deferred until to-morrow, then to stand first on the order.

Ordered that the following be deferred :

Second reading of Sunday seal-killing Bill ;

Second reading of Public Health Bill.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, acquainting this House that the Council had passed the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendments sent down

from the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the prosecution of the seal-fishery" with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

With the unanimous assent of the House, the said amendment was read and adopted, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has adopted the said amendment without amendment.

Hon. Receiver General laid on the table table of exports and imports for the year 1891.

The Chairman of the Board of Works gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole on roads and bridges.

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that he had received from His Excellency the Governor a letter enclosing copy of despatch number 26, dated the 26th of March, 1892, acknowledging receipt of address of condolence with Her Majesty on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The Hon. the Premier laid on the table copies of—

- (a) Letter R. H. Meade to him, dated August 3, 1891 ;
- (b) Despatch Secretary of State for Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, dated August 4, 1891 (No. 75) ;
- (c) Despatch same to same, dated October 22, 1891 (No. 93) ;
- (d) Copy of "A Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France respecting the fisheries off the coast of Newfoundland and for the judicial determination of questions arising with reference thereto."

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Attorney General what steps the Government intend taking to collect the outstanding claim against Messrs. J. E. Simpson & Company, lessees of the dry dock ; whether the lessees have any property in this Colony to respond to such claim on which lien for the amount can be laid, and if not, whether the Government intend to prosecute the claim elsewhere, and where, and what the prospects are of collecting the claim.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on the next day on which the House considers ways and means, he will move in amendment to the question to be put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," that

all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to insert the following: "Whereas the Government of Canada has proposed that a *modus vivendi* for this year be agreed upon whereby (1) the right to free entry of our fish and fish products into Canada may be continued; (2) Canadian products may be admitted into the Colony upon an equality with similar products from other countries, and (3) Canadians may be allowed to procure bait in the harbours and bays of this Colony; *Resolved* that, in the opinion of this House, the said proposition should be accepted without delay."

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 27, 1892.

The Hon. Receiver General presented a petition from Stephen Roach and others, of Beckford, for a bridge.

Mr. Woodford presented a petition from Rev. P. O'Donnell and others, of Harbour Main, for a lime-kiln.

Mr. Hallaren presented the following petitions on the subject of roads:

From John Martin, D. Dunphy and others, of Torbay; also from James Shea and others, George Earles, William Shea, John Butler, and H. Baldwin, all of Pouch Cove.

Ordered that the said petitions lie on the table.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, acquainting this House "that they have passed the accompanying rules and regulations respecting the lobster, herring, and cod-fisheries sent up from the House of Assembly with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Assembly;

Also acquainting this House "that they have adopted the following resolution: '*Resolved* that the Legislative Council hereby confirm the rules and regulations respecting the lobster industry and the cod and herring fisheries, made under and by virtue of section 16 of the Act passed in the 52nd year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes,' with the amendments thereof made in committee of this House."

Committee of the whole on Supply Bill standing first on the order of the day, on the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Rolls, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to insert the words following:

"In the opinion of this House no sum over and above the \$2,000 already granted should be expended by the Government in aid of the exhibition proposed to be held in St. John's this year, and

(2) That it is inexpedient that any sum whatever shall be expended for the purpose of an exhibition by this colony at the World's Fair to be held at Chicago."

The question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared in the affirmative twenty-one, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Peyton, White, Duff, Dawe, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Blandford, Tait, and Murray; and in the negative seven, namely, Messrs. Morine, Rolls, Greene, Carty, Morison, Munn, and Fearn.

The question "that I do now leave the chair" being then put, it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

And the House having sat after twelve of the clock, midnight,

Thursday, April 28, 1892.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the report be received and adopted.

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Ordered that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole on the amendments made by the Council in and upon the

rules and regulations sent up by this House respecting the lobster, herring, and cod-fisheries.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Dr. Tait took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendments and had passed the same with an amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has passed the said amendments with an amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

Ordered that the following be deferred :

Second reading of Sunday seal-killing Bill ;

Second reading of Public Health Bill ;

Notice of motion for committee on roads and bridges.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee to consider certain resolutions respecting the payment of the interest on certain loans raised under Acts of the Legislature to provide for the sewerage of the town of St. John's.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of this day.

Thursday, April 28, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table :

By Mr. Clift,—From Rev. R. H. Taylor and others, of Brigus and Port-de Grave, for roads.

By Mr. Duff,—From Catherine Taylor, of Carbonear, praying for a grant of an annuity ;

From Edward Janes and others, of Carbonear (south side), for roads.

By Mr. Thompson,—From James Blackler, of Back Harbour, Twillingate, and others, for a bridge.

By Mr. Peyton,—From Rev. Richard Walsh and others, of Fortune Harbour, for a public wharf.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Supply Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be 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, 1892, and for other purposes," and that the same be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to order of the day, it was moved by Dr. Tait, seconded by Hon. E. P. Morris, that the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof" be now read a second time.

And the question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the motion fifteen, namely, Dr. Tait, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Peyton, White, Duff, Dawe, Hallaren, F. Morris, and Woodford; and against it four, namely, Mr. Carty, Mr. Morine, Mr. Munn, and Mr. Fearn. So it passed in the affirmative, and was so ordered.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred, and that committee on ways and means stand first on to-morrow's order:—

- Committee of the whole on ways and means;
- Second reading of Sunday Seal-killing Bill;
- The three notices standing on the order of to-day.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Consolidated Statutes.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, April 29, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, namely:—

By Mr. Carty,—From Israel Galpin and others, of Codroy, on the subject of a *modus vivendi* with Canada.

By Mr. Dawe,—From John Russell and others, of Coley's Point, for a wharf.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on ways and means.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Burgess took the chair of the committee.

And the House having sat after twelve of the clock, midnight,

Saturday, April 30, 1892.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered and adopted certain resolutions respecting ways and means, and he handed in the same at the Clerk's table where they were read 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 54th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter 3, 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, collected, and paid in lieu of the duties upon the said articles imposed by the said Act, namely,—on Machinery-belting, of rubber, leather, or other material, 10 per cent. *ad valorem* ;

Indian corn, six cents per bushel of fifty-seven pounds ;

Hay, \$1.80 per ton of 2,240 pounds ;

Straw, \$1.00 per ton of 2,240 pounds ;

Cut nails and cut spikes of iron or steel, 20 per cent. *ad valorem* ;

Pressed nails and pressed spikes of iron or steel, 20 per cent. *ad val.* ;

Wire nails of iron or steel, 20 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Resolved,—That the table of exemptions be amended by the addition thereto of the words following :

' Steel strips to be used in the manufacture of cut nails in this Colony ; Chloro di nitro benzole ; Nitrate of ammonia ; Ceresene ;

Herring barrel hoop-iron or hoop-steel, splayed, punched or nosed, and cut in lengths, not to exceed sixty-eight inches ;

Fire-clay and fire-brick ;
Rolling mills ;
Separators ;
Cranes ;
Derricks ;
Rock-drills ;

} When imported direct by parties engaged in mining, and not for sale.'

Resolved.—That when the duty on fish imported from this Colony into Greece shall be reduced by 75 per cent., the duty upon currants imported into this Colony shall be reduced by 75 per cent.

Resolved.—That in case of any country now imposing, or which may hereafter impose, an import duty on herrings exported from this Colony and imported into such country in vessels belonging to this Colony, when such herring may be imported into such country in vessels belonging to the same free of such duty, the Governor in Council may, by proclamation, impose an export duty equal to the amount of duty so imposed by such country aforesaid on herring exported from this Colony in vessels belonging to such country where such import duty is imposed.

Resolved.—That when it shall be made to appear to the Governor in Council that the duty on cod-fish, the product of this Colony, imported into Spain does not exceed five shillings and sixpence sterling per quintal of 112 pounds, the Governor may by proclamation reduce the duty hereinbefore imposed on Spanish wines to the following rates :

On Malaga and Montilla, costing at the port of shipment 80 cents a gallon, and any other above that price, 12 ½ per cent. *ad valorem*, and the gallon 40 cents.

Malaga and Montilla, costing at port of shipment under 80 cents a gallon, the gallon 14 cents.

Sherry, 12 ½ per cent. *ad valorem*, and the gallon 40 cents.

Spanish Red, and all other Spanish wines, the gallon 14 cents.

Resolved.—That the following be substituted in lieu of section 13 of the said Act :—

· In addition to the duties by this Act provided to be raised, levied, collected, and paid on goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into this Colony and its dependencies, there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid on the goods, wares, and merchandise, herein-

after in this section mentioned, imported into this Colony and its dependencies from countries the fishermen of which have the privilege of taking cod-fish on all parts of the coasts of Newfoundland and its dependencies, and in which countries duties are or hereafter shall be levied upon fish, or the produce of the fisheries, exported from this Colony and its dependencies to such countries, the following duties, viz. :

Flour, the barrel.....	\$0 75
Pork, the barrel.....	0 75
Butter, the one hundred pounds.....	0 75
Tobacco, the one hundred pounds.....	5 00
Kerosene oil, the gallon.....	0 05
Corn meal, the barrel.....	0 25
Hay, the ton.....	5 00
Oats, the bushel.....	0 10
Potatoes, the bushel.....	0 25
Turnips, the bushel.....	0 25
Cabbages, the dozen heads.....	0 40
Unenumerated vegetables.....	thirty per cent. <i>ad val</i>

Provided always, that the Governor in Council may, at any time, when it shall be made to appear to be for the interest of this colony, by proclamation, to be published in the *Royal Gazette*, suspend the operation of this clause for a limited period, the duration of such period to be stated in the said proclamation, in respect of all or any of the above-mentioned articles.'

And whereas it is desirable to remove all doubts as to the legality of the duties imposed and collected, and as to the legality of all bonds taken for securing the payment of duties during the years one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one and one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, under and by virtue of section 13 of Act 54 Vic., cap. 3, entitled 'An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies';

Resolved,—That all duties so collected and paid are declared to have been legally collected and paid, and all bonds taken for securing the payment of such duties are declared to be valid, legal and binding upon the obligors giving such bonds, and that Her Majesty and all officers of Her Majesty are indemnified from all actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever, which are now or may hereafter be brought

for or in respect of such duties ; and in all actions or suits now pending or hereafter brought against Her Majesty or such officers for or in respect of such duties, this section may be pleaded in and shall be a bar to such action, suit, or proceeding.

And whereas it is desirable to remove all doubts respecting the collection of license fees in the year 1890, by virtue of Act 51 Vic., cap. 9, entitled 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the 50th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to regulate the exportation and sale of herring, caplin, squid, and other bait fishes ;'

Resolved,—That all license fees so collected and paid to the Government of this colony are hereby declared to have been legally collected and paid, and that Her Majesty and all officers of Her Majesty are hereby indemnified against all actions, suits, and proceedings whatsoever which are now or may hereafter be brought for or in respect of such license fees ; and in all actions or suits now pending, or hereafter brought against Her Majesty or her officers for or in respect of such license fees, this section may be pleaded in and shall be a bar to such action, suit, or proceeding.

Resolved,—That there shall be allowed and paid annually to the several officers of Her Majesty's Customs mentioned and referred to in the 23rd section of the Act, chapter 3, passed in the 54th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies," the sums severally set opposite the names of the said officers, save and except as hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

The sub-collector at Bonne Bay (in lieu of the sum mentioned in the said Act) six hundred dollars, with two and one-half per cent. on all duties collected : Provided that the amount of said salary and said percentage shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

Resolved,—That in addition to the sums paid to the several officers of Her Majesty's Customs in this colony mentioned in the said Act 54 Victoria, chapter 3, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies," there shall be paid to the following officers of Customs, hereinafter mentioned, to defray all expenses of remuneration for the collection of the Colonial revenue and charges incidental

thereto, the sums set opposite the names of the said officers, that is to say :

An Inspector of Outport Customs, twelve hundred dollars.

