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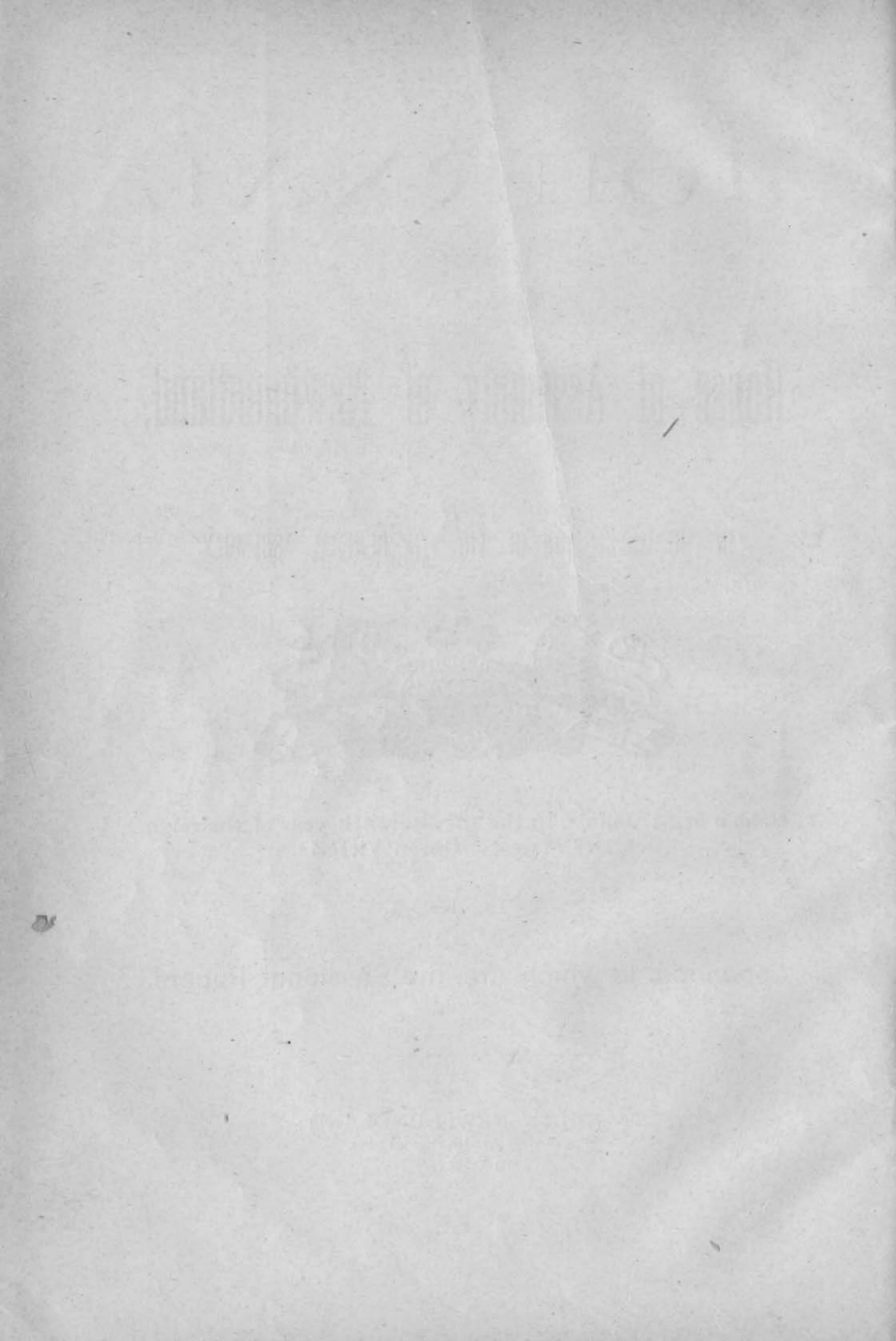
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*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
N. O'BRIEN, Knight-Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael
and St. George, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its dependencies.*

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Thursday, the thirteenth day of July instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the seventeenth day of August next;

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

(L.S.) Given under my hand and seal, at Govern-
ment House, at St. John's, in the afore-
said Island, this 5th day of July, A. D.,
1893.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*

**PROCLAMATION.**

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS we have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of our Island of Newfoundland: Know ye that we do, for this purpose, publish this our Royal Proclamation, and we do by these presents dissolve the said General Assembly ;

And we do hereby discharge the members of our Council and of the House of Assembly of the said Island from further attendance in the said General Assembly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, under the Great Seal of the said Island.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 15th day of August, A. D. 1893, in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Whereas by our Proclamation, bearing date the fifteenth day of August last, we did dissolve the General Assembly of our Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, and it is our will and pleasure to summon and call a General Assembly within the said Island and its dependencies : We do, therefore, by this our Proclamation, declare and make known to all our loving subjects within our said Island that it is our intention to issue our writs for a general election of members to serve in the General Assembly of our said Island, and further that the day of nomination of candidates at the said general election shall be, for the several districts and divisions of districts, on Friday, the twenty-seventh day of October, and such nomination shall be for the hereinafter mentioned districts and divisions of districts at the following places, viz :—

- For the district of St. Barbe, at Bonne Bay ;
- For the district of Twillingate, at Twillingate ;
- For the district of Fogo, at Fogo ;
- For the district of Bonavista, at Bonavista ;
- For the district of Trinity, at Trinity ;
- For the district of Bay-de-Verde, at Western Bay ;
- For the district of Carbonear, at Carbonear ;
- For the district of Harbor Grace, at Harbor Grace ;
- For the district of Port-de-Grave, at Brigus ;
- For the district of Harbor Main, at Harbor Main ;
- For the division of St. John's West, at St. John's ;
- For the division of St. John's East, at St. John's ;
- For the district of Ferryland, at Ferryland ;
- For the district of Placentia and St. Mary's at Great Placentia ;

For the district of Burin, at Burin;

For the district of Fortune Bay, at Harbor Briton;

For the district of Burgeo and LaPoile, at Burgeo;

For the district of St. George, at Sandy Point;

and at which places, respectively, the final results of the polls taken and the return of the respective member or members who shall have been duly elected shall be declared.

