

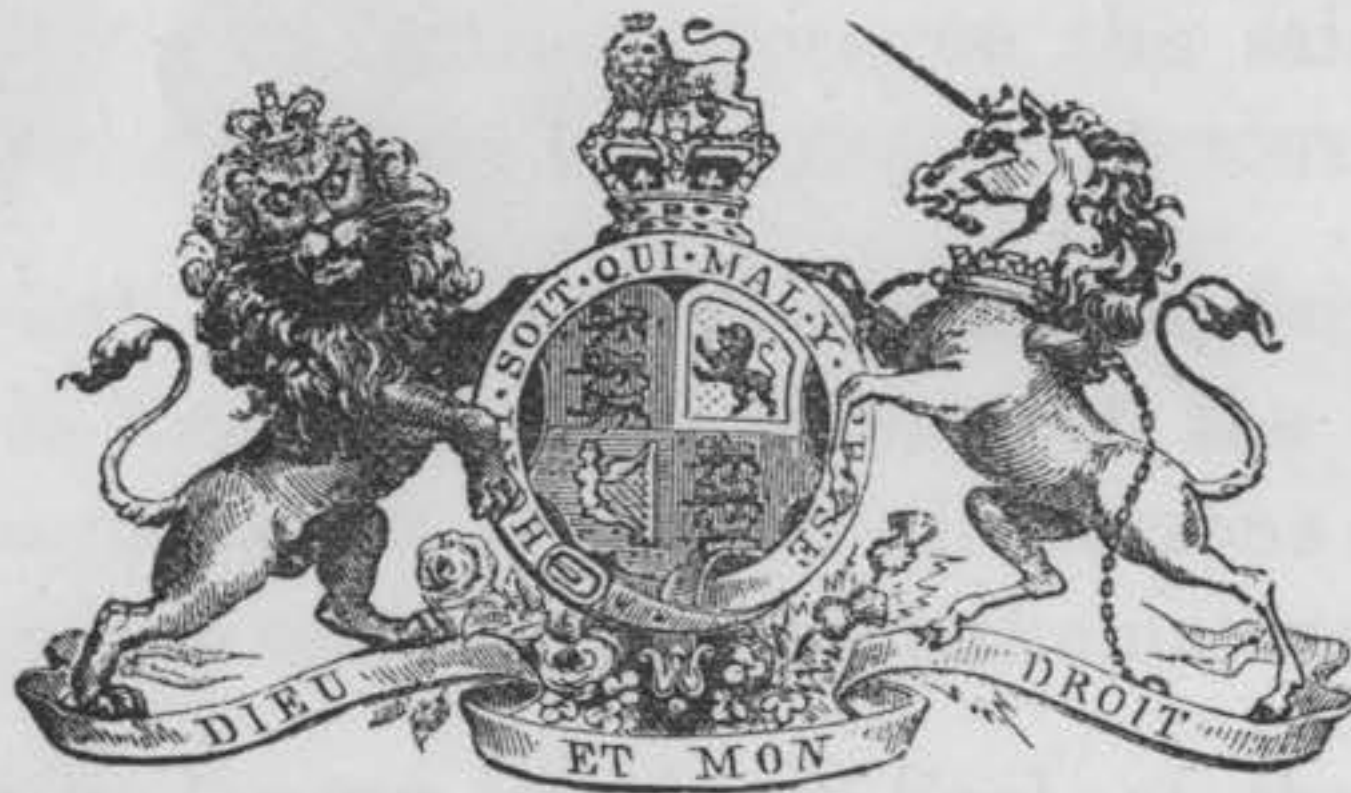
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tor of the Government and Commander-in-
Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies.*

F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FIFTH** day of **SEPTEMBER** next, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **THIRD** day of **OCTOBER** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **THIRD** day of **OCTOBER** next as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this 17th day of August, A. D. 1895.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
THURSDAY the **THIRD** day of **OCTOBER** instant, and
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General As-
sembly until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTH** day of **NOVEMBER** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTH** day
of **NOVEMBER** next as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned
are required to take due notice and govern themselves accord-
ingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government
House, at Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island,
this First day of October, A. D. 1895.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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Commander of the Most Distinguished Order
of St. Michael and St. George, Administrator
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F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the SEVENTH day of NOVEMBER instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTH day of DECEMBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTH day of DECEMBER next as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this First day of November, A. D. 1895.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FIFTH** day of **DECEMBER** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** day of **JANUARY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** 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, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Fourth day of December, A. D. 1895.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** day of **JANUARY** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTH** day of **FEBRUARY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTH** day of **FEBRUARY** 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, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Third day of January, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTH** day of **FEBRUARY** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **MARCH** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **MARCH** 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, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Third day of February, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **MARCH** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTEENTH** day of **APRIL** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTEENTH** day of **APRIL** 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, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Tenth day of March, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTEENTH** day of **APRIL** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **MAY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **MAY** next as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **MAY** instant, and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **ELEVENTH** day of **JUNE** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **ELEVENTH** day of **JUNE** 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, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Twelfth day of May, A. D. 1895.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

WE HEREBY PROCLAIM that the said Statute, inasmuch as it relates to the said Colonies, shall have full force and effect in all the Colonies, and that the said Statute shall be construed and interpreted accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and the Great Seal of Great Britain, at the City of London, the 21st day of May, 1864.

By the Queen's Majesty's Command, in Council, JOHN BULLOCK, Secretary to the Admiralty.

By the Queen's Majesty's Command, in Council, JOHN BULLOCK, Secretary to the Admiralty.