A tide surveyor, eleven hundred dollars.

A preventive officer at Pilley's Island, two hundred dollars, with ten per cent. on all duties collected : Provided that the amount of said salary and said percentage shall not exceed four hundred dollars."

Ordered that the said report be received.

On question put " that the said report be adopted," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the following be substituted for the eighth resolution and its preamble as adopted, namely :—

"Whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the additional duties levied, collected, and paid under and by virtue of section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891 have been so levied, collected, and paid in accordance with the spirit or letter of the said Revenue Act ;

And whereas certain persons have paid such additional duties under protest, and actions at law are now pending to recover the amount of additional duties paid by them ;

And whereas it is still competent for persons who have paid such additional duties to bring action in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland for the purpose of testing the legality of the levying and collecting thereof ;

And whereas it is now proposed that an Act should be passed to indemnify the Governor in Council for such alleged illegal levying and collecting, and to deprive all persons of a right to recover the amount of such additional duties by actions at law ;

Be it therefore resolved that it is the opinion of this House that such *ex post facto* legislation would not be in accordance with precedent or sound practice, and should not be enacted."

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment seven, namely, Messrs. Morine, Morison, Greene, Carty, Rolls, Fearn, and Murray ; and against it seventeen, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Peyton, Clift,

Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Rothwell, and Dr. Tait. So it passed in the negative.

It was then moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the following be substituted for the ninth resolution and its preamble, as adopted, namely :—

“*Resolved* that the section legalizing the collection of license fees in 1890 should not be enacted, as prejudicing the rights of Her Majesty’s subjects not resident in this colony, and being therefore a violation of the Governor’s instructions.”

The said amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment seven, against it seventeen, the names being the same as upon the last division ; and the original question being put that the said report be adopted, it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered that the said resolutions be adopted.

With the assent of the House, the question being put that the Revenue Bill be now read a first time, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative seventeen, for the negative seven, the names being the same as upon the last two divisions ; and it was ordered accordingly.

The said Revenue Bill was then read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, a Bill respecting the Consolidated Statutes was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

The remaining matters on the order paper were deferred, except the notice of motion by Mr. Morine, which, on his motion, was ordered to be discharged.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House “that they have passed the amendment made by the Assembly on the amendments made by the Council on the rules and regulations made and prescribed by the Fisheries Commission as amended and adopted by the House of Assembly, April 22nd, 1892, without amendment.”

Ordered that the said rules and regulations as amended and adopted do pass, and be engrossed, together with a joint resolution, and be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their assent to such joint resolution.

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Hon. Attorney General if it is the case that the local option liquor law is now lapsed, or *non est*, and if so, what cause has brought about this condition as regards that law.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table a copy of the estimate referred to by the Hon. A. W. Harvey in a letter to Lord Knutsford, dated January 7, 1892, in which he says that "the estimated direct loss to Newfoundland by not having the Newfoundland-United States convention ratified when agreed to in December, 1890, was an amount equal to one-third of the revenue" (of the colony).

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce the following Bill :—

A Bill relating to the disposal of money or merchandize by lot or hazard.

Also, that he will move the appointment of a select committee to audit the accounts of the Municipal Council for the past year.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock p.m.

Monday, May 2, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table :—

By Mr. Woodford,—From W. Swansborough and others, of Chamberlains, on the subject of roads ;

Also, from James Wall and others, of Holyrood, for repairs to a wharf.

By Hon. Receiver General,—From John Northover and others, of Long Harbour, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Fearn,—From Rev. C. W. Hollands and others, of Cow Head, for call of mail steamer.

Also, on the subject of roads,

By Mr. Murphy,—From John Delaney, Henry Jordan, and Matthew Hudson and others, all of Pouch Cove ;

From William Gosse and others, and from William Brown, of Torbay ;

From John White, of Portugal Cove.

By Mr. Greene,—From Henry Williams and others, of Bay Bulls.

Mr. Duff gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole on a certain resolution respecting the grant of a sum of money to Catherine Taylor, of Carbonear, in consideration of the services of her late husband, William P. Taylor.

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Hon. the Premier why the report of the French Shore delegation, referred to in the opening speech, has not yet been presented to the House ; whether said report has been signed, and if so, by whom ; whether any meeting of the delegation has recently been held, and when, and to furnish a copy of the minutes of said meeting ; also to state when the functions of the delegation finally cease.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the following preamble and resolutions :—

Whereas certain political differences have arisen between this colony and Canada, by reason of which differences certain additional import duties on the commercial products of the respective countries when imported into the other have come into operation ;

And whereas the obstruction to commerce between the two countries caused by these increased duties bears hardly upon the peaceful industries of the people of both countries ;

And whereas this unhappy disturbance of commercial relations has been brought about by an attempt to coerce Newfoundland into a surrender of her political rights as an independent colony ;

And whereas pressure has been brought upon the Governments of the respective countries by the commercial classes of each, for the purpose of securing a removal of the additional duties, and a restoration of former peaceful relations between Canada and Newfoundland ;

And whereas the Governments of both countries have also and equally been assured that, if either holds out its belligerent attitude long enough, the Government of the other country, acting under pressure from its own people, will be sure to give in ;

And whereas the indefinite prolongation of this period of political

expectancy and commercial suspense is inflicting untold suffering and irritation upon the people of the two countries, without appearing to soften the acerbities of their respective Governments ;

Therefore resolved (1),—It is the opinion of this House that, in the interests of natural commerce and neighbourly good-will, the olive-branch of peace should be held out by and between the respective countries of Canada and Newfoundland ;

(2),—That without assuming to define or declare what are the rights of these countries, or either of them, in relation to third parties, and without any interference with these rights on the part of either country towards the other, the mode adopted of finally settling such differences should be such as will not interfere with the freedom of commerce of the respective countries ;

(3),—That immediately on the withdrawal and abandonment of her attempts to restrain the freedom of commerce between Newfoundland and the United States, on the part of Canada, the former favourable commercial relations between this colony and the Dominion, which existed prior to the first of November last, will take place, and in the opinion of this House the sooner it takes place the better we shall be pleased.

Mr. Murray also gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will call the attention of the Hon. Colonial Secretary to an editorial article on the relations existing between this colony and Canada which appears in the *Halifax Herald* of April 22nd last.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Public Health Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved by the Hon. Surveyor General, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Bill to prohibit seal-killing on Sunday be now read a second time.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the second reading sixteen, namely, Hon. the Premier,

Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Webber, Peyton, White, Duff, Whiteley, Tait, Blandford, Rolls, Morine, Morison, and Murray ; and against it fourteen, namely, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Rothwell, Fox, Greene, Carty, and Fearn. So it passed in the affirmative, and was so ordered.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House tomorrow.

Ordered that the second reading of factory employees Bill be deferred.

The question being put, pursuant to order of the day, "that the Revenue Bill be now read a second time," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Murray, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to insert the words following, namely :—

Whereas in this Bill there is a section intended to indemnify the Governor in Council for levying and collecting extra duties under section 13 of the Revenue Act of 1891, contrary to the spirit and letter of that Act ; and

Whereas the Bill also contains a section intended to indemnify the Governor in Council for collecting fees for bait licenses in 1890, contrary to the spirit and letter of the Bait Act, as expounded by a judgment of the Supreme Court ; and

Whereas the Bill also contains a section imposing differential duties upon certain products when coming into this Colony ; and

Whereas the presence of these sections of indemnity in the Revenue Act for 1892 is objectionable also because they have no proper relation to the subject of a revenue for this year, and is a violation of section 16 of the draft of instructions to the Governor of Newfoundland ; and

Whereas the proposed indemnity in reference to bait licenses is a violation of sub-section 7 of section 17 of the said draft of instructions, as prejudicing the rights and property of British subjects not resident in this Colony ; and

Whereas the section imposing differential duties is a violation of

sub-section 4 of section 17 of the said draft of instructions, which is aimed to prevent such differential duties:

Be it resolved,—That this Bill should not be read a second time, but should be withdrawn, and be replaced by a Bill dealing solely with the subject of a revenue for the colony.”

The amendment being put, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative twenty-one, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Webber, Peyton, White, Duff, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Rothwell, and Dr. Tait; and for the negative seven, namely, Messrs. Morine, Murray, Morison, Greene, Carty, Rolls, and Fearn.

The question that the Bill be now read a second time being put, it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes (second series)” was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered that committee of the whole on roads and bridges, and committee of the whole on certain resolutions respecting the payment of interest on loans under sewerage Acts, be deferred.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Murray, a Bill relating to the disposal of money or merchandize by lot or hazard was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the following be a select committee to audit the accounts of the Municipal Council for the past year, namely: Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murray, Greene, Carty, Rothwell, Hallaren, and Fox.

Hon. Colonial Secretary gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Title 28, cap. 105 of the Consolidated Statutes.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 3, 1892.

The following petitions were presented by Mr. Murray for a *modus vivendi* with Canada in commercial matters, namely :—

- From J. W. Keating and others, of Channel ;
 - From James Frampton and others, of Ile aux Morts ;
 - From William Poole and others, of Cape Ray ;
 - From John Robinson and others, of Fox Roost ;
- Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Public Health Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to prevent the killing of seals on Sunday.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

And the House having sat after twelve of the clock, midnight,

Wednesday, May 4, 1892.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the committee reported that they had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with an amendment, and he handed in the same at the Clerk's table, where it was read as follows :

"A Bill. An Act to prevent the killing of seals on Sunday. Be it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Assembly in legislative session convened, as follows :

1. Notwithstanding any contract to the contrary, no deduction shall be made from the share or wages of any member of the crew of any steamer or sailing vessel for or in respect of any refusal by him

to kill, haul, or take on board any seals between the hours of twelve o'clock on Saturday night and twelve o'clock on Sunday night."

Ordered that the said report be received.

On the question being put that the said report be adopted, it was moved in amendment by the Hon. Surveyor General, seconded by Mr. Murray, that all the words of the said Bill as reported after the words "as follows" be left out in order to insert the words following:—

"1. No seals shall be killed by the crew of any steamer or sailing vessel, or by any member thereof, on any Sunday (that is to say, from twelve o'clock on Saturday night until twelve o'clock on Sunday night) in any year, nor shall seals so killed be brought into any port in this colony or its dependencies in any year, under a penalty of \$6,000 to be recovered in a summary manner by any person who shall sue for the same before a stipendiary magistrate from the owner or other person on whose account such steamer or sailing vessel shall have been sent to the seal-fishery, or from the master of the said steamer or sailing vessel."

And the question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative fifteen, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Geran, Hallaren, F. Morris, Woodford, Rothwell, Fox, Greene, Carty, and Fearn; and for the negative fifteen, namely, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Murray, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Webber, Mr. Peyton, Mr. White, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Dawe, Dr. Tait, Capt. Blandford, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison.

And there being an equality of votes, Mr. Speaker gave a casting vote in favour of the affirmative, and stated that he did so because such casting vote confirmed the report of the committee of the whole.

The question being put that the report of the said committee be adopted, it passed in the affirmative, and was ordered accordingly.

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

Ordered that committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill be deferred until Thursday next, then to stand first on the order of the day.

Ordered that the remaining matters on the order paper be deferred until after four o'clock to-day.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-day, he will move the following as an instruction to the committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill :

*“Resolved,—*That section 9 of the Revenue Bill, intended to indemnify the Governor in Council for collecting bait-license fees in 1890, ought never to have been placed therein, being contrary to section 16 and sub-section 7 of section 17 of the draft of instructions to the Governor of Newfoundland, and it is hereby made an instruction to the committee of the whole to strike out the said section 9.”