And we do further declare and make known that the day of polling for the said candidates shall be on Monday, the sixth day of November next, and that such polling shall take place within the said districts and divisions of districts, respectively, as follows:—

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of St. Barbe, at Trout River, Bonne Bay, Rocky Harbor, Daniel's Harbor, Cowhead, Currant Islands, Port-aux-Choix, Flower's Cove, Cook's Harbor, Quirpon, Griguet, St. Anthony, Fischot Islands, Conche, Englee, Harbor Deep, Jackson's Arm, South Arm, Western Cove, Coachman's Cove, Brent's Cove, LaScie, St. Barbe Islands and Groais Islands;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the district of Twillingate, at Shoe Cove, Tilt Cove, Nipper's Harbor, North West Arm, Harry's Harbor, Little Bay Mines, Little Bay Islands, Hall's Bay, Ward's Harbor, Pilley's Island, Leading Tickles, Moore's Cove (New Bay), Fortune Harbor, Upper Sandy Point, Great Troytown, Botwoodville, Burnt Bay, Indian Arm, Exploits (Burnt Island), Kyar's Cove (Black Island), Moreton's Harbor, Twillingate, Herring Neck, Boyd's Cove and Tizzard's Harbor;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of Fogo, at Change Islands, Fogo, Barr'd Islands, Joe Batt's Arm, Tilton Harbor, Seldom-Come-By, Indian Islands, Gander Bay, Western Arm (Rocky Bay), Ladle Cove, Musgrave Harbor, Cat Harbor, Island Harbor and Doting Cove;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the district of Bonavista, at Cape Island, Outer Pinchard's Island, Inner Pinchard's Island, Wesleyville, Pool's Island, Shambler's Cove, Greenspond, Fair Island, Burnt Island, Gooseberry Islands, St. Brendan's, Freshwater Bay, Mint Brook, Flat Islands, Alexander Bay, Bishop Harbor, Salvage, Happy Adventure, Musgravetown, Clode Sound, Brooklyn, James Cove, Sweet Bay, Seal Cove (Southern Bay), Indian Arm,

Plate Cove, Open Hall, Tickle Cove, Keels, Broad Cove, King's Cove, Stock Cove, Newman's Cove, Bayly's Cove and Bonavista ;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the district of Trinity, at Spillar's Cove, Bird Island Cove, Little Catalina, Great Catalina, Ragged Harbor, English Harbor, Salmon Cove, Trinity Harbor East, Trinity, Trouty, New Bonaventure, British Harbor, Lady Cove, Ireland's Eye, Hickman's Harbor, Foster's Point, Shoal Harbor, Bluff Head Cove, George's Brook, Broad Cove (Smith's Sound), Gin Cove, Britannia Cove, Deer Harbor, Northern Bight, Hodge's Cove, Fox Harbor, Summerside (Bull's Arm), Chance Cove, Tickle Harbor, Chapel Arm, Old Shop, Dildo, New Harbor, Green's Harbor, Whitbourne, Shoal Bay, Heart's Delight, Heart's Ease, Heart's Desire, Heart's Content, New Perlican, Scilly Cove, Hant's Harbor, Seal Cove, Russell's Cove (south), Lance Cove (south) ;

For the election of two members of the said Assembly for the district of Bay-de-Verde, at Old Perlican, Grate's Cove, Red Head Cove, Bay-de-Verde, Caplin Cove, Lower Island Cove, Job's Cove, Burnt Point, Northern Bay, Ochre Pit Cove, Western Bay, Adam's Cove, Black Head, Small Point, Perry's Cove, Salmon Cove and Freshwater ;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of Carbonear, at Victoria Village, Carbonear and Mosquito ;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the district of Harbor Grace, at Harbor Grace, Riverhead, Southside, Bryant's Cove, Upper Island Cove, Bishop's Cove, Tilton, Spaniard's Bay, Spaniard's Bay Pond, Bay Roberts, Coley's Point ;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of Port-de-Grave, at Ship's Cove, Port-de-Grave, Bareneed, Northern Gut, Northern Gut River, Southern River, Cupids, Cross Roads (Riverhead Cupids), Burnt Head, Brigus ;

For the election of two members of the said Assembly for the district of Harbor Main, at Turk's Cove, Collier's, Bacon Cove, Conception Harbor, Salmon Cove, Harbor Main, Chapel Cove, Holyrood, Lance Cove, Kelligrews, Long Pond, Topsail and Horse Cove ;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the western division of the district of St. John's, in the St. John's section, Southside section, Blackhead section, Petty Harbor section, Gould's section, Kilbride section, Boggy Hall section, Freshwater section, and Broad Cove section of the said division ;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the eastern division of the district of St. John's, in the following sections of the said division : St. John's section, Quidi Vidi section, Torbay section, Major's Path section, Pouch Cove section, Portugal Cove section and Belle Isle section ;

For the election of two members of the said Assembly for the district of Ferryland, at the Goulds, Bay Bulls, Witless Bay, Mobile, Toad's Cove, Cape Broyle, Caplin Bay, Ferryland, Fermeuse and Renews ;

For the election of three members of the said Assembly for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's, at Portugal Cove, Trepassey, Holyrood (St. Mary's), St. Mary's, Riverhead (St. Mary's), Mother Rex, Salmonier, Branch, Distress, Great Placentia, Little Placentia, Fox Harbor, Red Island, Ram's Island, Long Harbor, Sound Island, Barren Island, Isle Valen, Merasheen, Haystack (Long Island), Harbor Buffett, Paradise, Oderin, Baine Harbor ;