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

JOHN BULLOCK,
Secretary to the Admiralty.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, June 11th, 1896.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation
for the meeting of the Legislature,—

At Ten minutes to Two o'clock, P. M., the House meets.
House met.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL, Members present.
Senior Member present, Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor arrives at Council Chamber.
Governor, Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, K. C. B.,
having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable Mr. Rendell, Presiding Member, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses :—
Speaker and Assembly attend Council Chamber.

Speech.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

In addressing you for the first time as the representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen, I desire to express the gratification I feel in being associated with you for the promotion of the prosperity and advancement of this Colony.

In reviewing the events of the year that has nearly elapsed since the close of your last Session, I would first call your attention to the satisfactory condition of our financial affairs.

The policy of retrenchment in the public expenditure which was adopted by the Legislature last year has been faithfully carried out by my Government, and, I am pleased to observe, without in any way affecting the efficiency of the Public Service.

The honest and conscientious fulfilment of this trust has resulted in the restoration of the credit of the Colony abroad, and in increased thrift and enterprise on the part of the people of this Colony.

The interest due to holders of our Colonial Bonds has been and will be promptly met, and after all obligations in connection with the Public Service for the present quarter have been provided for, there will be a considerable balance to the credit of the Treasury. The change that has taken place in the condition of the Colony within the past twelve months, and after one of the most severe financial disasters that ever fell upon any community, shows that its recuperative powers are phen-

omenal. I most heartily congratulate you upon this aspect of affairs, which I consider justifies our taking a hopeful view of the economic condition of the Island. Speech—
(Continued.)

The success that attended the prosecution of the fisheries last year, although to some extent limited by reason of low prices, was an important factor in removing the commercial depression. Had the seal fishery of the past Spring been an average one no doubt the revival in trade would have been still more marked.

The shortage in the catch of codfish this season by foreign competitors has already had the effect of improving the markets for our staple, and the prospect thus afforded of better markets next year has encouraged suppliers to make large advances for the approaching fishing season.

The progress made by the Railway Contractor last year on the work of the Western extension was entirely satisfactory. Seventy miles of railway were completed. It is probable that by the end of the present year the line will be built to Port aux Basques which is the Southern terminus.

We cannot fail to recognize the importance of the railway system of the Colony, and the great and beneficent influences it is likely to exert upon the development of our material wealth.

It affords me pleasure to observe that the mining industry of this country is attracting the increased attention of foreign capitalists. The deposit of Iron ore on Bell Island in Conception Bay, is pronounced to be practicably inexhaustible. A large amount of foreign capital has been invested in this property and a considerable amount of em-

Speech—
(Continued.) employment may therefore be anticipated in connection with the working of the mine.

I am informed that other mineral deposits will be developed during the present year.

My Government expected to have been in a position to invite the Legislature to ratify an agreement for the working of the coal area near Grand Lake, but the action of the Newfoundland Railway Company in placing an injunction upon the disposition of the property may possibly retard the completion of the negotiations. The claim set up by the Newfoundland Railway Company is now before the Supreme Court, and it is to be earnestly hoped that there will be an early settlement of the question at issue.

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

The Receiver General estimates the total receipts for the fiscal year, which will end on the 30th June, 1896, at \$1,550,000, and the total expenditure at \$1,350,000, in which sum is included the interest on the Public Debt. This would leave a surplus for the entire year of about \$200,000.

The public accounts and estimates will be submitted to you at an early date, and I am confident you will make needful provision for the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

My Government, appreciating that the mining and agricultural interests of the Colony demand

just recognition and liberal encouragement will recommend an enlargement of the free list. Speech—
(Continued.)

You will be invited to make an increased vote for educational purposes, so as to supplement the Teachers' salaries and also an allocation for the repair of roads and bridges.

In now leaving you to your deliberations, I commend to your wise care and thoughtful attention the needs, the welfare, and the aspirations of the people whom you have the honor to represent, and I trust that Providence may direct your counsels to the furtherance of those ends.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire. Assembly with-
draws; Governor
retires.

The Hon. the Presiding Member read the following communication from His Excellency the Governor:— Leave of absence
granted to Hon.
E. D. Shea.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland, }
11th June, 1896. }

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that I have been pleased to grant leave of absence from the Colony, on Medical Certificate, to the Honorable E. DALTON SHEA, President of the Legislative Council of this Council.

I have, &c.,

H. MURRAY,
Governor.

The Senior Member of the
Legislative Council.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris,—

Select Committee
on Address of
Thanks.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Harris, Skelton, Talbot, Fenelon and Angel, be a Committee for that purpose.

Notice to Suspend
35th Rule.

The Hon. Mr. Harris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of this House with regard to the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of the present Session.

Notice for Printing
and Contingencies.

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, June 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 15th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL,

Members present

Senior Member present, Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

MAURICE FENELON,

GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 11th, were read.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot then entered the Chamber and took his Seat.

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

Address of Thanks presented and read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be Suspended as regards the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

35th Rule suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, the said Address was read a second time, and

Address of Thanks read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,— That the Report be received.

Address read 3rd time and passed.

The said Address was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the Presiding Member signed the same.

To be presented by Deputation of whole House.

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

The Address is as follows:—

Address.

To His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

We beg leave to congratulate Your Excellency and the country upon your appointment to the Government of this possession of the Crown, and in the fullest confidence in Your Excellency's wisdom and integrity we anticipate the advantages which must result from Your Excellency's administration.

It is gratifying to hear of the satisfactory condition of our financial affairs; and that the efficiency of the Public Service has not been to any serious degree affected by the retrenchment in the public expenditure adopted at the last Session of

the Legislature. The restoration of the credit of the Colony is a matter of sincere congratulation. Address—
(Continued.)