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of this day, Wednesday, the fourth day of May.

Wednesday, May 4, 1892.

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

The Clerk at the table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

The chairman of the committee on ways and means (Mr. Whiteley) took the chair as Deputy-Speaker.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table, namely :—

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From John Walsh, junior, of Western Bay, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Murphy,—From James Cantwell and others, of Torbay, on the same subject.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From James Veater, on the same subject ;

Also, from James Walsh and others, of Shoe Cove, for a bridge.

By Mr. Rolls,—From Rev. A. Holmes and others, of Musgrave Harbor, for a ferry.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the terms of the *modus vivendi* recently proposed to the Government of this Colony by or on behalf of the Canadian Government be laid on the table of this House :

Also that, on to-morrow, he will move the adoption of the following resolution :

“*Whereas* a joint delegation was appointed by this House during last session to discharge certain functions in connection with the differences now existing in relation to the so-called ‘ French Shore ’ ;

And whereas no final report has yet been presented from that delegation to this House of the result of their labours ;

And whereas it is a matter of supreme importance to the people of this Colony to know exactly the position we occupy as far as the discharge of the functions of the said delegation is concerned ;

Therefore resolved,—That it be an instruction from this House to those members of the delegation appointed by it that they should submit an immediate and final report of their proceedings ” :

Also that, on to-morrow, he will move that a select committee be appointed by and on behalf of this House to search the records of the Hon. the Legislative Council to ascertain what action has been taken by that body in relation to a Bill sent up from this House entitled “An Act to amend Title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of Lotteries ’ ” ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will move that a message be sent from this House to the Hon. the Legislative Council requesting permission to search the records of the Council in relation to the action of that body with reference to a Bill sent up from this House, entitled “An Act to amend Title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of Lotteries.’ ”

Pursuant to order of the day, the Public Health Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof,” and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Third reading of the Bill to prevent the killing of seals on Sunday standing next on the order of the day, and the question being

accordingly put, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Murray, seconded by the Hon. the Surveyor General, that the said Bill be now recommitted to a committee of the whole House.

The amendment being put, it passed in the negative.

The question that the said Bill be now read a third time being put, it was moved in amendment by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. E. P. Morris, that instead of the present title of the Bill, it be entitled "An Act respecting the shares or wages of crews of sealing vessels," and that the same, with the amended title, do pass.

It was moved in amendment by Hon. Surveyor General, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the said Bill do pass this day six months.

The question of the amendment moved by Hon. Surveyor General being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the said amendment nine, and against it eleven; the votes for the amendment being Hon. Surveyor General, Messrs. Thompson, Peyton, Webber, Burgess, White, Dawe, Tait, and Murray; those against the amendment being Hon. Premier, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, Messrs. Duff, Geran, Hallaren, Greene, Morine, Morison, and Carty; so it passed in the negative.

The question being put that the title of the said Bill be amended as aforesaid, it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly, and that the said Bill be now read a third time and do pass, and be entitled "An Act respecting the shares or wages of crews of sealing vessels."

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly, and it was ordered that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill respecting the Consolidated Statutes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that Factory Employees Bill be struck off the order paper, and that second reading of Bill relating to disposal of money by lot or hazard be deferred until Monday next.

On motion of the Chairman of the Board of Works, pursuant to notice, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the subject of roads and bridges.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman from the said committee reported that they had considered and adopted certain resolutions, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where they were read as follows :

“Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, the sum of \$125,004.45 for making and repairing roads, streets, and bridges in this colony.”

(The votes being subject to amendment when the House is in committee on the Bill, they will appear in the appendix of this Journal.)

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

In conformity to the said resolutions, a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing roads, streets, and bridges in this colony was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

On motion of the hon. the Premier, pursuant to notice, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider certain resolutions respecting the payment of the interest on certain loans raised under Acts of the Legislature to provide for the sewerage of the town of St. John's.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had adopted certain resolutions in relation thereto.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

In conformity to the said resolutions, and on motion of Hon. the Premier, a Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the payment of interest

on loans of certain sums of money raised for the purpose of providing for the sewerage of the town of St. John's," was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Mr. Duff, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the petition of Catherine Taylor, of Carbonear, praying for an annuity.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Duff, and with the assent of the House, it was ordered that an address do pass in the usual form to His Excellency the Governor in the matter of the said petition of Catherine Taylor, and that such address be presented by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Carty, the adoption of the following resolutions :

"Whereas certain political differences have arisen between this colony and Canada, by reason of which differences certain additional import duties on the commercial products of the respective countries when imported into the other have come into operation ;

And whereas the obstruction to commerce between the two countries caused by these increased duties bears hardly upon the peaceful industries of the people of both countries ;

And whereas this unhappy disturbance of commercial relations has been brought about by an attempt to coerce Newfoundland into a surrender of her political rights as an independent colony ;

And whereas pressure has been brought upon the Governments of the respective countries by the commercial classes of each, for the purpose of securing a removal of the additional duties, and a restoration of former peaceful relations between Canada and Newfoundland ;

And whereas the Governments of both countries have also and equally been assured that, if either holds out its belligerent attitude long enough, the Government of the other country, acting under pressure from its own people, will be sure to give in ;

And whereas the indefinite prolongation of this period of political expectancy and commercial suspense is inflicting untold suffering and

irritation upon the people of the two countries, without appearing to soften the acerbities of their respective Governments ;

Therefore resolved (1),—It is the opinion of this House that, in the interests of natural commerce and neighbourly good-will, the olive-branch of peace should be held out by and between the respective countries of Canada and Newfoundland ;

(2),—That without assuming to define or declare what are the rights of these countries, or either of them, in relation to third parties, and without any interference with these rights on the part of either country towards the other, the mode adopted of finally settling such differences should be such as will not interfere with the freedom of commerce of the respective countries ;

(3),—That immediately on the withdrawal and abandonment of her attempts to restrain the freedom of commerce between Newfoundland and the United States, on the part of Canada, the former favourable commercial relations between this colony and the Dominion, which existed prior to the first of November last, will take place, and in the opinion of this House the sooner it takes place the better we shall be pleased.”

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Fox, seconded by Hon. E. P. Morris, that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole upon the resolutions now before the chair.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that all the words of the amendment after the word “that” be struck out in order to insert the words following :

“*Whereas* the Government of Canada has proposed that a *modus vivendi* for this year be agreed up, whereby (1) the right of free entry of our fish and fish-products into Canada may be continued ; (2) Canadian products may be admitted into this colony upon an equality with similar products from other countries ; and (3) Canadians may be allowed to procure bait in the harbors and bays of this colony ; and

Whereas in addition to other bad results of a continuation of the present relations between Canada and this colony, our fishermen may be excluded from valuable privileges on Canadian Labrador ;

Be it resolved,—That in the opinion of this House the said proposition should be accepted without delay.” And

The question being put that the words of the original motion proposed by the first amendment to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative five, namely, Messrs. Murray, Carty, Thompson, Burgess, and Peyton; and for the negative seventeen, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, Messrs. Geran, Webber, Dawe, Hallaren, F. Morris, Rothwell, Fox, Tait, Rolls, Morine, and Morison. So it passed in the negative.

The question being put that the words of the first amendment proposed by the second amendment to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative nineteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Peyton, White, Dawe, Hallaren, F. Morris, Rothwell, Tait, and Fox; and for the negative three, namely, Messrs. Morine, Morison, and Carty. So it passed in the affirmative.

The question as amended being then put, it was carried in the affirmative on the same division.

The question being put by the Deputy-Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it passed in the affirmative on a like division, save that Mr. Rolls also voted for the negative, the numbers being affirmative 19, negative 4.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received, and that said committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the following resolution be adopted, and be an instruction to the committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill:

Resolved that section 9 of the Revenue Bill, intended to indemnify the Governor in Council for collecting bait license fees in 1890,

ought never to have been placed therein, being contrary to section 16 and sub-section 7 of section 17 of the draft of instructions to the Governor of Newfoundland; and it is hereby made an instruction to the committee of the whole to strike out the said section 9."

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative four, namely, Messrs. Morine, Morison, Carty, and Rolls; and for the negative twelve, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, Messrs. Thompson, Webber, White, Hallaren, F. Morris, Fox, and Murray. So it passed in the negative, and was so ordered.

It was moved by Hon. the Premier, pursuant to notice, and it was seconded by Hon. E. P. Morris, that a Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France respecting the fisheries off the coast of Newfoundland, and the judicial determination of questions arising with reference thereto, be now read a first time.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Carty, that the said Bill be not read a first time until a report by the delegates appointed by this House during last session in the French treaties question be laid upon the table of this House.

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment five, namely, Messrs. Murray, Carty, Rolls, Morine, and Morison; and against it twenty-one, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Peyton, White, Duff, Hallaren, F. Morris, Rothwell, Fox, Tait, and Blandford. So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put that the said Bill be now read a first time, it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Morison, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law, and for other purposes, was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice, a

Bill to amend chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners for proposed industrial exhibition.

Mr. Morine presented a report signed by three of the delegates appointed in the last session on French treaties question.

Ordered that said report be laid on the table.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 5, 1892.

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

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The chairman of the committee of ways and means (Mr. Whiteley) took the chair as Deputy-Speaker.

The following documents were laid on the table by the Honorable Surveyor General:—

- Report of Surveyor General for 1891;
- Report of Geological Survey for 1891;
- Surveyor General's consolidated cash account, 1891;
- Report of Land Survey at Bay St. George, 1891;
- Mining applications (return), 1891;
- Mining leases and grants (return), 1891;
- Mining licenses (return), 1891;
- Crown lands grants (return), 1891;
- Free grants (return), 1891;

Licenses of occupation (return), 1891 ;

Location tickets (return), 1891.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Revenue Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with the following amendment :—

“11. Sections 8 and 9 of this Act shall not come into operation unless and until the officer administering the Government notifies, by proclamation, that it is Her Majesty’s pleasure not to disallow the same ; and thereafter the same shall come into operation upon such a day as the officer administering the Government shall notify the same, or any other, by proclamation.”

On motion that the said report be received, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Carty, that the following resolution be adopted :—

“*Resolved*,—That clause eleven, suspending clauses eight and nine, be struck out, the House having frequently refused to omit the said resolutions from the Bill.”

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment six, namely, Messrs. Morine, Carty, Greene, Rolls, Morison, and Fearn ; and against it, thirteen, namely, The Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Chairman of the Board of Works, Messrs. Thompson, Geran, Webber, Duff, Clift, Hallaren, and Rothwell ; so it passed in the negative, and it was ordered that the said report be received as sent from the said committee.

The question being put that the report be adopted, it passed in the affirmative, and it was so ordered, and that the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill respecting the Consolidated Statutes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Road Bill was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Ordered that Bill relating to interest on certain loans for sewerage of St. John's be deferred.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be referred to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend Title 28, chapter 105, of Consolidated Statutes be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, the following gentlemen, namely, Messrs. Murray, Clift, and Carty, were appointed a select committee to search the records of the Legislative Council on behalf of this House to ascertain what action has been taken by that body in relation to a Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Lotteries'"; and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting permission to search the records of the said Council in relation to the action of that body with reference to the said Bill.

Mr. Murray, from the select committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the License Act of 1875," presented the report of the said committee with a draft of Bill annexed.

The report is as follows :—

"The select committee to whom was referred the Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 have considered the matter to them referred and report the accompanying Bill to the House.

St. John's, May 5th, 1892.

JAMES MURRAY,
D. J. GREENE,
M. H. CARTY,
J. A. CLIFT,
E. P. MORRIS,
J. HALLAREN."