For the election of two members of the said Assembly for the district of Burin, at Flat Islands, Spanish Room, Mortier Bay, Beau Bois, Burin, Great St. Lawrence, Lawn, Lord's Cove, Point-aux-Gauls, Muddy Hole, Lamaine, Point May, Fortune, Grand Bank ;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of Fortune Bay, at Garnish, Fox Cove, Bay l'Argent, head of Fortune Bay, English Harbor East, Anderson's Cove, Rencontre, Baie-du-Nord Brook, Belleoram, St. Jacques, English Harbor West, Coomb's Cove, Sagona Island, Brunette Island, Harbor Briton, Pass Island, Hermitage Cove, Gaultois, Ship Cove, Pushthrough ;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of Burgeo and LaPoile, at Richard's Harbor, Rencontre, Francois, Cape LaHune, Ramea Islands, Burgeo, Grand Bruit, Little Harbor, Western Point, Petites, Rose Blanche, Isle-aux-Morts, Channel and Cape Ray ;

For the election of one member of the said Assembly for the district of St. George, at Codroy Grand River, Codroy Harbor, Codroy Little River, Crabb's Brook, Campbell's Creek, Black Duck Brook, Highlands, Sandy Point, Stevenville, the Gravels, the Beach (Bay of Islands), Birchy Cove (the Court House, Bay of Islands), Woody Island (Bay of Islands), Summerside (Bay of Islands) ;

And for the conducting of the said elections and the due return of

the members so to be elected at the said general election, it is our will and pleasure that the electors of the districts of St. Barbe, Twillingate, Fogo, Bonavista, Trinity, Bay-de-Verde, Placentia and St. Mary's, Burin, Fortune Bay, Burgeo and LaPoile and St. George shall give their votes respectively at such polling station as may be to them most convenient

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 25th day of September, A. D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Whereas by our Proclamation made and issued under the Great Seal of our Island of Newfoundland, and bearing date the 25th day of September inst., we have appointed and made known to our loving subjects the several stations which we have established within the respective districts of our said Island, for the purpose of holding the elections and receiving the votes of electors duly qualified to vote at the ensuing general election of members to serve in the General Assembly of our said Island : And whereas we deem it requisite and necessary to appoint and establish the number of places or booths that shall be opened and held by the respective Returning Officers, or their Deputies for receiving the votes of the said electors, and taking the poll at every such station or place of election : We, therefore, by these presents, further order and direct as follows, that is to say—

That in the district of St. Barbe there shall be opened, at Trout River, one booth ; at Bonne Bay, one booth ; at Rocky Harbor, one booth ; at Daniel's Harbor, one booth ; at Cow Head, one booth ; at Currant Island, one booth ; at Port-au-Choix, one booth ; at Flower's Cove, one booth ; at Cook's Harbor, one booth ; at Quirpon, one booth ; at Griquet, one booth ; at St. Anthony, one booth ; at Fischot Islands, one booth ; at Conche, one booth ; at Englee, one booth ; at Harbor Deep, one booth ; at Jackson's Arm, one booth ; at South Arm, one booth ; at Western Cove, one booth ; at Coachman's Cove, one booth ; at Brent's Cove, one booth ; at La Scie, one booth ; at St. Barbe Islands, one booth ; at Groais Islands, one booth : At either one of which booths the electors dwelling in the said district of St. Barbe may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Twillingate there shall be opened at Shoe Cove, one booth ; at Tilt Cove, two booths ; at Nipper's Harbor, one booth ; at North West Arm, one booth ; at Harry's Harbor one booth ; at Little Bay Mines, two booths ; at Little Bay Islands, one booth ; at

Hall's Bay, one booth ; at Ward's Harbor, one booth ; at Pelly's Island, one booth ; at Leading Ticks, one booth ; at Moore's Cove (New Bay), one booth ; at Fortune Harbor, one booth ; at Upper Sandy Point, one booth ; at Great Troytown, one booth ; at Botwoodville, one booth ; at Burnt Bay, one booth ; at Indian Arm, one booth ; at Exploits (Burnt Island), one booth ; at Kyar's Cove (Black Island), one booth ; at Moreton's Harbor, one booth ; at Twillingate, three booths ; at Herring Neck, one booth ; at Tizzard's Harbor, one booth ; and at Boyd's Cove, one booth. At either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Twillingate may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Fogo there shall be opened at Change Islands, two booths ; at Fogo, one booth ; at Barr'd Islands, one booth ; at Joe Batt's Arm, one booth ; at Tilton Harbor, one booth ; at Seldom-Come-By, one booth ; at Indian Islands, one booth ; at Gander Bay, one booth ; at Western Arm (Rocky Bay), one booth ; at Ladle Cove, one booth ; at Musgrave Harbor, one booth ; at Cat Harbor, one booth ; at Island Harbor, one booth ; and at Doting Cove, one booth. At either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Fogo may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Bonavista Bay there shall be opened at Cape Island, one booth ; at Outer Pinchard's Island, one booth ; at Inner Pinchard's Island, one booth ; at Wesleyville, one booth ; at Pool's Island, one booth ; at Shambler's Cove, one booth ; at Greenspond, two booths ; at Fair Islands, one booth ; at Burnt Island, one booth ; at Gooseberry Islands, one booth ; at St. Brendan's, one booth ; at Freshwater Bay, one booth ; at Mint Brook, one booth ; at Flat Islands, one booth ; at Alexander Bay, one booth ; at Bishop's Harbor, one booth ; at Salvage, one booth ; at Happy Adventure, one booth ; at Musgrave Town, one booth ; at Clode Sound, one booth ; at Brooklyn, one booth ; at James' Cove, one booth ; at Sweet Bay, one booth ; at Seal Cove (Southern Bay), one booth ; at Indian Arm, one booth ; at Plate Cove, one booth ; at Open Hall, one booth ; at Tickle Cove, one booth ; at Keels, one booth ; at Broad Cove, one booth ; at King's Cove, one booth ; at Stock Cove, one booth ; at Newman's Cove, one booth ; at Bayly's Cove, one booth ; and at Bonavista, three booths. At either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Bonavista may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Trinity there shall be opened at Spillar's Cove, one booth ; at Bird Island Cove, two booths ; at Little Catalina,