We are glad to learn that the Colony has been and will be in a position to meet its obligations to holders of its bonds, and that a considerable balance will remain to the credit of the Treasury. We unite with Your Excellency in the hopeful view of the economic condition of the Island.

We regret that the result of the past Springs Seal fishery has to a certain extent retarded the revival of trade.

We trust that the advances made by suppliers for this Season's Codfishery may be productive of commensurate results, and that the markets for our staple may be materially improved.

We are pleased to be informed of the progress of Railway work and of its probable completion to the Southern terminus by the end of the season; and we trust that this enterprise may prove of permanent advantage to the Colony.

It is satisfactory to learn that the attention of foreign Capitalists has been attracted to our mining industries and we hope that the success of Bell Isle Mine may be so marked as to induce other Capitalists to invest in similar properties in the Colony during the present year.

The action of the Newfoundland Railway Company, in claiming a right to select land adjacent to the Coal Area, near Grand Lake, must necessarily retard operations, and we hope for an early and favorable termination of the present legal proceedings.

We regard the Mining and Agricultural interests of the Colony of vast importance, and the

Address—
(Continued.)

contemplated liberal encouragement of these industries, in connection with the tariff, to be a wise proceeding.

An augmentation of the grants for educational purposes will be highly appreciated, as also an allocation for the maintenance of roads and bridges.

We trust that our legislation may be beneficial in promoting the prosperity of the Colony.

G. T. RENDELL,
Senior Member Presiding.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson,—

Select Committee
on Printing and
Contingencies.

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

Ordered,—That the Hons. Messrs. Emerson, Angel, Skelton, Fenelon and Harris, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned.

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

Tuesday, June 16th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, *Senior Member* Members present.
Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read. Minutes read.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Thursday next, June 18th, at Eleven o'clock, A.M.

Thursday, June 18th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL, *Senior* Members present.
Member present, Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE SKELTON,
JOHN HARRIS,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 16th, were Minutes read.
read.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the His Excellency
House that His Excellency the Governor would will receive Ad-
receive the Address of Thanks at a quarter past dress of Thanks.
Eleven o'clock, A. M., this day.

Address of Thanks
presented at Gov-
ernment House.

At a quarter past Eleven o'clock, A. M. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Presiding Member
reports Governor's
reply.

At half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M., the House having returned, the Hon. the Presiding Member reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and to return an answer thereto in the following words:—

Reply.

Mr. Rendell and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I have to thank you for your loyal Address in reply to my Speech of Thursday last.

I join with you in the hope that the fishing during the summer season may redeem the loss incurred by the comparative failure of the Seal fishery, and that the increase in the demand in the foreign markets may promote the interests of the people at home.

I have to thank you for your friendly reference to my appointment as Governor of this Colony. I hope that the worst crisis in its history is now over, and that the improvement in its prospects, though that improvement must be necessarily slow, will continue.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, June, 1896. }

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 23rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, June 23rd, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 18th, were Minutes read.
read.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson laid on the Table :— Document laid on
Table.

Rules and Regulations made by the "Fishes' Board" in pursuance of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. 8.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies, presented the following Report which was received and Report of Printing
and Contingencies,
read.
read :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. }

The Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies submit the following arrangements for Report.
adoption :—

That the Officers appointed by the Council be continued in office during the present Session.

That the present Reporters be re-appointed, and that they supply the Printer with sufficient

matter, if so much be reported, with at least three columns of the paper before Ten o'clock each day.

That the *Evening Telegram* publish the Debates of the Legislative Council on condition that it publish at least three columns daily, provided so much be furnished before Ten o'clock on each day, and that a Speech shall not be divided except it exceed three columns.

The *Harbor Grace Standard*, *Twillingate Sun*, and *Trinity Record*, to copy the Debates.

Miscellaneous Printing:—The *Times*.

Printing Journals:—The *Royal Gazette*.

St. John's, June 23rd, 1896.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Chairman.

GEO. SKELTON,
JAMES ANGEL,
M. FENELON,
JOHN HARRIS.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson,—

Report adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the formation of Limited Liability Companies in this Colony and for the Winding-up of such Companies.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday next, June 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, June 25th, 1896.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Hon. the Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum. Adjourned for
want of quorum.

Friday, June 26th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL, Members present.
Senior Member present, Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 MAURICE FENELON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 23rd, and Thursday, June 25th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson laid upon the Table the following Document:— Document laid on
Table.

Report of the Fishery Department for 1895,

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Temperance Act of 1889,’” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
June 23rd, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” with which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
June 26th, 1896. }

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan then enters the Chamber.

Temperance
Amendment Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Temperance Act of 1889,’” was read a first time, and

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

Revenue Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for Granting to Her

Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was read a first time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the said Bill. 35th Rule suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson the said Bill was read a second time, and Revenue Bill, read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Honorable the Senior Member Presiding signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

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

The Hon. Mr. Emerson, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the formation of Limited Liability Companies in this Colony, and for the Winding-up of such Companies, which was read a first time, and Limited Liability Companies' Bill brought in and read 1st time.

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

The Hon. Mr. Harris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property. Notice of motion.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, June 29th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 29th, 1896.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL, *Presiding.*

Adjourned for want of quorum.

The Hon'ble Mr. Rendell declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, June 30th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Tuesday, June 30th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, June 26th, and Monday, June 29th, were read.