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the Bill be referred to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, May 6, 1892.

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

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The chairman of the committee of ways and means (Mr. Whiteley) took the chair as Deputy-Speaker.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table:—

By Mr. Greene,—From John Gatherall and others, of Bay Bulls, for roads ;

From Dr. Harvey and others, of St. John's, on the subject of the Public Health Bill now before the House.

By the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From George Moore and others, of Heart's Content, for a light-house ;

Also, from Peter Goodwin and others, of Russell's Cove, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Rolls,—From J. W. Phillips and others, of Gander Bay, on the subject of mail communication.

By Mr. Thompson,—From James S. Stewart and others, praying for the erection of a light-house at Baccalieu, near Twillingate.

Hon. the Premier laid on the table a report signed by two of the delegates appointed during last session on the French treaties question.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House the tenders received by the Government in response to the advertisements for tenders for four bay steamers.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Revenue Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies."

Ordered that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill respecting the Consolidated Statutes was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes (second series)."

Ordered that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Road Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that they had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to personal actions at law.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred :—

Committee on Bill to amend the License Act, 1875 ;

Second reading of Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France ;

Second reading of Bill to amend title 28, cap. 105, of the Consolidated Statutes.

The Bill to provide for the payment of interest on certain loans raised to provide for the sewerage of St. John's was read a second time, pursuant to order of the day, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill relating to corporations raising loans the principal or interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government ;

A Bill relating to the Labrador fishery ;

A Bill relating to the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's ;

A Bill to amend 52 Vic., cap. 6.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay upon the table the correspondence relative to the Revenue Bill of this session.

Hon. Surveyor General gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the Acts in amendment thereof.

It was moved and seconded that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until to-morrow at four of the clock in the afternoon ; and the question being put, it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 1892.

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

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The chairman of the committee of ways and means took the chair as Deputy-Speaker.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Road Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be 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."

Ordered that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to personal actions at law was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend the law relating to personal actions at law, and for other purposes."

Ordered that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. the Premier asked leave to introduce the following several Bills, entitled respectively :

"An Act relating to corporations raising loans the principal or interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government " ;

"An Act in relation to the Labrador fishery " ;

"An Act relating to the municipal affairs of the town of Saint John's " ;

"An Act to amend the Act 52 Vic., cap. 6."

And, leave being granted, pursuant to order the said Bills were severally read a first time, and it was ordered that they stand for second reading on to-morrow.

Hon. Surveyor General, pursuant to notice, asked leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the Acts in amendment thereof, and, leave being granted, pursuant to order the said Bill was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

Ordered that the remaining matters on the order paper (except No. 7) be deferred.

It was moved and seconded that the House, when it rises, adjourn until Monday next at four of the clock in the afternoon, and, the question being put, it passed in the affirmative, and was ordered accordingly.

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

Monday, May 9, 1892.

The House having been informed by the Clerk at the table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the committee of ways and means took the chair.

Hon. E. P. Morris presented a petition from C. W. Tessier and others, of St. John's west, on the subject of roads.

Hon. Receiver General presented a petition from Rev. R. Brown and others, of Placentia Sound, on same subject.

Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

The Hon. E. P. Morris, from select committee appointed to consider petition of Alexander M. Mackay and others, praying for incorporation of The St. John's Electric Tramway Company, presented report of said committee, as follows:—

“The select committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Alexander M. Mackay and others, praying to be incorporated under the style of ‘The St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited),’ beg to report as follows:—

They find that rule 290, with regard to sufficiency of notice, has not been complied with, but they recommend that said insufficiency of notice be waived in reference to the proposed Bill, as was done in reference to a similar Bill during the last session of the Legislature.

They find that a similar Bill to that now prayed for passed the House of Assembly last session incorporating the said parties, but the said Bill never became law.

They recommend that all rules as to private Bills be suspended in relation to the said Bill.

They recommend that, before any Bill on the subject-matter of the said petition reaches the committee stage, a copy of the same be furnished to the St. John's Municipal Council.

They report favourably on the said petition and request that a Bill in accordance with the said petition may be prepared and passed through the Legislature.

Committee Room, May 6, 1892.

E. P. MORRIS,
D. J. GREENE,
J. HALLAREN,
W. WOODFORD.”

Ordered that the said report be received.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the adoption of the said report.

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the table a comparative table of census returns, 1891-1884, having reference to the increase and decrease of the various denominations in the several districts.

Messages were received from the Legislative Council, acquainting this House that they had adopted and passed the Supply Bill without amendment; also, that they had passed the following Bills with amendments, wherein they requested the concurrence of the Assembly:—

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the promotion of Agriculture' and the Act in amendment thereof";

A Bill entitled "An Act respecting the liabilities of carriers by water."

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Hon. E. P. Morris, as convener of the select committee appointed to audit the municipal accounts for the past year, when said committee will be called together for the despatch of business;

Also, that he will ask the Hon. the Premier to cause to be laid on the table of this House a detailed statement of the award by arbitration for land or property taken by or on behalf of the Municipal Council during the year 1891; also to state the total amount paid by the said Municipal Council for land and property taken by them during their entire term of office;

Also that, on to-morrow, when a motion is made for this House to read a second time a Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France, he will move the following preamble and resolution by way of amendment:—

"Whereas a delegation was appointed by this Legislature at its last session to visit great Britain and represent the views and interests of this Colony in relation to the settlement of the so-called 'French Shore' question;

And whereas an agreement was entered into with the delegation by the Legislature at the time it was constituted, under the terms of which agreement the Legislature bound itself to confirm and give effect to the recommendations of a majority of the delegation;

And whereas in terms of that agreement and in accordance with the recommendation of the delegation, a temporary Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France was accepted and passed by this Legislature, and is now in force;

And whereas the operation of that Bill will not expire until the end of the year 1893 ;

And whereas another permanent Bill of the same nature and effect has since been presented to this House and urged upon its acceptance, the second reading of which Bill is now proposed ;

And whereas a majority of the delegation has reported against the acceptance of this permanent Bill :

Therefore resolved,—That by terms of our agreement with the delegation, this House is not at liberty, and has no power, to receive or consider the permanent Bill now before it in relation to the so-called “French Shore” question, entitled “A Bill for carrying into effect Her Majesty’s engagements with France,” and the acceptance of such Bill by this House under existing circumstances would be a violation of such agreement, the constitutional effect of which would practically amount to the abandonment of our function, and lead to the necessary dissolution of the Legislature.”

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the following Bills sent up, viz. :

“An Act respecting the liability of carriers by water,” and

“An Act to amend 52 Vic., cap. 8,” were read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, acquainting this House that they consent to the inspection of their Journal in relation to the proceedings of the Council upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend title 23, chapter 86, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of lotteries’” by the committee appointed for that purpose, in the office of the Clerk, presently, or at such time as may be found convenient by the Assembly and notified to the Clerk.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend the License Act of 1875.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Woodford took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill respecting interest on loans for sewerage of St. John's.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Webber took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France be deferred until Thursday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend title 28, chapter 105, of the Consolidated Statutes, was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to the municipal affairs of St. John's was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred:—

Second reading of Bill relating to corporations raising loans the principal or interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government ;

Second reading of Bill relating to Labrador fishery ;

Second reading of Bill to amend 52 Vic., cap. 6 ;

Second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

By leave of the House, and on motion of Mr. Murray, the Bill relating to disposal of merchandize or money by lot or hazard was withdrawn.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence not yet submitted to this House, relative to the Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France, and of all correspondence not yet submitted relative to the relations of this colony and Canada.

Mr. Hallaren gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of this House copies of corres-

pondence which took place when Sir Robert Thorburn was Premier in 1888, between the Government of this colony and that of the Dominion of Canada on the subject of confederation.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 10, 1892.

The Clerk at the table having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the chairman of the committee of ways and means took the chair.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill respecting loans for sewerage purposes was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of interest on loans of certain sums of money raised for the purpose of providing for the sewerage of the town of St. John's," and that the Clerk carry said Bill to the Council and request their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend the License Act of 1875.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Hallaren took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress with the said Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend Title 28, cap. 105, of the Consolidated Statutes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Peyton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with an amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on St. John's Municipal Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the said Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to corporations raising loans the principal or interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to the Labrador fishery was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of

Bill to amend 52 Vic., cap. 6, and of

Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts, be deferred.

The amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill respecting liabilities of carriers by water, and in and upon the Bill relating to agriculture, were read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered that motion of Hon. E. P. Morris for adoption of report of the select committee on petition of Alexander M. Mackay and others, praying for incorporation of The St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited), be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Fox, it was ordered that his motion for committee of the whole on resolutions submitted by Mr. Murray on the 4th day of May instant be discharged from the order of the day.

Mr. Morison gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend chapter 90 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Insolvency."

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, May 11, 1892.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend Title 28, chapter 105, of the Consolidated Statutes was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend the law relating to the solemnization of marriage"; and that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to amend the License Act of 1875.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to corporations raising loans the principal or interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to the Labrador fishery.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Council's amendments on Bill relating to agriculture.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the said amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Council's amendments on Carriers' Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the said amendments, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of

Bill to amend 52 Vic., cap. 6, and of

Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts, be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Morison, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend chapter 90 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Insolvency," was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Hon. E. P. Morris, it was ordered that the report of the select committee on petition of Alexander M. Mackay and others (which report was received on the 9th instant) be adopted, except so far as it recommends that all rules be suspended in reference to the proposed private Bill.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate "The St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited)."

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 12, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that the same be laid on the table, namely :—

By Mr. Fox,—From the following, on the subject of roads :

James Eustace, Thomas Eustace, Alfred Eustace, George Eustace, Thomas Cole, James McGrath, James Tapper and others, Michael McGrath and others, Thomas McGrath and others, and James Kinsella and others, all of Torbay ;

Also, from D. Murrant and others, of Pouch Cove ;

And from W. Brown and others, of Torbay, for a well ; and from C. Caddigan and others, of Logy Bay, for a launchway.

By Hon. E. P. Morris,—From W. H. Mare, Son and Company and others, of St. John's, in reference to the Municipal Bill now before the House.

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Richard Crocker and others, of Bradley's Cove, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Murray,—From John A. Roberts and others, of Rose Blanche, for a *modus vivendi* with Canada.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From W. Baldwin, Ed. Baldwin, and George Gould, all of Pouch Cove, on the subject of roads.

By Mr. Rothwell,—From Rev. M. O'Connor and others, and from W. Seeley and others, of Burin, on the subject of roads.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend the License Act, 1875," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to corporations raising loans the interest whereof is guaranteed by the Government was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act respecting corporations the interest upon whose stock is guaranteed by the Government," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to the Labrador fishery was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act relating to the Labrador fishery," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole upon the Bill relating to the municipal affairs of St. John's:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress with the said Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that committee of the whole on the Council's amendments on the Bill relating to agriculture be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Council's amendments on Bill relating to carriers by water.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendments, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said amendments do pass without amendment, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

It was moved by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Webber, that the Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France be now read a second time.