one booth ; at Great Catalina, two booths ; at Ragged Harbor, one booth ; at English Harbor, one booth ; at Salmon Cove, one booth ; at Trinity Harbor East, one booth ; at Trinity, two booths ; at Trouty, one booth ; at New Bonaventure, one booth ; at British Harbor, one booth ; at Lady Cove, one booth ; at Ireland's Eye, one booth ; at Hickman's Harbor, one booth ; at Foster's Point, one booth ; at Shoal Harbor, two booths ; at Bluff Head Cove, one booth ; at George's Brook, one booth ; at Broad Cove (Smith's Sound), one booth ; at Gin Cove, one booth ; at Britannia Cove, one booth ; at Deer Harbor, one booth ; at Northern Bight, one booth ; at Hodge's Cove, one booth ; at Fox Harbor, one booth ; at Summerside (Bull's Arm), one booth ; at Chance Cove, one booth ; at Tickle Harbor, one booth ; at Chapel Arm, one booth ; at Old Shop, one booth ; at Dildo, one booth ; at New Harbor, one booth ; at Green's Harbor, one booth ; at Whitbourne, one booth ; at Shoal Bay, one booth ; at Heart's Delight, one booth ; at Heart's Desire, one booth ; at Heart's Content, two booths ; at New Perlican, one booth ; at Scilly Cove, one booth ; at Hant's Harbor, one booth ; at Seal Cove, one booth ; at Russell's Cove (South), one booth ; and at Lance Cove (South), one booth. At either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Trinity shall deliver their votes.

That in the district of Bay-de-Verde there shall be opened at Old Perlican, one booth ; at Grate's Cove, one booth ; at Red Head Cove, one booth ; at Bay-de-Verde, one booth ; at Caplin Cove, one booth ; at Lower Island Cove, one booth ; at Job's Cove, one booth ; at Burnt Point, one booth ; at Northern Bay, one booth ; at Ochre Pit Cove, one booth ; at Western Bay, two booths ; at Adam's Cove, one booth ; at Blackhead, two booths ; at Small Point, one booth ; at Perry's Cove, one booth ; at Salmon Cove, one booth ; and at Freshwater, one booth. At either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Bay-de-Verde may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Carbonear there shall be opened at Carbonear eight booths ; at Victoria Village, one booth ; at Mosquito, one booth : And for the greater convenience of taking the polls at the said respective stations, we do order that the said district of Carbonear shall be sub-divided into seven wards, and that electors residing within the said district shall deliver their votes in that ward only, as hereinafter defined, in which they reside and, when so required, according to the initial letter of their respective names ; and we do further order that

the said wards shall be numbered from one to seven, and that they shall be bounded as follows:—

No. 1 Ward—From Freshwater, exclusive, to the east side of road known as “ Captain Frank’s lane,” up the east side of Burton’s Hill, inclusive, to its junction with Heart’s Content road. And in this ward there shall be opened two booths, viz :

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to J., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters K. to Z., inclusive.

No. 2 Ward—From east side of Captain Frank’s Lane and Burton’s Hill, exclusive, to the east side of Gould’s Lane and Bennett’s Hill, inclusive. And in this ward there shall be opened one booth, in which electors residing within the said ward shall deliver their votes.

No. 3 Ward—From east side of Gould’s Lane and Bennett’s Hill, exclusive, to east side of Grammar School Lane and Doyle’s Hill, inclusive. And in this ward there shall be opened one booth, in which electors residing within the said ward shall deliver their votes.

No. 4 Ward—From east side of Grammar School Lane and Doyle’s Hill, exclusive, to the north side of Main Brook, inclusive. And in this ward there shall be opened two booths, viz :

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to J., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters K. to Z., inclusive.

No. 5 Ward—From Main Brook to Mosquito, exclusive. And in this ward there shall be opened two booths, viz :

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to L., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters M. to Z., inclusive.

No. 6 Ward shall consist of the settlement of Mosquito, at which place one booth shall be opened, at which electors dwelling within the said settlement of Mosquito shall deliver their votes.

No. 7 Ward shall consist of the settlement of Victoria Village, at which place one booth shall be opened, at which electors dwelling within the said settlement shall deliver their votes.

That in the district of Harbor Grace there shall be opened at Harbor Grace proper six booths, for electors residing between Keefe's Grove and Pipe Track, viz :

- No. 1—For all whose surnames begin with the letters A. B. C., and for those only ;
- No. 2—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters D. E. F. G. H. ;
- No. 3—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters I. J. K. L. M. ;
- No. 4—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters N. O. P. Q. ;
- No. 5—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters R. and S. ;
- No. 6—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.

At Riverhead, one booth, for electors living between Pipe Track and Southern Bridge.

At Southside, one booth, for electors from Spaniard's Bay road to Feather Point.

At Bryant's Cove, one booth.

At Island Cove, two booths, viz :

- No. 1—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters A. to I., inclusive ;
- No. 2—For such electors only whose surnames begin with the letters J. to Z., inclusive.

At Bishop's Cove, one booth.

At Tilton, one booth.

At Spaniard's Bay, three booths, viz :

- No. 1—For all electors residing east of the foot of Church Hill, at Mr. John Barrett's ;
- No. 2—For all electors residing west and south-west of the foot of Church Hill, including Mr. John Barrett's ;
- No. 3—For all electors residing on the New Harbor Road, north-west of and including Bartholomew Goss's, on to Peddleton.