Mr. Harris brings in Bill; Publication of Conveyances of Property Bill, read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, and leave granted, the Hon. Mr. Harris presented a Bill respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property, which was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

Message from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
June 29th, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes,” was read a first time, and

Conveyancing Bill,
read 1st time.

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, July 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Friday, July 3rd, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 30th, were read.

Temperance Bill
to amend Act, '89,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Temperance Act of 1889," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Companies' Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill respecting Companies was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson,—

Companies' Bill
referred to a Select
Committee.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon the said Bill, and

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Emerson, Angel, Harris, and Fenelon, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson,—

Message to Assem-
bly asking for
Committee to join
on the Companies'
Bill.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly respectfully requesting the Assembly to appoint a Committee of their Body to co-operate

with the Committee of the Council to enquire into and report upon the Bill respecting Companies.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, the Bill respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property, was read a second time, and

Publication of
Conveyances of
Property Bill,
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes," was read a second time, and

Conveyancing Bill,
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, July 6th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, July 6th, 1896.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present. The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Friday, July 3rd, were read.

Committee on
Temperance Act
Amendment Bill. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Temperance Act of 1889.'" "

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported. The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Publication of
Conveyances of
Property Bill. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an ^{Reported.} Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on ^{Committee on Conveyancing Bill.} motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Tuesday, July 7th, at half-past Four o'clock. P. M.

Tuesday, July 7th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.
The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, July 6th, were read.

Temperance
Amendment Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Temperance Act, of 1889," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly,

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

Publication of
Conveyances of
Property Bill,
read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Passed and
entitled.

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act respecting the publication of Conveyances of Property."

The Hon. Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the

same, and requesting their concurrence in the said Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes." Committee on Conveyancing Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:— Message from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that it has appointed the following as a Select Committee to co-operate with the Committee of the Council as to the enquiry and report on the Companies' Acts:—

The Honorables the Premier, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Greene, and the Honorable Mr. Horwood.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
July 7th, 1896. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, July 8th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned

Wednesday, July 8th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 7th, were read.

Documents laid on
Table.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Standard Life Insurance Company.

Report of Electric Light Company, 1895.

Report of Boot and Shoe Company.

Report of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Co.

Report of Newfoundland Oil Company.

Report of "Walrus" S. S. Company.

Report of Steam Sealing and Whaling Co.

Report of Monrce Fibre Company.

Report of Masonic Hall Joint Stock Co.

Report of Colonial Cordage Company.

Report of Floating Dry Dock Company.

Report of Coastal S. S. Company, 1894.

Report of Steam Screw Tug Company.

Report of Consolidated Foundry.

Report of Cashier Savings' Bank.

Report of Newfoundland Brewery Company. Documents—
(Continued.)

Report of Royal Stores, Limited.

Report of Port-au-Port Asbestos Company.

Statement of Postmaster General in account with Local Government, 30th June, 1895.

Statement of Postmaster General showing Gross Revenue.

Statement showing amounts paid Clerks, etc.

Statement showing number of Registered Articles received and sent.

Statement Dead Letter Office.

Statement showing number of Letters lost.

Statement showing number of Registered Letters alleged to have been mailed to Newfoundland and lost.

Statement of Money Order Department.

Statement of Glenwood Lumber Company.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

Messages from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act for the Conversion of certain Debentures of the Colony," with which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 7th, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has confirmed, with certain Amendments, the Rules and Regulations respecting the Lobster Industry, the Herring and Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon, made and prescribed by the Fisheries' Board under and by virtue of Section 8 of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries," and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, July 7th, 1896.

Debentures Conversion Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Conversion of certain Debentures of the Colony," was read a first time, and

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

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of this House in reference to the further progress of the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the Conversion of certain Debentures of this Colony."

Ordered,—That the said Bill and Notice stand first on the Order of the Day to-morrow.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the Fisheries' Rules and Regulations sent up from the House of Assembly.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, July 9th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, July 9th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 MAURICE FENELON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 8th, were Minutes read.
 read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Debentures Con-
 version Bill,
 read 2nd time.
 motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up,
 entitled "An Act for the Conversion of certain
 Debentures of the Colony," was read a second time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon.
 Mr. Emerson,—

Ordered,— That the 35th Rule of the House 35th Rule
 suspended.
 be suspended with reference to the said Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Committed.
 House went into Committee on the said Bill pre-
 sently.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Reported.
 Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

Committee on
Fishery Rules and
Regulations.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Rules and Regulations sent up from the House of Assembly respecting the Lobster Industry, the Herring and Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon, made and prescribed by the "Fisheries' Board" under and by virtue of Sec. 8 of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. VIII, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, July 13th, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, July 13th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Thursday, July 9th, were Minutes read.
 read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Committee on
Fishery Rules and
Regulations.
 motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went
 into Committee on the Rules and Regulations re-
 specting the Lobster Industry, the Herring and
 Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon, made and pre-
 scribed by the "Fisheries' Board" under and by
 virtue of Section 8 of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. VIII,
 entitled "An Act respecting the Department of
 Fisheries."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the said Rules and Reported.
 Regulations without Amendment.

The said Rules and Regulations were then Passed and
Confirmed.
 adopted, passed and confirmed, and the Hon. the
 Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, July 17th, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, July 17th, 1896.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable GEORGE H. EMERSON, *Presiding.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon'ble Mr. Emerson declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, July 18th, at Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Saturday, July 18th, 1896.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton declared the House adjourned until Monday next, July 20th, at Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, July 20th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Monday, July 13th, Friday, Minutes read.
July 17th, and Saturday, July 18th, were read.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the Message from
Assembly.
House that he had received the following Message
from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legis-
lative Council that it has passed the accompanying
Resolution and requests the concurrence of the
Council therewith.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 13th, 1896. }

RESOLUTION:

Resolved,—That the Legislative Council and Resolution
confirming
Fishery Rules.
House of Assembly hereby confirm the Rules and
Regulations made by the “Fisheries’ Board,”
and laid upon the Tables of both branches of the

Legislature during the present Session with the Amendments thereon, made and concurred in by both Houses.