It was moved in amendment by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the following resolutions be adopted:—

“Whereas the Legislature of this colony did, on the 24th day of March, 1891, appoint five of its members as a delegation to proceed to England to lay before the British Parliament and people the reasons of this colony for opposing the legislation brought forward by the Imperial Government in reference to the French treaties question ;

And whereas it was resolved by this Legislature that when a majority of the said delegates should agree to any basis of arrangement and settlement, the said delegation should recommend it to the Legislature, and that each member of the delegation should be bound by the decision of a majority ;

And whereas a difference of opinion has arisen between the said delegates, and the Legislature has had a majority and minority report presented for its consideration ;

And whereas the Bill now before the House is not acceptable to this House ;

And whereas the Legislature did, on the 30th day of May last, pass a temporary Bill to enable Her Majesty's Government to carry into effect engagements with France respecting fisheries in Newfoundland during the period of negotiations for the settlement of difficulties concerning the treaty shore ;

And whereas it is provided that the said Act shall continue in force only until the end of 1893, and no longer ;

And whereas the said negotiations may occupy a longer period than at first anticipated :

Be it resolved that this House undertakes to extend the operation of the Act entitled 'An Act for the purpose of carrying into effect engagements with France respecting fisheries in Newfoundland' for

a further period of two years from the expiration thereof, so as to afford time for further negotiations ;

Be it also resolved that the further consideration of the French treaties question be referred to a joint select committee of both Houses, with a view to aiding Her Majesty's Government in procuring a satisfactory solution of all existing difficulties."

Ordered that the consideration of the matter now before the House be deferred until to-morrow, and that second reading of the French Treaties Bill stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, May 13, 1892.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resumed consideration of the second reading of the Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France.

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Murphy, in amendment to the resolutions yesterday moved by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, that the following resolution be adopted :—

Whereas a delegation was appointed by this Legislature at its last session to visit great Britain and represent the views and interests of this Colony in relation to the settlement of the so-called ' French Shore ' question ;

And whereas an agreement was entered into with the delegation by the Legislature at the time it was constituted, under the terms of which agreement the Legislature bound itself to confirm and give effect to the recommendation of a majority of the delegation ;

And whereas in terms of that agreement and in accordance with the recommendation of the delegation, a temporary Bill to provide for carrying into effect Her Majesty's engagements with France was accepted and passed by this Legislature, and is now in force ;

And whereas the operation of that Bill will not expire until the end of the year 1893 ;

And whereas another and permanent Bill of the same nature and effect has since been presented to this House and urged upon its acceptance, the second reading of which Bill is now proposed ;

And whereas a majority of the delegation has reported against the acceptance of this permanent Bill :

Therefore resolved that, as our acceptance of this Bill would be a violation of our agreement with our delegates in relation to this matter, and as no necessity exists for the enactment of another measure by this House at present to give efficacy to the acts of Her Majesty for carrying out her treaty engagements with France, this House would be recreant to its duty in the interests of Newfoundland to pass the permanent Bill now before us ; and that said Bill be read a second time this day six months."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the first of the resolutions moved by him yesterday be amended so as to read as follows :—

"Be it resolved that this House undertakes to extend the operation of the Act entitled 'An Act for the purpose of carrying into effect engagements with France respecting fisheries in Newfoundland' for a further period of two years from the expiration thereof, so as to afford time for fuller negotiations" :

And he also moved, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the fourth paragraph of the preamble to said resolutions moved by him yesterday be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—

"And whereas the Bill now before the House does not provide for the payment by Great Britain of compensation due to persons who may suffer by the enforcement of the treaties, the *modus vivendi*, and the arbitration award, provision for which compensation was insisted upon by the Marquis of Salisbury, when speaking in the House of Lords on the 29th day of May, 1891, to be a condition precedent to the enactment of any permanent Act by this Legislature ;

And whereas the Bill now before the House is not acceptable to the House in other respects."

Ordered that the said resolution and preamble stand amended accordingly.

And the House having sat after twelve of the clock, midnight,

Saturday, May 14, 1892.

The question being put by Mr. Speaker that the words proposed to be struck out of the main question stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative eight,

namely : Hon. the Premier, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Webber, Duff, Dawe, Rothwell, and Fox ; and for the negative twenty-three, namely : Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Peyton, White, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, Tait, Woodford, Blandford, Greene, Carty, Rolls, Morine, Morison, Murray, and Shea.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put by Mr. Speaker that the words proposed by the amendment to the amendment to be struck out of the amendment stand part of the question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative twenty-one, namely : Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Peyton, White, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, Woodford, Tait, Blandford, Greene, Carty, Rolls, Morine, Morison, and Shea ; and for the negative ten, namely : Hon. the Premier, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Murphy, Webber, Duff, Dawe, Rothwell, Fox, and Murray.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The question being then put by Mr. Speaker that the words of the amendment be added to the remaining words of the original question, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative twenty-two, namely : Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Peyton, White, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, Woodford, Tait, Blandford, Greene, Carty, Rolls, Morine, Morison, and Shea ; and for the negative nine, namely : Hon. the Premier, The Chairman of the Board of Works, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Webber, Duff, Dawe, Rothwell, Fox, and Murray.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The original question as amended being then put by Mr. Speaker, it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to the municipal affairs of Saint John's.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that the remainder of the order be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Monday next at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, May 16, 1892.

It was moved by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. Morine, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will be pleased to forward by telegraph to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a copy of the resolutions adopted on Saturday last in reference to the Bill then before the House relating to the French treaties question, and that a copy of such resolutions be therewith forwarded to His Excellency; and it was ordered accordingly.

The following were appointed a select committee of this House in conformity to the said resolutions, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting the Council of the appointment of such select committee, and requesting that they will appoint a select committee of that body to co-operate with the select committee appointed by this House, namely; Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Morine, Dr. Tait, Mr. Duff, Mr. Carty, and Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Premier to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence between Canada and this Colony and between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Governor relative to the relations of this Colony and Canada upon fishery and other questions, not yet submitted to the House.

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table,—

Recapitulation table II., Newfoundland census, 1891 (fisheries, property, and produce); also table III. (mines and factories).

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that it be an instruction to the select committee appointed on the 16th instant by this House in reference to "French Shore" matters that they shall not be empowered on behalf of this Legislature to assent to the terms of any further Act on the subject of matters relating to the "French Shore" or the "French treaties question" without first submitting the terms of said Act to this Legislature.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the following resolution:—

Whereas preparations are now being made by many of our fishermen to prosecute the fisheries upon the coast of Canadian Labrador; and

Whereas it has been intimated that the valuable privileges heretofore enjoyed on the coast aforesaid by our fishermen may be withdrawn or seriously curtailed by the Government of Canada; and

Whereas the danger that such privileges may be withdrawn or curtailed arises from the fact that Canadian fishermen are still refused the privilege of purchasing bait in this Colony; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has proposed that a *modus vivendi* be entered into for this year, whereby the status of affairs in 1889 may be returned to:

Be it resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, such a *modus vivendi* should be arranged, and that, in view of the imminence of the commencement of the fishing season, it is expedient that the arrangement should be made forthwith."

The following messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

a. That they had passed, without amendment, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies"; also, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes (second series)," and

b. That they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law, and for other purposes" with an amendment, wherein they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to the municipal affairs of Saint John's.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred :—

Committee on Council's amendments on Agricultural Bill ;

Second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts.

Ordered that the Bill to amend 52 Vic., cap. 6, and the Bill to amend cap. 90, of the Consolidated Statutes, be discharged from the order of the day.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, pursuant to notice, a Bill to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited) was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to education.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 17, 1892.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table, namely :—

By Mr. Murphy,—From the following, on the subject of roads :—

James Rodgers and William Hickey, of Torbay, also from Philip Furlong, of Pouch Cove, and from Peter Churchill, of Portugal Cove.

Mr. Murray, from select committee appointed to search the records of the Legislative Council in the matter of the Lotteries Bill, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :—

“ The select committee appointed by this House to search the records of the Hon. the Legislative Council in order to ascertain what action had been taken by the Council in relation to the Bill sent up

from this House for the approval of the Council to amend title 23, chapter 86, "Of Lotteries," beg to report that they have searched the records of the Council in relation to this matter, and find from the said records that the Bill in question was received by the Council and read a first time, and that, on the motion to read the said Bill a second time, it was proposed by way of amendment that the Bill be read a second time on this day six months; when, on the amendment being put, there appeared for the said amendment three votes, namely, the Hon. Messrs. Talbot, Monroe, and Harris, and against the amendment two votes, Hon. Messrs. Harvey and Skelton; when the amendment to read the Bill this day six months was carried by a majority of one vote, and ordered accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

St. John's, May 11, 1892.

JAMES MURRAY,
J. A. CLIFT,
M. H. CARTY."

Hon. the Premier asked to be excused from serving upon the select committee yesterday appointed in the matter of the French treaties question.

Ordered that he be excused accordingly, and that Mr. Fearn be substituted on such committee.

Mr. Duff asked to be excused from serving on the same committee, and it was ordered that he be excused accordingly, and that Mr. White be substituted on such committee.

The amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up relating to the limitation of actions was read, and, by the consent of the House, adopted, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Municipal Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into com-

mittee of the whole on the amendments made by the Council in the Agricultural Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Act, 1884, be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited) was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be referred to a select committee, pursuant to rule 303 of this House, together with the petition therefor.

Ordered that the following form the select committee upon the said Bill and petition, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Mr. Morris, and Messrs. Morison, Clift, Hallaren, Murray, and Shea.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts for the encouragement of education was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

Ordered that notice of motion by Mr. Murray with reference to the committee appointed on the French treaties question be discharged.

Ordered that notice of motion by Mr. Morine to move a resolution for a *modus vivendi* with Canada be deferred.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the adoption of the following resolution :—

“*Resolved*,—That it be an instruction from the House to the select committee on the “French” Shore question appointed by this House on the 16th day of May instant, by way of defining and limiting the scope of the powers of said committee ;

(1) That it is not the wish or intention of this House to enact any further legislation at present in connection with the administration of the Imperial Government in relation to the affairs of the so-called “French” Shore ; (2) That it is the wish and intention of this House that under any circumstances no further negotiations having

in view the enactment by this House of further legislation in relation to the affairs of the "French" shore be entertained by the select committee on behalf of this House unless the terms of said further legislation have been first submitted to the Newfoundland Legislature."

Mr. Murray gave notice that he will ask the Hon. the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to admit the American fishermen to the privileges they enjoyed last year to our fisheries free of charge, or whether any consideration therefor is to be received by this Colony for such privileges, and if not, what the object is of continuing the arrangement on such a basis.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor for a copy of all correspondence relative to the relations of this Colony with Canada not yet laid before this House.

Mr. F. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole on the subject of the petition of John Dunphy, accountant in the office of the Commissioner of Poor, praying for an increase of salary.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to direct the attention of the House to the minutes of the House of May 14th last, in respect of the votes taken on the "French" shore treaty matter.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a select committee to consider and report upon the Bill relating to education; also that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of all rules of this House in relation to the said Bill.

Mr. Whiteley, chairman of select committee appointed on petition of R. G. Randall, presented report of said committee, as follows:—

"The select committee appointed to consider the petition of R. G. Randall have given their attention to the same, to the evidence taken, and to the correspondence laid before them, and beg to report that they are of opinion that the petitioner has rendered valuable services in shortening the surveyed line of the Hall's Bay railroad, and recommend his claims to the favorable consideration of the Government.

W. H. WHITELEY, *Chairman.*

D. JOS. GREENE,

LAWRENCE J. GERAN,

JAMES P. FOX."

Ordered that said report be received.

Mr. Whiteley gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole on petition of R. G. Randall and upon the said report.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, May 18, 1892.

Mr. White asked to be excused from serving upon the select committee appointed on the 16th instant in the matter of the French treaties question.

Ordered that he be excused accordingly, and that Mr. F. Morris be substituted on such committee.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Premier (1) if a communication has been received directly from the Canadian Government recently containing a reference to the *modus vivendi* and fishing upon Canadian Labrador; (2) if a similar communication has been received through the office of the Secretary of State for the Colonies; (3) if both communications were confidential, and (4) if not, if a copy of either will be submitted to this House.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting foreign fishing vessels.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the amendments made by the Legislative Council on Agricultural Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to education was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morris, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the following be a select committee to whom be referred the said Bill relating to education: Hon. the Premier, Hon. E. P. Morris, Dr. Tait, Mr. Morine, Mr. Greene, Mr. Webber, Hon. the Surveyor General, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Thompson; with instructions to enquire into and report thereon.