At Bay Roberts, six booth's, viz :—

At Bay Roberts (proper), three booths, viz :

No. 1—For electors living between Running Brook and Juggler's Cove ;

No. 2—For electors living from Running Brook to Hennebury's, Cross Roads ;

No. 3—For electors living from Running Brook to main road of Cosh ;

On north side of Coley's Point, one booth.

On south side of Coley's Point, one booth.

At Spaniard's Bay Pond, one booth.

That in the district of Port-de-Grave there shall be opened at Ship's Cove, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and eastwardly to Bay Roberts shall deliver their votes ; at Port-de-Grave, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Ship's Cove, exclusive, and Bareneed, exclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Bareneed, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Bradbury Hill and Bareneed, being to Forristal's, inclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Northern Gut, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and between Southern Gut Bridge and Bradbury Hill, inclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Northern Gut River, one booth—at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes ; at Southern River, one booth—at which electors dwelling in that place and neighbourhood shall deliver their votes ; at Cupids, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Southern Gut Bridge and Cupids, inclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Cross Roads (Riverhead of Cupids), one booth—at which electors living in the vicinity of said Cross Roads shall deliver their votes ; at Burnt Head, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Burnt Head, inclusive, and Cupids, exclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Brigus, three booths—at either one of which electors dwelling between Turk's Gut and Cupids, exclusive, shall deliver their votes.

That in the district of Harbor Main there shall be opened at Turk's Cove one booth—at which electors dwelling there and at English Cove, and on the main line north of Bedlam Gully, shall deliver their votes ; at Colliers, one booth—at which electors dwelling there, and from and between there and Turk's Cove, exclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Bacon Cove, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and in the

neighbourhood thereof shall deliver their votes ; at Conception Harbor, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and at the Riverhead thereof shall deliver their votes ; at Salmon Cove, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and at Broad Cove and between Harbor Main and Riverhead of Conception Harbor, exclusive, shall deliver their votes ; at Harbor Main, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and neighbourhood, and at Gasters, shall deliver their votes ; at Chapel's Cove, one booth—at which electors resident at Chapel's Cove, Red Rock Cove, and Chapel's Cove Pond Head, and those residing between James Haynes at Grant's Marsh and Timothy Sullivan's, inclusive of Wall's Pond on the main line of road from Holyrood to Harbor Main, shall deliver their votes ; at Holyrood, two booths, that is to say, one at the north side thereof, at which electors dwelling there and at the Northern Arm, shall deliver their votes ; and one booth at the south side thereof, at which electors dwelling between Holyrood Bridge and Indian Pond Brook, shall deliver their votes ; at Lance Cove, one booth—at which electors dwelling there and at and from Upper Gullies to the Indian Pond Brook, shall deliver their votes ; at Kelligrews, one booth, at which electors dwelling there and at Lower Gullies and Middle Bight, shall deliver their votes ; at Long Pond, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Manuel's Brook and Taylor's Road, Fox Trap, shall deliver their votes ; at Topsail, one booth—at which electors dwelling between Quigley's, on the Topsail road, and Manuel's Brook, shall deliver their votes ; at Horse Cove, one booth—at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes.

That in the district of St. John's there shall be opened for the division of St. John's East, at St. John's city, sixteen booths. At Quidi Vidi, one booth ; at Windsor Lake East, one booth ; on Torbay road, two booths ; at Torbay, two booths ; at Flatrock, one booth ; at Outer Cove, one booth ; at Logy Bay, one booth ; at Pouch Cove, two booths ; at Bauline, one booth ; at Portugal Cove, two booths ; at Windsor Lake West, one booth ; at Belle Isle, two booths.

And for the greater convenience of taking the polls at the said respective stations, the said division of St. John's East shall be subdivided into seven sections, which shall for this purpose be, respectively, denominated (1) The Quidi Vidi section ; (2) The Major's Path section ; (3) The Torbay section ; (4) The Pouch Cove section ; (5) The Portugal Cove section ; (6) The Belle Isle section, and (7) The St. John's section.

No. 1.—THE QUIDI VIDI SECTION.

The Quidi Vidi section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Cuckhold's Head, thence running along the centre of the road running north-westwardly to Quidi Vidi road, thence across Quidi Vidi Pond to the commencement of a road known as the "Back Road," and situated between Ross's farm and Woodley's, thence along the centre of the said "Back Road" to Logy Bay road, thence along the centre of Logy Bay road to its junction with Salmon's road, thence along said Salmon's road to the centre of Sugar Loaf, thence following the sea shore to point of commencement at Cuckhold's Head; and the electors dwelling within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth at Quidi Vidi.

No. 2.—THE MAJOR'S PATH SECTION.

The Major's Path section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the junction of Salmon's road with Logy Bay road, thence running southwardly along the centre of Logy Bay road to commencement of the road, near Cook's, leading to Torbay road, thence along the centre of the said Cook's road to the Torbay road on Gleeson's Marsh, thence along the centre of the Torbay road, southwardly, to road leading northwardly past Judge Prowse's property, and known as the Major's Path, thence along the centre of said Major's Path to the road around Kenny's Pond, thence along the centre of said road to the Portugal Cove road, thence northwardly along the centre of the said road to commencement of a path skirting the northern boundary of a piece of land belonging to J. Lindberg, leading to the Three Pond Barrens' road, thence along the centre of the said path to its junction with the road leading to Three Pond Barrens, thence northwardly, passing to the north-east of a house owned by one Bell, direct to Windsor Lake, thence eastwardly along the shores of the said lake to the water-house, thence south-eastwardly direct to point of commencement at Salmon's road on Logy Bay road: And in this section there shall be two booths, one situated in the eastern portion of the said section and the other in the western: And we do order that the electors dwelling within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth nearest to their residence.

No. 3.—TORBAY SECTION.