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 13th, 1896. }

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

Resolution
adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Resolution relating to the Fishery Rules and Regulations sent up from the House of Assembly was adopted and passed, and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said Resolution.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, July 24th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, July 24th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday last were read,

The Hon'ble Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

Message from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 24th, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884," was read a first time, and

Crown Lands'
Amendment Bill,
read 1st time.

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, July 27th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, July 27th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.
 The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, July 24th, were read.

Crown Lands'
 Amendment Bill
 read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Crown Lands' Act, 1884,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned

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

Tuesday, July 28th, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON.
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Monday last were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in deeds, and for other purposes," was committed to a Committee of the whole House. Committee on Conveyancing Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Fenelon in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments. Reported with Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Crown Lands Act, 1884.'" Committee on Crown Lands' Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with an
Amendment.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 28th, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely: “An Act to amend the Act 56 Vic. Cap. 3, entitled ‘An Act for the maintenance and operation of the Lines of Railway from Whitbourne to Port-aux-Basques, and the Branches thereof,’” and “An Act respecting the acceptance

of certain Companies as Sureties," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 28th, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson the Bills Supply, Sureties, and Railway Bills read 1st time.
sent up, entitled, respectively,—

“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 Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven”;

“An Act respecting the acceptance of certain Companies as Sureties”; and

“An Act to amend the Act 56 Vic. Cap. 3, entitled ‘An Act for the maintenance and operation of the Lines of Railway from Whitbourne to Portaux-Basques, and the Branches thereof,” were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Emerson gives notice that he Notice of motion.
will on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of this House with reference to measures before the House.

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

Wednesday, July 29th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Crown Lands' Bill as amended, read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands' Act, 1884,'" as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message that this House had passed the same with an Amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Amendment on Crown Lands' Bill.

The Amendment is as follows:—

"Section 3.—Strike out all the words of this Section, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"In the case of all mining leases, with the exception of leases for gold and oils, so much as may be necessary of the money to be laid out and expended in and about the working of mines and minerals, in accordance with the provisions of Section LXVII. of 'The Crown Lands' Act, 1884,' shall be laid out and expended in surface and subter-

raneous mining by the excavation of not less than two thousand cubic feet of solid ledge in a vein or lode during each of the years mentioned in the said Section."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the 30th day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven," was read a second time. Supply Bill |
read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the 35th Rule of this House was suspended with reference to measures before the House. 35th Rule
suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the 30th day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven," was committed to a Committee of the whole House. Committee on
Supply Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same. Supply Bill read
3rd time and
passed.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Sureties Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the acceptance of certain Companies as Sureties," was read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Railway Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 56 Vic. Cap. 3, entitled 'An Act for the maintenance and operation of the Lines of Railway from Whitbourne to Port-aux-Basques, and the Branches thereof,'" was read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

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

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:— Message from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the redemption of certain Debentures of the Colony,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 29th, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the redemption of certain Debentures of the Colony,” was read a first time, and Debentures Redemption Bill read 1st time.

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Thursday, July 30th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Thursday, July 30th, 1896:

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,
Senior Member Presiding.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Consolidated
Statutes and
Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table :

The Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, 1892.

Also the following Documents :

A Historical Sketch of the Discovery and Development of the Coal Areas of Newfoundland up to Date, by James P. Howley, F.G.S.

A.—Applications for Mining Locations received, year ending 30th June, 1896.

B.—Fee-simple Mining Grants, issued year ending 30th June, 1896.

C.—Mining Leases issued year ending 30th June, 1896.

D.—Mining Licenses issued year ending 30th June, 1896.

E.—Return of Crown Land Grants issued from July 1st, 1895, to June 30th, 1896.

F.—Licenses to Cut Timber issued year ending 30th June, 1896.

G.—Surveyor General's Consolidated Cash Account, year ending 30th June, 1896.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the acceptance of certain Companies as Sureties." Committee on Sureties Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments. Reported with Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same. Read 3rd time as amended, and passed.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein. Message to Assembly.

The Amendments are as follows:—

"Strike out the several Sections of the said Bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: Amendments.

"1. Where any person has been appointed to, or holds or has, any office or employment in the public service, and such person is required to give security by means of a surety or sureties for the due performance of the duties of such office or employment, the Governor in Council or the head of the department, or the person in whom is vested the discretion of determining the nature or amount

Amendments—
(Continued.)

of such security, may in the exercise of such discretion accept as security the guarantee of any Company which complies with the conditions contained in this Act and the rules made thereunder, and may fix in each case the amount to be guaranteed.

“2. Whenever after the passing of this Act security may be ordered by the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, for the due and faithful performance by any person of the office of Administrator, Trustee, Receiver, or of any office of trust, for the performance of which the Court or a Judge may require security, such security may be given by the guarantee of any Company which complies with the conditions contained in this Act and the rules made thereunder.

“3. The conditions under which the guarantee of a Company may be accepted under this Act are as follows:

“(a) The subscribed capital of the Company shall not be less than two hundred thousand dollars.

“(b) The paid up capital shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars.