Messages were received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed without amendment the following Bills:—

The Bill relating to interest on sewerage loans;

The Bill relating to loans to corporations;

The Road Bill:

And that they had passed the following Bills with some amendments wherein they request the concurrence of this House:

The Bill relating to marriage;

The Bill relating to the Labrador fishery;

The Bill relating to the public health.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Council's amendments on the said three Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the several amendments to them referred, and had adopted without amendment the Council's amendments on the Bill relating to marriage; that they had passed, with amendments, the Council's amendments upon the Bill relating to the Labrador fishery, and upon the Bill relating to the public health.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council accordingly.

Ordered that notice of Mr. Morine, to move a resolution relating to a *modus vivendi* with Canada, be deferred.

Ordered that notice of Mr. Murray, to move a resolution relating to French treaties matter, be deferred.

Ordered that notice of Mr. Morine, to move an address for correspondence with Canada, be deferred.

It was moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. F. Morris, that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole on petition of R. G. Randall and the report of the select committee thereon.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative three, namely, Messrs. Greene, F. Morris, and Geran ; and for the negative fourteen, namely, Hon. the Premier, Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hon. the Receiver General, Hon. the Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Murphy, Thompson, Webber, Duff, Clift, Hallaren, Tait, Blandford, and Munn. So it passed in the negative, and was ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. F. Morris, pursuant to notice, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the petition of John Dunphy praying for increase of salary, and the report of select committee thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed a resolution that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take the said petition into his favorable consideration and will make such order thereon as may appear reasonable.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted, and that the address as aforesaid do pass and be engrossed and be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

On motion of Hon. Premier, pursuant to notice, it was ordered

that the rules of the House be suspended in relation to the consideration of the Bill relating to education.

Mr. Greene, chairman of select committee on petition of P. Buckmaster, presented the report of such committee, which is as follows :

“ The select committee appointed to consider the petition of Patrick Buckmaster beg to report that they have given their attention to the subject-matter of the said petition, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to receive from the funds of this colony an amount of one cent and a half per pound upon all fresh meat supplied to public institutions by him from the time of the imposition of increased duties on fresh meat in the year 1890 to the end of said year, that is to say, on 40,000 pounds of meat the sum of \$600, the payment of which is recommended by your committee.

D. JOS. GREENE, *Chairman*,
F. J. MORRIS,
D. C. WEBBER,
J. A. CLIFT,
GEO. SHEA,
W. H. WHITELEY,
D. MORISON.”

May 18, 1892.

The Hon. the Premier laid upon the table of the House copy of correspondence which took place in the year 1888 with Canada on the subject of confederation.

The Hon. Receiver General gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole to consider certain resolutions for indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him out of the public treasury for the service of the colony.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill relating to the sale of oleomargarine and similar articles.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table (1) a copy of the instructions given to James P. Fox, Esquire, when he visited St. Pierre in the year 1891 in the interest of the Government ; (2) a copy of the report of Mr. Fox on the subject-matter of his visit.

Hon. E. P. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the traffic, in this colony, of hawkers and pedlars, being foreigners and not domiciled in this country.

Hon. E. P. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of the rules of the House in relation to the private Bill now before the House entitled "An Act to incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited)."

Mr. Greene gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole to consider the petition of Patrick Buckmaster and the report thereon.

Mr. Rothwell gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that Mr. Hallaren be appointed a member of the select committee on contingencies.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, May 19, 1892.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table a *verbatim* copy of all telegrams sent to the Imperial Government referring to the transactions of this House on May 14th, with regard to "French" Shore Bill, and all other matters then dealt with in connection with the "French" shore.

On motion of Hon. E. P. Morris, seconded by Mr. F. Morris, it was ordered that the Municipal Bill be now recommitted to committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made an amendment in the said Bill.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Municipal Bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to consolidate, with amendments, the Acts relating to the Saint John's Municipal Council, and the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's"; and that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Ordered that notice of Mr. Morison for copy of instructions to Mr. Fox and Mr. Fox's report be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Morine, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that an address do pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for a copy of all correspondence relative to the relations of this Colony with Canada not yet laid before this House, and that such address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of His Excellency's Council.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, a Bill respecting foreign fishing vessels was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had adopted without amendment the amendments made by the Assembly in and upon the amendments made by the Council in and upon the following Bills :—

An Act respecting the Labrador fishery ;

An Act to amend " The Public Health Act, 1889."

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the License Act, 1875," with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Hon. Receiver General, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on resolutions in indemnity.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Hallaren took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had passed the following resolutions :—

"*Resolved*,—That His Excellency the Governor be indemnified by this House for the following sums of money expended by him on account of the public service of the Colony (which sums amount to \$99,329.79) as follows :—

(For details see Indemnity Act.)

"*Resolved*,—That a Bill be introduced in accordance with the foregoing resolution."

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

In accordance with the said resolutions, and on motion of the Hon. Receiver General, a Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill to amend the License Act of 1875 were read a first and a second time, and it was ordered that they be referred to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Morine, pursuant to notice, a Bill relating to the sale of oleomargarine and similar articles was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, pursuant to notice, a Bill to regulate the traffic, in this colony, of hawkers and pedlars, being foreigners and not domiciled in this country, was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading on to-morrow.

Ordered that motion of the Hon. Mr. Morris, for suspension of rules in relation to the Bill to incorporate the Saint John's Electric Tramway Company (limited) be deferred, and that motion of Mr. Greene for committee on the petition of Patrick Buckmaster be also deferred.

On motion of Mr. Rothwell, it was ordered that Mr. Hallaren be appointed a member of the committee on contingencies in lieu of Mr. Dawe.

Mr. Burgess gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic., cap. 26, entitled 'An Act respecting pilots and pilotage for ports in this Island other than St. John's.'"

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of the rules in relation to all Bills now before the House.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts be deferred.

Ordered that motion of Mr. Morine for a resolution in reference to a *modus vivendi* with Canada be deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, May 20, 1892.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House in reply to message of this House of the 17th instant, with reference to the further consideration of the French treaties question, that they have appointed four of their body, namely : Hon'bles Messrs. Monroe, Skelton, Rendell, and Harris, a committee to co-operate with the committee appointed by this House.

It was ordered that notice of Mr. Murray to ask for a copy of telegrams referring to the transactions of May 14, relating to French Treaties Bill, be deferred.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the Council's amendments on License Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that second reading of Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts be deferred.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the rules of the House as to progress of Bills now before the House be suspended in reference to all such Bills.

It was moved by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morris, that the Bill respecting foreign fishing vessels be now read a second time.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left out in order to insert the words following :—

“ This Act, in so far as it applies to American fishing vessels, is repugnant to the Imperial Statute, 59 George III., cap. 38; and is therefore, by the terms of the Imperial Statute, 28 and 29 Victoria, entitled ‘An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of Colonial laws,’ *ultra vires* of this Legislature, and contains a principle which, if applied to French fishing vessels, this House is not at this time prepared to assent to.”

The question being put that the words of the question proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided thereon,

when there appeared for the affirmative fourteen, namely: Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Thompson, Geran, Webber, Whiteley, F. Morris, Rothwell, Fox, Munn, and Murray; and for the negative five, namely: Messrs. Morine, Morison, Greene, Carty, and Rolls.

So it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House presently.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently as amended.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels," and that the same be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Indemnity Bill was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House presently.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill, being engrossed, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain sums of money advanced by him out of the public treasury for the service of the colony," and that the same be sent to the Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to the sale of oleo-margarine was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House presently.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act relating to the sale of oleo-margarine and similar compounds," and be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to traffic in this colony by hawkers and pedlars was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole presently.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act respecting hawkers and pedlars, being foreigners, and not domiciled in this colony," and that the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Ordered that notice of Mr. Morine, to move a resolution as to a *modus vivendi* with Canada, be withdrawn.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, it was ordered that the rules of this House be suspended in relation to proceedings in select committee on Bill to incorporate "The St. John's Electric Tramway Company (limited)."

Ordered that motion of Mr. Greene for committee of the whole on petition of P. Buckmaster be deferred.

On motion of Mr. Burgess, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend 51 Vic., cap. 26 (the Pilots and Pilotage Act of 1888), was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

The following petitions were presented, and it was ordered that they be laid on the table:—

By Mr. Morison,—From W. Ryan and others, of Southern Bay, for increase of salary of ferryman.

The following petitions were presented for roads:—

By Mr. Burgess,—Two from Rev. S. O'Flynn and others, of Little Bay.

By Mr. Hallaren,—From James Baldwin, David Baldwin and others, and Daniel Shea, all of Pouch Cove, and from Uriah Cole, of Torbay.

The Hon. the Premier, chairman of select committee to whom the Education Bill was referred, presented the report of the committee (with Bill annexed), which report is as follows:—

“The select committee appointed to consider and report upon the Bill entitled ‘An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the encouragement of education’ beg to state that they have carefully examined the said Bill and have made some amendments therein, and present the Bill as amended for the consideration of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. V. WHITEWAY, *Chairman*,

H. J. B. WOODS,

D. C. WEBBER,

J. SINCLAIR TAIT
(with reservations),

E. P. MORRIS
(with reservations),

D. JOS. GREENE.

Committee Room, May 19, 1892.”

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the Bill as reported be committed to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole upon the Legislative Council's amendments upon the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the License Act (1875)."

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Monday next at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, May 23, 1892.

Dr. Tait presented a petition from Rev. W. J. Bartlett and others, of Burin, on the subject of roads.

Hon. Mr. Morris presented a petition from Messrs. J. & W. Stewart and others, of St. John's, on the subject of the Allan contract.

Ordered that the said petitions be laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the said petition of Messrs. J. & W. Stewart and others.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a copy of the resolutions transmitted to the Government in June last, by the Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland, on the subject of education.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to education.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same with some amendments.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the encouragement of education," and that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the Crown Lands Acts was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House presently.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to outport pilots was read a second time, and it was ordered that the same be committed to committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Greene, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the petition of P. Buckmaster and the report of select committee thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Webber took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the said report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered that the other matters on the order paper be deferred.

Mr. Burgess gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the rules of the House be suspended in reference to the Bill before the House respecting outport pilots.

The Hon. the Premier laid on the table of the House copy of records and report of St. George's Bay enquiry ;

Report of Standard Life Assurance Company, Nov. 15th, 1891.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 24, 1892.

It was ordered that Mr. Clift be appointed a member of the contingencies committee in the stead of Mr. Rothwell, who is incapacitated by illness.

Messages were received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed without amendment the Bill respecting hawkers and pedlars, and the Indemnity Bill.

Ordered that Bill relating to Crown Lands be discharged from the order paper.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill relating to pilots.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Burgess, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that the rules of the House be suspended as to the progress of the said Bill.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic., cap. 26, entitled 'An Act respecting pilots and pilotage for ports in this island other than St. John's,'" and that the said Bill be engrossed and carried to the Council with a message requesting concurrence in its provisions.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the report of the select committee upon the petition of P. Buckmaster.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed a resolution that an address in the usual form be presented to His Excellency the Governor in the matter of the said petition.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted, and that an address to His Excellency do pass, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take the petition of the said P. Buckmaster into his favourable consideration and make such order therein as may appear reasonable ; and that such address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of His Excellency's Council.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the House do now resolve itself into committee of the whole upon the Council's amendments on the Bill to amend the License Acts.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. F. Morris, seconded by Mr. Greene, that the said Bill and amendments be committed to committee of the whole on this day six months.