The Torbay section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the centre of Sugar Loaf, thence running along the centre of Salmon's road to its junction with the Logy Bay road, thence along the northern boundary of the Major's Path section to the water-house at Windsor Lake,

thence north-eastwardly direct to the junction of the road leading from Portugal Cove to the road from Bauline to Torbay, with the last-named road, at a place known as the "Juniper," thence eastwardly, direct, to Blackhead, thence following the windings of the sea-shore to point of commencement at Sugar Loaf; and in this section there shall be, at Torbay, two booths; at Flatrock, one booth; at Outer Cove, one booth; at Logy Bay, one booth; and on the Torbay road, near Piperstock Hill, one booth: And we do order that the electors dwelling within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth nearest to their residence.

No. 4.—POUCH COVE SECTION.

The Pouch Cove section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Black Head, thence following the northern boundary of the Torbay section to the place on the Bauline road known as the "Juniper," thence north-westwardly direct to Bauline Head in Conception Bay, thence following the sea-shore to Cape St. Francis, thence along the sea-shore, southwardly, to point of commencement at Blackhead: And in this section there shall be, at Pouch Cove, two booths; and at Bauline, one booth. And we do further order that the electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth nearest to their residence.

No. 5.—PORTUGAL COVE SECTION.

The Portugal Cove section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Bauline Head, thence following the southwestern boundary of the Pouch Cove section to the place known as the "Juniper," thence the northwestern boundary of the Torbay section to the water-house at Windsor Lake, thence running along the northern shore of the said Lake to Hughes' Bridge on the Broad Cove old road; thence northwardly along the boundary line between the electoral district of St. John's East and West to its termination on the shore of Conception Bay north of Broad Cove, thence along the shore of the said Bay northwardly to point of commencement at Bauline Head; and in this section there shall be, at Portugal Cove, two booths; at Windsor Lake west end, one booth. And we do further order that the electors dwelling within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth nearest to their residence.

No. 6.—BELLE ISLE SECTION.

The Belle Isle section shall include the Island of Belle Isle. And we do order that the electors residing in said section at Lance Cove

and neighbourhood, and to the west thereof, shall deliver their votes at Lance Cove booth, and that the electors dwelling to the east thereof shall deliver their votes at the booth at Belle Isle east.

NO. 7—THE ST. JOHN'S SECTION.

The St. John's section shall be bounded as follows, by a line commencing at Cuckhold's Head, thence running along the southern boundary of Quidi Vidi section to the commencement of the road leading from Logy Bay road (near Cook's) to the Torbay road, thence along the southern boundary of the Major's Path section to the western end of the path leading from Portugal Cove road to the road leading to Three Pond Barrens, thence along the western boundary of the same section to its termination at Windsor Lake (taking in the house of one Bell, situate on the said boundary line near the Three Pond Barrens' road), thence along the southern shore of Windsor Lake to the boundary line between the electoral divisions of St. John's east and west, on the old Broad Cove road at Hughes' Bridge, thence along the said boundary to its southern termination at St. John's Harbor, thence following the windings of the shore to the point of commencement at Cuckhold's Head.

And we do order that the said section shall be sub-divided into five wards, and that electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes in that ward only, as hereinafter defined, in which they reside, and according to the initial letter of their respective names; and we do further order that the wards aforesaid shall be numbered one to five inclusive, and shall be bounded as follows:—

No. 1 Ward shall be bounded by a line commencing at Cuckhold's Head and running along the boundary between St. John's section and Quidi Vidi section to commencement of the road on the Logy Bay road, near Cook's, running from the Logy Bay road to the Torbay road, thence along the boundary between the St. John's section and the Major's Path section to the Portugal Cove road, thence across the said road to the Portugal Cove old road, thence along the centre of the last-mentioned road to the lane leading past the eastern side of Mr. J. O. Fraser's house, thence along the centre of Circular road to Bannerman road, thence along the centre of Bannerman road to Military road, thence along the centre of Military road to top of Cochrane street, thence down centre of Cochrane street to the harbor of St. John's, thence following the windings of the sea-shore to point of commencement at

Cuckhold's Head. And in this ward there shall be opened three booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to F., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters G. to N., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters O. to Z., inclusive.

No. 2 Ward shall be bounded as follows, by a line commencing at the termination on the shore of the harbor of St. John's of the western boundary of No. 1 ward, thence following the said western boundary of No. 1 ward to the bridge crossing Rennie's river at the commencement of the Portugal Cove old road, thence, turning south, up the centre of Rennie's Mill road to Rawlins' Cross, thence down the centre of Prescott street and Hunter's (Job's) cove to the harbor of St. John's, thence along the northern shore of the said harbor to point of commencement at foot of Cochrane street. And in this ward there shall be opened four booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. B. C. D. ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters E. F. G. H. I. J. and K. ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters L. M. N. O. P. Q. ;

At No. 4 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters R. to Z., inclusive.

No. 3 Ward shall be bounded as follows, by a line commencing on waters of St. John's harbor at Hunter's (Job's) cove, thence following the western boundary of No. 2 ward to Rawlins' Cross, thence along centre of Military road to Garrison hill, thence along centre of Garrison hill to Newtown road, thence along centre of Newtown road to north-eastern corner of the Parade ground, thence across the Parade ground, following the line of the fence enclosing Fort Townshend on the westward, to a point on Harvey street, opposite the tavern kept by one Kate Walsh, thence westwardly along the centre of Harvey road to top of Long's hill, thence down the centre of Long's hill to its junction with Cathedral hill, thence down the centre of Cathedral hill to Duckworth

street, thence along the centre of Duckworth street to Market House hill, thence down the centre of Market House hill and of Clift's cove to the waters of St. John's harbor, thence along the northern shore of the said harbor to point of commencement at Hunter's (Job's) cove. And in this ward there shall be opened two booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to H., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters J. to Z., inclusive.