“(c) The Company shall file in the office of the Colonial Secretary a certified copy of the Act of Incorporation, or charter, or letters patent, or articles of association of such Company, and a power of attorney from such Company to its agent in this country under the seal of the Company, and signed by the President and Secretary or other proper officer thereof, together with an affidavit of the agent of the Company

in Newfoundland, or a notarial certificate verifying the authority of such President, Secretary, or other officer. Amendments—
(Continued.)

“(d) The Company shall obtain from the Governor in Council, under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, a license permitting the Company to carry on business in Newfoundland.

“(e) The Company shall set aside a special fund of such an amount, and invested in such a manner, as the Governor in Council shall prescribe by rules under this Act.

“4. The special fund provided for by the preceding section shall be liable only for claims made against the Company by reason of their liability for any security which may be given under the first and second sections of this Act.

“5. Such Company shall in the month of January in each year file with the Colonial Secretary, or Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, if there be such an officer, a statement of its affairs, which statement shall contain a memorandum of the investments under the special fund and the amount of guarantee or sureties given by the Company by virtue of the first and second sections of this Act. Such statement shall be verified by the affidavit of the President, Secretary, or other proper officer of the Company, or by the agent of the Company in Newfoundland.

“6. The Colonial Secretary shall, on or before the 15th day of February in each year, publish a list of the Companies licensed to do business under this Act.

Amendments—
(Continued.)

“7. If any Company licensed to do business under this Act should cease to transact business, the Governor in Council may authorize the whole or any part thereof of the securities so held on deposit to be released and transferred to such Company, but shall retain thereof sufficient securities to meet the existing liabilities of such Company, if any.

“8. Nothing in this Act shall preclude the Governor in Council, or the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, from ordering securities to be taken and given in the same manner as heretofore.

“9. The Governor in Council may make rules for carrying into effect the objects of this Act, and such rules when made and published in the *Royal Gazette*, shall have the effect of law as if enacted herein.

“10. This Act may be cited as ‘The Guarantees by Companies Act, 1896.’

“Strike out the Schedule of the said Bill.

“In the Title,—After the word ‘Act,’—Strike out all the words, and insert in lieu thereof the words, ‘to provide for Guarantees by Companies.’”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the redemption of certain Debentures of the Colony,” was read a second time, and

Debentures Re-
demption Bill
read 2nd time.

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

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

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:— Messages from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Crown Lands’ Act, 1881,” without Amendment.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
July 29th, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Education Act, 1895,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
July 29th, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, July 29th, 1896.

Education and
Road Bills,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to amend the Education Act, 1895,” and “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within the Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same,” were severally read a first time.

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

Notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move the third reading of the Bill in reference to Conveyances by Deed;

Also, that he will on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of the House in reference to all measures that now are or may come before the House during the remainder of the Session.

Adjourned.

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

Friday, July 31st, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT, Members present.
Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. 35th Rule
suspended.
Mr. Emerson, the 35th Rule of this House was suspended in reference to all measures that are now or may come before the House during the remainder of the Session.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Conveyancing Bill,
as amended,
read 3rd time
and passed.
Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem- Message to
Assembly.
bly, with Message that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

Amendment on
Conveyancing Bill.

The Amendment are as follows:—

“In Section V, Sub-section 1 (a),—1st line, after the word ‘money,’ insert the words ‘whether principal or interest.’

“Strike out Section XXII, together with Sub-sections 1, 2, 3.”

Education Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Education Act, 1895,” was read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

Road Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

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

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:— Message from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Newfoundland Medical Board,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, July 30th, 1896.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Newfoundland Medical Board,” was read a first time, and Medical Board Bill, read 1st time.

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

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

House meets.

Saturday, August 1st, 1896.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present.

PRESENT :

The Honorable THOMAS TALBOT,

Senior Member Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

MAURICE FENELON.

GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to request that the Legislative Council will be pleased to send the House of Assembly a statement of their Contingent Expenses for the present Session.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
July 31st, 1896. }

Report on Print-
ing and Contingencies presented
and read.

The Hon. Mr. Emerson, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session, presented a Report of the same, which was received and read, and

Committee of
Privilege.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Report without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Report was then adopted, and Report adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that this House had adopted the said Report. Message to Assembly.

The Report is as follows:—

“The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to Printing and Contingencies, report that they have examined the accounts of the Acting Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod, and have considered the other charges and expenses, and find them as follows: Report of Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

The President of the Legislative Council.	\$ 240.00
The Members of the Council, for their services	1080.00
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council, and performing duties of Master-in-Chancery	1000.00
<i>Times</i> , miscellaneous printing.....	122.00
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , publishing debates...	160.00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i> , copying debates.	100.00
<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , copying debates	100.00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , copying debates	100.00
Binding newspapers.....	20.00
Edward Shea, reporting debates	375.00
Robert Pittman, reporting debates	375.00
Doorkeeper	225.00
Assistant Doorkeeper	190.00
Newspapers for Members and Council,...	63.90

Contingencies of the Clerk	\$ 69.07
Usher of the Black Rod.....	600.00
Fireman	65.00
Estimate for printing and binding Journals	400.00
Contingencies of Black Rod.....	246.78
	\$5531.75

GEO. H. EMERSON, *Chairman.*

M. FENELON.

GEO. SKELTON.

JOHN HARRIS.

Medical Board
Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Newfoundland Medical Board," was read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Act 51 Victoria, Chapter 22, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds,’” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, July 31st, 1896.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the acceptance of certain Companies as Sureties,” with some Amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, July 31st, 1896.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of this Colony,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, 1st August, 1896,

Amendments on
Amendments on
Sureties Bill
passed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the acceptance of certain Companies as Sureties," were read throughout, adopted and passed; and the Hon. Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Registration of
Deeds Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 51 Victoria, Chapter 22, entitled 'An Act to provide for the registration of Deeds,'" was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

Indemnity Bill,
read 1st and
and time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain

sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of this Colony," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday, August 3rd, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, August 3rd, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

MAURICE FENELON,

GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday, August 1st, were read.