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment sixteen, namely, Mr. F. Morris, Mr. Greene, Hon. Premier, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Burgess, Geran, Webber, Whiteley, Clift, Hallaren, Fox, Tait, Carty, and Shea ; and against it five, namely, Messrs. Murray, Morison, Hon. Surveyor General, Messrs. Morine, and Fearn.

So it passed in the affirmative, and it was ordered accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. E. P. Morris, pursuant to notice, it was ordered that an address to His Excellency the Governor do pass upon the petition of Messrs. J. & W. Stewart and others, in reference to the Allan mail contract, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the said petition into his favourable consideration and will make such order therein as may appear reasonable ; and that such address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of His Excellency's Council.

Hon. E. P. Morris, from committee appointed to consider and report upon a Bill relating to patents, presented the report of the committee with Bill annexed, which report was received.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Whiteley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill as reported, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend title 15, chapter 54, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Patents,'" and that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the select committee appointed to consider the petition of Martin Murphy have leave to sit and take evidence during recess, and report to this House on the said petition and evidence in its next session.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the adoption of the following resolution :—

"Whereas statements have been made and contradicted affecting the honour and veracity of members of this House and the truth of statements made to the House by members thereof, partially upon the authority of the Rev'd. Dr. Pilot, Inspector of Church of England Schools :

Resolved,—That this House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of privilege to take evidence touching the matter, and that the Speaker's summons do issue to the Rev'd. Dr. Pilot to appear at the bar of this House to-morrow to give evidence upon oath to the committee."

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the adoption of the following resolution :—

"Whereas it has long been customary for the Legislature to be summoned for the despatch of business in or about the middle of February in each year, and not to prorogue until late in the spring ;

And whereas much valuable time in each session has been unemployed because reports, accounts, and proposed enactments have not been ready for submission at the beginning of the session ;

And whereas the experience of the members of this House leads them to believe that the expense, loss, and inconvenience of these practices can be avoided with great advantage to the colony :

Be it resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House that (1) the Legislature should be assembled not later than the fifteenth of January

in each year ; (2) that the fiscal accounts should be closed on the 30th June in each year, and be placed on the table of this House at its opening each session ; (3) that measures which the Government intend to introduce should be ready for submission at the commencement of each session ; and (4) that sessions should not ordinarily be extended beyond the 15th day of March in each year.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, May 25, 1892.

The following petitions were presented and laid on the table, namely :—

By Hon. Mr. Morris,—From John Lacey, of St. John's, for remuneration ;

By Dr. Tait,—From Rev. John Hewett and others, of Burin, on subject of a *modus vivendi* with Canada.

The following messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(a) That they concur in and have passed the resolution sent up confirming the rules and regulations recommended by the Fisheries Commission as amended by the Legislature ;

(b) That they have passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the encouragement of education" and the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic., cap. 26," without amendment ;

(c) That they have passed, with some amendments, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act relating to the sale of oleomargarine and similar compounds," and the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels," in which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the Council in and upon the said Bills relating to the sale of oleomargarine, and foreign fishing vessels, respectively, were read a first and second time.

Mr. Speaker stated that, because the said amendments propose in each case a tax upon the people, they are to that extent a breach of the privileges of this House.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. Colonial Secretary, it was ordered that a message be sent to the Council desiring a conference on the subject-matter of the said amendments on the said Bills relating to foreign fishing vessels and to the sale of oleomargarine, for the purpose of stating to the Council the reasons why this House objects to the said amendments; and that Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, and Messrs. Murray and Shea be the managers of said conference on behalf of this House; and that such message request the Council to appoint some of their body to act at such conference, and that the Council will appoint a time and place for such conference.

It was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the resolution for this House going into committee of privilege, of which he gave notice yesterday, be adopted with the preamble thereto.

Mr. Speaker ruled that, unless the unanimous assent of the House be given thereto, the said motion is not in order.

It was moved by Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Morison, that the said ruling of Mr. Speaker be not sustained by the House.

The question being put that the Speaker's ruling be not sustained, the House divided thereon, when there appeared in favour of the Speaker's ruling thirteen, namely, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, The Financial Secretary, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Webber, Clift, Hallaren, F. Morris, and Tait; and against the Speaker's ruling six, namely, Messrs. Morine, Morison, Greene, Carty, Fearn, and Murray.

Ordered that Mr. Speaker's ruling be sustained.

It was moved by Hon. E. P. Morris, seconded by Mr. Geran, that the select committee appointed to consider the petition of Martin Murphy have leave to sit out of session and take evidence, and report the same in the next session.

Mr. Morine asked Mr. Speaker's ruling whether such motion could be acceded to, and whether it was not *ultra vires* of this House to give such powers to a select committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the practice of this House for more than 25 years established the power of the House to accede to the said motion; and it was ordered as moved by Hon. Mr. Morris.

It was moved by Mr. Fearn (in the absence of Mr. Morine), seconded by Mr. Murray, that the resolution and its preambles relating to time and duration of the session of the Legislature, the closing of fiscal accounts, and conduct of the business of the Legislature (of which Mr. Morine gave notice yesterday) be adopted.

The question of the adoption of the same being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the affirmative two, namely, Messrs. Fearn and Murray; and for the negative nine, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Thompson, Burgess, Geran, Hallaren, and F. Morris.

So it passed in the negative, and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier on what date the extra duties on produce imported from the Dominion of Canada will cease and said produce come into Newfoundland at the old rates of duties.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the suspension of all rules of this House in relation to the contingent expenses of the Legislature and Bill to provide for the same.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until Friday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, May 27, 1892.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House, in reply to message of this House of the 25th instant respecting the resolution on the subject of the Council's amendments on the Bills entitled "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels" and "An Act relating to the sale of oleomargarine and similar substances," that they have assented to the conference requested, and have appointed the Honourables Messrs. Harvey and Monroe managers on behalf of the Council, and that the conference would take place in the committee room of the Legislative Council, to-day, at half-past four o'clock.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to consolidate with amendments the Acts relating to the Saint

John's Municipal Council and the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's," with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The said amendments were read a first and a second time, and the House resolved itself into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Carty took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the matter to them referred, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be received, and that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Carty gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier what action (if any) has been taken by the Government on the report of Mr. Justice Pinsent, the commissioner appointed to examine and report upon the claims of certain inhabitants of Saint George's Bay, on account of losses alleged to have been sustained by them during the years 1889, 1890 and 1891.

At half-past four of the clock, the time appointed for the conference upon the Bills relating to foreign fishing vessels and the sale of oleomargarine and similar compounds, the names of the managers were called over and they repaired to the conference chamber.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that the Council recede from their amendments on the Bill entitled "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels," and that the Council request that the House of Assembly may be pleased to return the said Bill to the Legislative Council.

Ordered that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council.

The Hon. the Premier reported to the House the result of the conference this day had with the Legislative Council upon the Bills relating to foreign fishing vessels and the sale of oleomargarine, respectively, namely: that the Council did not presume to infringe upon

the privileges of this House, and withdrew their proposed amendments to the said Bills.

On motion of Mr. Morine, seconded by Mr. Greene, and pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole upon the amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill relating to the sale of oleomargarine.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendment, and had adopted an amendment thereon, namely: that all the words of the amendment after the word "operation" in the first line thereof be struck out so that the amendment read as follows: "6. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1892."

Ordered that the report be received and adopted, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that they will concur in the amendment upon their said amendment.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they have passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend title 15, chapter 54, of the Consolidated Statutes; entitled 'Of Patents,' " with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to order, the said amendment was read a first and second time, and the House resolved itself into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fox took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendment, and had passed the same with an amendment, erasing the word "*three*" from the Council's amendment, and substituting the word "*six*."

Ordered that the report be received.

On motion that the report be adopted, it was moved in amend-

ment by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the Bill as amended be read this day six months.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared for the amendment one, namely, Mr. Murray; and against the amendment thirteen, namely, Hon. Premier, Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. E. P. Morris, Messrs. Thompson, Geran, Clift, Hallaren, Tait, Greene, Morine, Fearn, Morison, and Fox.

So it passed in the negative.

The question that the report be adopted being put, it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Ordered that a message be sent to the Council with the amendment, as reported, requesting their concurrence.

Ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that they furnish to this House an account of their contingent expenses of the present session.

By leave of the House, and on motion of Mr. Morine, a Bill relating to the engrossing of Bills and other public documents was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same stand for second reading to-morrow.

Ordered that motion for suspension of the rules in relation to Contingencies Bill be deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House adjourned until Monday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Monday, May 30, 1892.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that they had passed without amendment the amendment made by the Assembly on the amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to amend title 15, chapter 54, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Patents.'"

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Municipal Bill and Council's amendments thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Studdy took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said Bill, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again presently.

Ordered that the said report be received.

Ordered that the Bill relating to engrossing of Bills be withdrawn.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hallaren, it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council desiring a conference upon the subject of the amendments made in and upon the Municipal Bill, for the purpose of stating to the Council the reasons why this House does not assent to certain of the said amendments, and of considering the same ; that the Hon. the Premier, Hon. E. P. Morris, and Mr. Speaker be the managers of such conference on behalf of this House ; that such message request the Council to appoint a time and place for such conference, and that they will appoint some of their body to act thereat.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier (1) whether the Government is aware or has been formally apprised of the retirement of Mr. Middleton from the firm of Messrs. Reid and Middleton, railway contractors with this colony for the construction of a line of railway to Hall's Bay ; (2) whether the said change in the firm of contractors has been accepted by the Government in connection with their contract ; (3) whether the necessary securities in the hands of the Government have been affected by the change ; (4) whether sufficient security is now in the hands of the Government for the purposes of the contract ; (5) where such securities are now deposited, and of what they consist.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House (in reply to message of to-day) that they have appointed the Hons. Messrs. Harvey and Rendell a committee of their body to meet the committee appointed by the Assembly in relation to the Municipal Bill, and that the Council has appointed this evening at half-past seven o'clock, in the President's Room, for such meeting.

A message was received from the Legislative Council that they

have adopted and passed the accompanying report of the select committee on the contingencies of the Council for present session :—

“LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL’S CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

President of the Legislative Council.....	\$240 00	
12 members of the Legislative Council, at \$120.....	1,440 00	
Acting Clerk, Legislative Council	600 00	
Contingent expenses of said Clerk	111 78	
Usher of the Black Rod	600 00	
Contingent expenses of Usher of Black Rod	315 16	
John Howley, retiring allowance	700 00	
Reporters of Legislative Council:		
E. Shea	\$300 00	
Extra services.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	375 00
Robert Pittman	300 00	
Extra services.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	375 00
Acting Master-in-Chancery.....	700 00	
Extra pay for services	150 00	
	<hr/>	850 00
Door-keeper.....	200 00	
Assistant door-keeper	190 00	
Messenger	100 00	
Fireman	65 00	
Miscellaneous printing, <i>Times</i>	607 00	
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , printing debates.....	160 00	
<i>Colonist</i> , printing debates.....	125 00	
Newspapers for members during session.....	181 30	
Estimate cost printing and binding Journal.....	500 00	
Binding newspapers.....	20 00	
Proprietor <i>Times</i> , <i>H. G. Standard</i> , <i>Twillingate Sun</i> , and <i>Trinity Record</i> , \$100 each	400 00	
Registering clocks.....	10 00	
Board of Works, light, heat, and repairs.....	306 60	
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		<u>\$8,471 84</u>

A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*,
GEO. SKELTON,
M. MONROE,
JOHN HARRIS.

Committee Room,
May 27, 1892.”

At half-past six, Mr. Speaker left the chair until half-past seven.