No. 4 Ward shall be bounded as follows : By a line commencing on the waters of St. John's harbor at Clift's cove and following the western boundary of No. 3 ward to its termination at the north-eastern corner of the Parade ground at Newtown road, thence eastwardly along the said road to its junction with Allandale road, thence along the centre of Allandale road to bridge over Rennie's river at the foot of Long pond, thence along the centre of the road which skirts the property of the late Stephen Rendell at North Bank and leads to the Three Pond Barrens to the point on the said road where the southern boundary line of the Major's Path section intersects the said road, thence along the western boundary of the said Major's path section to its termination at Windsor Lake, thence along the north-western boundary of the St. John's section to the Broad Cove old road at Hughes' bridge, thence southwardly along the boundary between the electoral divisions of St. John's east and west to its termination on the waters of the harbor at Beck's cove, thence along the northern shore of said harbor to point of commencement at Clift's cove. And in this ward there shall be opened four booths.

At No. 1 booth those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. B. C. D. ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters E. F. G. H. I. and J. ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters K. L. M. N. O. P. ;

At No. 4 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters Q. to Z., inclusive.

No. 5 Ward shall be bounded as follows : By a line commencing at Rawlins' Cross on Military road, thence running along the centre of Rennie's Mill road to the bridge over Rennie's river at commencement

of Portugal Cove old road, thence following the western boundary of No. 1 ward to its termination at the junction of the Portugal Cove road and the road around Kenny's pond, thence along boundary of Major's path section to commencement of the path, described above, leading from the Portugal Cove road to the Three Pond Barren's road, thence southwardly along the eastern boundary of No. 4 ward to the junction of Allandale and Newtown roads, thence along the centre of Garrison hill to Military road, thence along the centre of Military road to the point of commencement at Rawlins' Cross. And in this section there shall be opened three booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to F., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters G. to M., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters N. to Z., inclusive.

For the division of St. John's West there shall be opened at St. John's city, seventeen booths ; at Petty Harbor, two booths ; at Maddox Cove, one booth ; at Blackhead, one booth ; at Southside St. John's Harbor, one booth ; at Kilbride, one booth ; at Boggy Hall, one booth ; at Freshwater Valley, one booth ; at the Goulds, one booth : at Broad Cove, one booth.

And for the greater convenience of taking the polls at the said respective stations, the said division of St. John's West shall be subdivided into nine sections, which shall, for this purpose, be respectively denominated ; 1. the Southside section ; 2. the Blackhead section ; 3. the Petty Harbor section ; 4. the Goulds section ; 5. the Kilbride section ; 6. the Boggy Hall (or Topsail road) section ; 7. the Freshwater Valley section ; 8. the Broad Cove section ; and 9. the St. John's section.

1. THE SOUTH SIDE SECTION.

The Southside section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Fort Amherst, thence running westwardly along the southern shore of the harbor of St. John's and of Waterford Bridge river to Waterford Bridge, thence direct to place of commencement at Fort Amherst, aforesaid. And the electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth therein.

2. THE BLACKHEAD SECTION.

The Blackhead section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the flagstaff near the lighthouse at Cape Spear, thence running westwardly to the shore of Petty Harbor Long pond, thence following the windings of the shore of the said pond to its northern termination, thence direct to Waterford Bridge, thence along the southern boundary of the Southside section to Fort Amherst, thence following the windings of the sea-shore to Cape Spear to point of commencement. And the electors residing within said section shall deliver their votes at the booth at Blackhead.

3. THE PETTY HARBOR SECTION.

The Petty Harbor section shall be bounded by a line commencing near the flagstaff at Cape Spear, thence running along the southern boundary of the Blackhead section to Petty Harbor Long pond, thence following the eastern shore of the said pond to its southern end, thence direct to the Northern Goulds bridge, thence along the southern boundary of the electoral district of St. John's to its termination at the Motion Head, thence following the windings of the sea-shore to the point of commencement at Cape Spear. And in this section there shall be three booths, two at Petty Harbor and one at Maddox Cove: and we do order that the electors dwelling within the said section may deliver their votes at the booth nearest to their residence.

4. THE GOULDS SECTION.

The Goulds section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the 6th mile mark on Petty Harbor old road, thence running direct to the eastern termination of the Heavy Tree road on the Bay Bull's road, thence along the centre of Heavy Tree road to the "Short" road, thence along the centre of the "Short" road to its junction on Doyle's road with the southern boundary line of the district of St. John's, thence along the said boundary line to the Northern Gould's bridge, thence following the western boundary of the Petty Harbor section to the southern end of Petty Harbor Long pond, thence northwardly following the windings of the western shore of the said pond to place of commencement at the 6th mile mark on the Petty Harbor old road. And the electors dwelling within the said section shall deliver their votes at the Gould's booth.

5. THE KILBRIDE SECTION.

The Kilbride section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the centre of Waterford Bridge, thence following the course, south-

wardly, of the Waterford Bridge river to a point about one mile west of "Columbia Hill" on the Bay Bulls old road, where James Doyle's road crosses the said river, thence westwardly direct to western end of the Heavy Tree Road, thence eastwardly along the centre of the Heavy Tree road to Bay Bulls road, thence along the northern boundary of the Gould's section to the 6th mile mark on the Petty Harbor old road, thence northwardly following the windings of Petty Harbor Long pond to its northern end, thence along the southern boundary of the Black Head section to the point of commencement at Waterford Bridge. And the electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes at Kilbride booth.