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Rebuilding of St. John's, and to its Municipal Affairs," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
1st August, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accom-

panying Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
1st August, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill Municipal Bill, read 1st and 2nd time. sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Rebuilding of St. John's, and to its Municipal Affairs," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill Deer Preservation Bill, read 1st and 2nd time. sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Fenelon in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The Hon. the President informed the House Message from Assembly. that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to Incorporate the St. John’s Street Railway Company, and for other purposes,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
1st August, 1896. }

St. John’s Street
Railway Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Incorporate the Saint John’s Street Railway Company, and for other purposes,” was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with
Amendments.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time,
as amended,
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments.

“Page 1,—Section 3,—2nd line, after the words ‘St. John’s,’ strike out all the words of the section.

“Page 10,—Section 29—At the end of the section, add the words ‘And provided that in case the said Municipal Council shall not, after the lapse of the said period of fifty years, exercise the right of preëmption hereunder, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall continue until the said Municipal Council shall exercise the said right of preëmption.’”

Amendments—
(Continued.)

“Page 11,—Section 34,—3rd line, after the word ‘hereunder,’ insert the words ‘to the property of the municipality.’”

“Page 12,—Section 41,—1st line, after the word ‘policemen,’ insert the words ‘on duty at all times.’”

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Tuesday, August 4th, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, August 4th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 MAURICE FENELON,
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday last were read

Committee of Privilege.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege on the Report of the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Report of Contingencies Committee adopted, as amended.

The Chairman reported the Report with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Message to Assembly.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted, as amended, and sent to the House of Assembly with Message, that this House had adopted the same and requesting concurrence therein.

Committee on Municipal Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An

Act to amend the Acts relating to the Rebuilding of St. John's, and to its Municipal Affairs."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Reported with Amendments.
Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a Read 3rd time and passed.
third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem- Message to Assembly.
bly with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 8,—Second line.—After the word Amendments on Municipal Bill.
“place,” insert the words “for any purpose or in.”

Same Section,—Same line.—After the word
“or,” insert the words “on or in any.”

Same Section,—Second and third lines.—After the word “residence,” insert the words “for the purpose of heating or boiling pitch, tar, sugar, molasses, varnish, or such inflammable substances.”

Insert as new 16th Section, the following:—

“16.—(1.) Every Carriage which shall be driven, or shall be on any of the streets, roads or squares of the town during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, shall be provided with a lamp or lamps, which shall be so constructed and placed as to exhibit a light

Amendments—
(Continued.)

in the direction in which the carriage proceeds, and so lighted and kept lighted as to afford adequate means of signalling the approach or position of such carriage.”

“(2.) The owner of any carriage who shall cause or suffer the same to be driven or to be on any such street, road or square without being provided with a lamp or lamps in accordance with subsection (1), shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for every such offence.”

“(3.) The driver or other person in charge of any carriage provided with a lamp or lamps in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), who shall drive such carriage, or cause or suffer the same to be driven, or to be upon any such street, road or square, shall, if such lamp or lamps be not placed lighted and kept lighted in the manner and during the period prescribed by this section, be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for every such offence.”

“(4.) For the purposes of this section the term “carriage” shall include any waggon, van, carriage, chaise, buggy, dog-cart, cab, omnibus, charabancs, waggonette, brake, stage coach, tram-car, or other similar conveyance, and any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede or other similar machine, but not common carts or drays, nor sleighs or catamarans.”

“(5.) Penalties under this Section may be recovered by any person upon complaint in a summary manner before a Stipendiary Magistrate.”

Committee on
Deer Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer.”

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Reported with Amendments.
Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time, as Read 3rd time, as amended, and passed.
amended, and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem- Message to Assembly.
bly, with Message that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Eleventh Section,—Third line.—After the Amendments on Deer Bill.
word “and” strike out the words “any person,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “the.”

Same Section,—Fourth line.—After the word “finding,” insert the word “of.”

Schedule 1,—Sixth line.—Strike out the word “fifteenth,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “sixteenth.”

Same Schedule,—Seventh line.—Strike out the word “tenth,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “eleventh.”

Same Schedule,—Eighth line.—Strike out the word “first,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “thirty-first.”

Same Schedule,—Same line.—After the word “November,” insert the words “in one year.”

Same Schedule,—Same line.—After the word ‘of’ strike out the word “February,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “January.”

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the payment of Royalty upon Timber,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
4th August, 1896. }

Royalty upon
Timber Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the payment of Royalty upon Timber,” was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Fenelon in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported without
Amendment.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:— Message from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Incorporate the St. John’s Street Railway, and for other purposes,” without Amendment.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
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On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday next, August 6th, at Eleven o’clock, A.M. Adjourned.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Thursday, August 6th, 1896.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
MAURICE FENELON,
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, August 4th, were read.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
August 4th, 1896. }

Contingency Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature," was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:— Messages from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed, and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes,” without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
4th August, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the

Messages—

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Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs," without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
4th August, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the St. John's Street Railway Company, and for other purposes," without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
4th August, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon a Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
4th August, 1896. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act respecting Grand

and Petty Jury Lists," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
4th August, 1896. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Emerson, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Grand and Petty Jury Lists," was read a first and second time, and

Jury Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Reported with
Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Read 3rd time,
as amended,
and passed.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

Message to
Assembly.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Third Section,—Second line.—After the word "section" strike out the figure "5," and insert in lieu thereof the figure "6."