At half-past seven, the hour named for conference upon Municipal Bill, the managers repaired to the appointed place of meeting.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill sent up entitled, 'An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels,' with an amendment, wherein they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

The amendment is as follows:—

“Add as the third section the following: ‘3. This Act shall not come into operation until proclamation by the Governor; and the Governor may, at any time after the Act shall be in force, suspend the operation of the same.’”

Pursuant to order, the said amendment was read a first and a second time, and the House resolved itself into committee thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendment, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

The said amendment was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

Mr. Clift, from the committee appointed to consider and report upon the contingent expenses of this House, presented the report of said committee, which was received, and is as follows:—

“The select committee appointed to consider the contingent expenses of the House of Assembly for the session of 1892 beg to report that they have passed the following resolution:

Resolved,—That there be paid to the Speaker, members, officers, and servants of the Assembly for their services during the present session the sums hereinafter specified, and that the other amounts hereinafter set forth be also paid:—

The Speaker	\$924 00
The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means	400 00
26 members resident in St. John's, at \$200 each	5,200 00
10 members resident in outports, at \$300 each	3,000 00
The Clerk	1,269 00
The Clerk-Assistant	800 00
The Clerk-Assistant, for extra services, attending select committees, &c	200 00
The Solicitor	600 00
The Sergeant-at-Arms	600 00
The Engrossing Clerk, \$320, and bonus, \$60	380 00
The supervisor of debates, \$360, and bonus, \$30	390 00
Six reporters, at \$240 each, and bonus, \$25 each	1,590 00
Five doorkeepers (Jackman, Sheppard, Knight, Daley, and Walsh), at \$180 each, and bonus, \$20 each	1,000 00
John Ryan and Stephen Cleary, \$14 each	28 00
Three messengers, at \$180 each, and bonus, \$20 each	600 00
The page	150 00
The caretaker of Legislative Library	250 00
The fireman, \$240, and bonus, \$20	260 00
To James Higgins, allowance for past services	80 00
To Arthur W. Mews, for engrossing	10 00
To Richard B. Holden, Esq., in consideration of past services, the annual retiring allowance (to be paid quarterly on certificate of Speaker)	800 00
The Savings Bank, on account of the late Mrs. Feehan (6 quarters to June 30, 1892)	276 90
Mrs. Ryall, attendance during session	138 62
do attendance reporters' room	20 00
The Clerk's contingencies	459 80
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , for publishing debates	1,000 00
<i>Daily Colonist</i> , copying the same	500 00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i> , do	400 00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , do	400 00
<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , do	400 00
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , for printing bills and miscellaneous papers	1,011 70

<i>Times</i> , miscellaneous printing	\$73 00
Estimate for printing Journal and Appendix	1,500 00
Dicks & Co., binding 120 copies Journal, as per agreement, at \$3 per volume	360 00
Estimate for binding newspapers	50 00
The Chairman of the Board of Works, propor- tion of fuel and light	\$255 80
less credit balance from 1891	127 30
	128 50
The Chairman of the Board of Works, for advances during the session	608 12
The Anglo-American Telegraph Co., for messages during the session	197 00
Ditto, for telephones, Clerk's office	\$40 00
<i>Herald, Times, and Telegram</i> , at \$20 each ..	60 00
	100 00
To Legislative Library, to purchase books	250 00
The following newspapers supplied during the session :—	
<i>Evening Telegram</i>	193 00
<i>Royal Gazette</i>	100 00
<i>Colonist</i>	45 00
The following subscriptions for newspapers :—	
<i>Evening Telegram</i>	12 00
<i>Advocate</i>	16 00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i>	8 00
<i>Times</i>	16 80
<i>Twillingate Sun</i>	8 00
<i>Colonist</i>	12 00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , 1891 and 1892	16 00
<i>Patriot</i>	20 00
<i>Colonist</i> , advertising, 1890	16 50
St. John's Athenæum, for telegram during session	10 00
J. F. Chisholm	77 65
G. S. Milligan	34 55
Mrs. Rouse	45 63
S. E. Garland	58 22
Garrett Byrne	4 00
T. D. Lane	21 70
Dicks & Co.	21 23
McKinley, Halifax, for stationery	37 44

E. Coleman	\$18 60
Marshall & Rodger	150 10
G. Snow	10 00
G. M'Coubrey	19 52
J. H. Martin & Co	52 25
J. H. Martin	0 50
J. Whiteford	1 50
S. Woods	0 70
Gear & Co	6 50
William Goff	20 00
Mrs. Bolt	2 80
Richard Hanley	20 00
Kate Hurley, in full, for services	20 00
The Clerk, for typewriter for Assembly	116 00
	\$27,608 83

Respectfully submitted, May 30th, 1892,

J. HALLAREN,
 JAMES MURRAY,
 D. C. WEBBER,
 J. A. CLIFT."

Pursuant to order the House, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morris, resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the said report and resolution therein contained.

- Mr. Speaker left the chair.
- Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the matter to them referred, and had adopted the said report with some amendments, and he handed in the same at the Clerk's table, where they were read as follows, with resolutions adopted by the said committee of the whole :—

“Resolved,—That the report of the select committee on contingencies be adopted, save as hereinafter amended, namely :

The Solicitor, a bonus of	\$100 00
The Sergeant-at-Arms, a bonus of	100 00
The Supervisor of debates, a further bonus of	20 00
Six reporters, a further bonus of \$15 each	90 00

Resolved,—That a Bill be introduced in accordance with the said report as amended.”

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to said resolutions and order, a Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature was read a first and a second time, and was committed to committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that they had considered the said Bill, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature,” and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 31, 1892.

On motion of Hon. Colonial Secretary, seconded by Mr. Clift, it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting that they will be pleased to amend the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature” by inserting therein the words following:—

“ To the Sergeant-at-Arms, for services in the caretaking of the Assembly Room, its furniture and appurtenances during recess \$140 00
To James Higgins, in consideration of his past services, a further sum of 200 00.”

A message was received from the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature” with the amendments requested to be inserted by this House.

Pursuant to order, the said amendments were read and adopted, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and that a message accordingly be sent to the Legislative Council.

On motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morris, it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that they will be pleased to return to this House the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels," in order that this House may insert in the Council's amendments the words "Governor in Council" instead of the word "Governor" in two places in the said amendments.

The said Bill relating to foreign fishing vessels having been returned to this House accordingly, it was moved and seconded, and it was ordered, that in the first line of section three of the Bill the words "Governor in Council" be inserted instead of the word "Governor" in two places.

The said third section was amended accordingly, and it was ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole upon the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill relating to the municipal affairs of Saint John's.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Geran took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had considered the said amendments, and had adopted the same with some amendments.

Ordered that said report be received and adopted.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House that "in accordance with the agreement at the conference on the subject of the Bill respecting the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's, they recede from their amendment made in the 163rd section fourth line strike out the words 'for any sum exceeding fifty dollars fifth line of the Bill expunging the words 'and the Surveyor General shall be a third' and also from the amendment introducing the words 'and these two shall appoint a third' and also in the ninth line 'or the arbitrators neglect to appoint a third.'"

Ordered that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House has adopted the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to consolidate, with amendments, the Acts relating to the St. John's Municipal Council and the municipal affairs of the town of Saint John's" with some amendments, wherein it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council; also requesting that the Legislative Council will assent to amend the 50th section of the said Bill by striking therefrom all the words therein which follow the words "in the said town."

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House "that they have passed the amendments made by the Assembly on the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill relating to the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's without amendment, and that they assent to amend and have amended the 50th section of the said Bill, as requested by the House of Assembly."

Pursuant to order, the said amendment in the said 50th section was read and adopted.

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following documents:

Letter from Chairman of Municipal Council to him, dated May 30th, 1892;

Letter from Sir J. S. Winter to the said Chairman, dated May 26th, 1892;

Statement of revenue of the Council shewing estimated revenue, \$95,785.00;

Statement of estimate^d expenditure and revenue of the said Council for the year 1892, shewing estimated expenditure, \$99,344.24.

Ordered that the said several documents be laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary intimating that His Excellency the Governor would close the present session of the Assembly on to-morrow at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Pursuant to order, the House then adjourned until to-morrow, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, June 1, 1892.

The House met at one o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House, in reply to the message from the Assembly of yesterday, that the Legislative Council concur in and have passed the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill relating to foreign fishing vessels.

At two of the clock a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by W. F. Rennie, Esquire, 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.

Mr. 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 civil service. In the name of the House of Assembly I present the following Bills for your Excellency's assent:—

1. A Bill entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies.”

2. A Bill entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the civil government of this colony for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1892, and for other purposes.”

3. A Bill entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing roads, streets, and bridges, and other public works within this colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.”

4. A Bill entitled “An Act to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him from the colonial treasury for the service of the colony.”

5. A Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the payment of interest on loans of certain sums of money raised for the purpose of providing for the sewerage of the town of St. John's.”

6. A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature" :—

To which Bills His Excellency was pleased to give his assent, with proviso that in the Revenue Bill the suspending clause related to section eight of said Bill.

The following Bills also received His Excellency's assent. Bills entitled respectively,—

7. "An Act to regulate the prosecution of the seal-fishery."

8. "An Act to amend title 15, chapter 54, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Patents.'"

9. "An Act to declare and amend the law of partnership."

10. "An Act respecting the liabilities of carriers by water."

11. "An Act to amend the Public Health Act of 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof."

12. "An Act for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes (second series)."

13. "An Act to amend the law relating to the solemnization of marriage."

14. "An Act to amend the law relating to the limitation of personal actions at law, and for other purposes."

15. "An Act respecting corporations the interest of whose stock is guaranteed by the Government."

16. "An Act respecting the Labrador fishery."

17. "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts for the encouragement of education."

18. "An Act respecting foreign fishing vessels."

19. "An Act respecting hawkers and pedlars, being foreigners and not domiciled in this colony."

20. "An Act to amend 51 Victoria, chapter 26, entitled 'An Act respecting pilots and pilotage for ports in this Island other than St. John's.'"

21. "An Act to consolidate with amendments the Acts relating to the St. John's Municipal Council and the municipal affairs of the town of St. John's."

His Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both branches of the Legislature :—

*“Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :*

It will no doubt be satisfactory to you to be relieved from the onerous duties of the session.

I have much pleasure in observing that, amongst the several measures of importance to which I have given my assent, there is a Bill which deals with the subject of education and establishes a pension fund for teachers. The liberal addition made to the educational grants and allotted to the augmentation of teachers' salaries, together with the supplementary vote for general educational purposes contained in the measure to which you have this session devoted so much care and assiduity will, I feel assured, be correctly appreciated by this country, and secure improvements in our educational institutions.

Legislation having become imperative through action emanating from here, England last year, solely on the earnest representations of delegates from this Legislature, stayed the passing of the Bill required to carry out her treaty obligations with France and to protect her officers when employed on fishery duty, confiding to you the enactment of this necessary measure. It is therefore with extreme regret that I find the House of Assembly has thrown out the Bill presented to it for this purpose, and I can only now trust that this action may not be prejudicial to the interests of the colony—interests which I can assure you I have deeply at heart.

It is exceedingly gratifying to observe that the seal-fishery, which so largely affects our general interests, has been most successful, and I trust that our other fisheries, our agriculture, and our general industries may in the ensuing year equally shew such happy results.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

I thank you for the liberality with which you have provided for the public service. Your grants shall be applied with careful regard to the intentions which directed the appropriations.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

In now proroguing the session, I beg to assure you of my cordial

desire that prosperity may attend the prosecution of your ordinary avocations.”

After which the Honourable 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 21st day of July next ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the 21st day of July next, to be then and here holden.”

GEORGE M. JOHNSON,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.