Amendments on
Jury Bill.

Same Section,—Same line.—After the word "Chapter" strike out the figures "19," and insert in lieu thereof the figures and words "56 of the,"

Amendments—
(Continued.)

Same Section,—Third line.—After the word “Statutes” insert the words “Second Series.”

Same Section,—Same line.—After the word “Series,” insert the words “entitled, ‘Of Trial by Jury.’”

Sixth Section,—Third line.—After the word “the,” insert the words “for the Grand and Petty Jury.”

Same Section,—Same line.—After the word “lists,” insert the words “for the Central District.”

Same Section.—After the word “existing,” strike out all the words of the section.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Grand and Petty Jury Lists,” without amendment.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
6th August, 1896. }

Governor arrives
at Council
Chamber;

At Two o’clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor, Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, K. C. B., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon’ble the President directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House

of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

House of Assembly attend Council Chamber;

Governor assents to Bills.

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 30th day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Bills assented to.

An Act for Granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.

An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the Service of the Colony.

An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money for the redemption of certain Debentures of the Colony.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

An Act to amend the Temperance Act of 1889.

An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884.

An Act to amend the Act 56 Vic., Cap. 3, entitled 'An Act for the maintenance and operation of the Lines of Railway from Whitbourne to Port-aux-Basques, and the Branches thereof.'

An Act to provide for Guarantee by Companies.

An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1895.'

Bills assented to—
(Continued.)

An Act respecting Conveyances by Deed and for vesting in purchasers various powers commonly conferred by provisions inserted in Deeds, and for other purposes.

An Act respecting the Newfoundland Medical Board.

An Act to amend the Act 51 Victoria, Chapter 22, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds.'

An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs.

An Act respecting the payment of Royalty on Timber.

An Act respecting Grand and Petty Jury Lists.

St. John's Street
Railway Bill
reserved.

His Excellency the Governor reserved the Bill, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Saint John's Street Railway Company, and for other purposes," for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Speech.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

I am pleased to be able to relieve you from your attendance to legislative duties. At this season of the year I am quite sure that your own business affairs require your personal supervision, and that your constant attendance here during the

past six weeks must have been a great inconvenience. Speech—
(Continued.)

I appreciate the care and assiduity with which you have discharged your functions.

The desire of the Government to lay before you a full and accurate statement of the affairs of the Colony for the fiscal year that closed on the 30th June last, and thus to enable you to see the effect of the Retrenchment Policy adopted last Session before entering upon new obligations, was the reason for my convening the legislature at an unusual date.

The statements furnished must have been exceedingly gratifying to you, evincing as they do the exercise of the strictest vigilance and economy in the conduct of the public service during the past twelve months.

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

I thank you for the provision that you have made for the public service. The supplies that you have granted shall be disbursed with a view to the economical and efficient maintenance of that service.

The Act passed for the conversion of certain Debentures of this Colony will effect a saving of interest upon the present debt, and therefore cannot fail to meet with general approval.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

I notice with much pleasure the addition that you have made in the grant for Education, and that

Speech—

(Continued.)

the amount voted will not alone restore to the Teachers throughout the Island their former salaries, but will also augment the fund at the disposal of the Boards of Education for general purposes.

The allocation for the repair of roads and bridges was very necessary and no doubt will be appreciated by the residents in extern districts.

Among the Acts that you have passed, that for the Incorporation of the Street Railway, will be regarded with especial interest by the residents of this city. I trust that the benefits arising from this will compensate for the obligations assumed in the promotion of the enterprise.

I observe with regret that the shore cod fishery to the north of St. John's has been a failure up to date. I sincerely trust that an improvement will speedily take place, and that the several pursuits in which you may be interested during the current season will realize your best aspirations.

Prorogation.

The Hon. the President of the Council then said:—It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY, the TENTH day of SEPTEMBER next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
H. MURRAY, *Knight Commander of the Most Honourable*
Governor. *Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-*
[L. S.] *in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-*
land and its Dependencies.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS at and during the Session of the General Assembly of this Island now being holden at St. John's, a Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was passed by the Council and House of Assembly of the said Island:

And whereas I, the Governor, having afterwards seen and considered the said Bill so passed, and entitled as aforesaid, did on this 30th day of June aforesaid, subscribe my name and give my assent to the said Bill.

Now, therefore, I do, by this my Proclamation, publish and make known to all our loving subjects in this Island and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, that I, the said Governor, did on this 30th day of June aforesaid, subscribe my name and did assent to the said Act.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Island, of Newfoundland at the Government House, St. John's, in the said Island, this 30th day of June 1896, and in the Sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

H. MURRAY,
 Governor.
 [L. S.]

WHEREAS at and during the Session of the General Assembly of this Island now being holden at St. John's, a Bill entitled "An Act for the conversion of certain Debentures of this Colony" was passed by the Council and House of Assembly of the said Island:

And whereas, I, the Governor, having afterwards seen and considered the said Bill so passed, and entitled as aforesaid, did on this 14th day of July, subscribe my name and give my assent to the said Bill.

Now therefore, I do, by this my Proclamation, publish and make known to all our loving subjects in this Island and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, that I, the said Governor, did on this 14th day of July aforesaid, subscribe my name and did assent to the said Act.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of
 the said Island of Newfoundland at the Gov-
 ernment House, at Saint John's, in the said
 Island, this 14th day of July, A.D. 1896, and
 in the Sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

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