6. THE BOGGY HALL (OR TOPSAIL ROAD) SECTION.

The Boggy Hall section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Waterford Bridge, thence running westwardly along the Lunatic Asylum road to Molloy's lane, thence along the centre of the said lane to the Topsail road, thence eastwardly along the centre of the said road to the Cockpit road, thence along the centre of the Cockpit road to Casey's road, thence along the centre of Casey's road to its junction with Black Marsh road, thence northwardly direct to the point near the Ropewalk at which the line of the railway crosses the Pennywell road, thence westwardly direct to the western corner of a house on the Kenmount road belonging to one Putt, thence northwestwardly direct to a point on the southern boundary line of the electoral district of St. John's, one mile to the westward of Quigley's, thence following the said boundary line, southwardly, to the point where the "Short" road intersects the same on Doyle's road, thence along the western boundary of the Gould's section to Heavy Tree road, thence along the western boundary of the Kilbride section to point of commencement at Waterford Bridge. And the electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes at the booth at Boggy Hall.

7. THE FRESHWATER VALLEY SECTION.

The Freshwater Valley section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the line of railway and the Freshwater road near Michael Dea's house, thence following the said line of railway to the Pennywell road crossing, thence following the western boundary of the Boggy Hall section to its termination at the southern boundary line of the district of St. John's at a point one mile west of Quigley's, thence direct to Hughes' Bridge on the Broad Cove old road, thence along the boundary line between the divisions of St. John's

East and West to point of commencement at the railway crossing near Michael Dea's on the Freshwater road. And the electors residing in this section shall deliver their votes at the booth in the Freshwater Valley.

8. THE BROAD COVE SECTION.

The Broad Cove section shall be bounded as follows : commencing at Hughes' bridge on the Broad Cove old road, by a line running along the western boundary of the Freshwater section to its termination, one mile to the west of Quigley's, at the southern boundary of the electoral district of St. John's, thence northwestwardly along the said boundary to its termination on the shore of Conception Bay south of Broad Cove, thence northwardly along the shore of the said bay to the terminating point, on the shore of the said bay, of the boundary line between the divisions of St. John's East and West, thence along the said boundary line to point of commencement at Hughes' bridge. And the electors residing in this section shall deliver their votes at the booth in Broad Cove.

9. THE ST. JOHN'S SECTION.

The St. John's section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Beck's Cove on the waters of St. John's harbor, thence running westwardly along the northern shore of the said harbor and the northern bank of the Waterford bridge river, to Waterford bridge, thence along the Lunatic Asylum road to Molloy's lane, thence along the centre of Molloy's lane to the Topsail road, thence along the centre of Topsail road to the Cockpit road, thence along the centre of the Cockpit road to Casey's road, thence along the centre of Casey's road to its junction with the Blackmarsh road, thence northwardly direct to the point near the Ropewalk, at which the line of railway crosses the Pennywell road, thence along the railway track to the Freshwater road crossing near Michael Dea's house, thence along the centre of the Freshwater road to Carter's street, thence down the centre of Carter's street and Carter's hill to Playhouse hill, thence along the centre of Playhouse hill to Duckworth street, thence eastward along Duckworth street to the top of Beck's Cove, thence down the centre of the said cove to point of commencement.

And we do order that the said section shall be sub-divided into five wards, and that electors residing within the said section shall deliver their votes in that ward only, as hereinafter defined, in which they reside, and according to the initial letter of their respective names :

And we do further order that the wards aforesaid shall be numbered from one to five, inclusive, and shall be bounded as follows, viz. :—

No. 1 Ward.—By a line commencing at Browning's bridge, thence running westwardly along the northern bank of the Waterford bridge river to Waterford bridge, thence along the Lunatic Asylum road to Molloy's lane, thence along the centre of Molloy's lane to the Topsail road, along the centre of the Topsail road to the Cockpit road, along the centre of the Cockpit road to Casey's road, along the centre of Casey's road to the Blackmarsh road, thence northwardly direct to the point, near the Ropewalk, at which the line of railway crosses the Pennywell road, thence along the centre of Pennywell road to Ropewalk lane, along the centre of Ropewalk lane to Mundy's pond, thence direct across the said point to the point where the northern extension of Leslie street touches on the said pond, down the centre of Leslie street to Water street west, across the said street and down the centre of the lane near Grant's house to Waterford bridge river, thence along the north bank of the said river to point of commencement at Waterford bridge. And in this ward there shall be opened two booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to L., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters M. to Z., inclusive ;

No. 2 ward shall be bounded by a line commencing at Patrick street, thence along the north bank of Waterford bridge river to the lane near Grant's house leading from the river to Water street, thence following the eastern boundary of ward No. 1, to the railway crossing on Pennywell road, thence along the railway track to the crossing on Freshwater road, near M. Dea's, thence southeastwardly direct to the point near the "White house" where Mundy Pond road joins LeMarchant road, thence westwardly along the centre of LeMarchant road to Patrick street, thence down the centre of Patrick street to place of commencement. And in this ward there shall be opened three booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to E., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters F. to M., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters N. to Z., inclusive.

No. 3 ward shall be bounded by a line commencing at the cove at the foot of Springdale street and running along the northern shore of the harbor of St. John's to Patrick street, thence following the eastern boundary of No. 2 ward to the junction of Springdale street with LeMarchant road, thence down the centre of Springdale street to point of commencement on the waters of the harbor in the cove above mentioned. And in this ward there shall be opened four booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. to E., inclusive ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters F. to L., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters M. N. O. P. Q. ;

At No. 4 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters R. to Z., inclusive.

No. 4 ward shall be bounded by a line commencing at the cove at the foot of Springdale street, and thence running along the eastern boundary of No. 3 ward to its termination at the junction of Springdale street with LeMarchant road, thence across the said road to the point, near the "White house," where Mundy Pond road joins it, thence north-westwardly, direct, to the railway crossing on Freshwater road, thence along the said road to the lane known as M. Dea's lane, thence down the centre of the said lane to the top of "Rocky lane," thence down the centre of "Rocky lane" to the top of Barter's hill, thence down the centre of Barter's hill, Queen's street and Stewart's cove to the harbor of St. John's, thence westwardly along the northern shore of the said harbor to point of commencement at the cove above mentioned at the foot of Springdale street. And in this ward there shall be opened four booths.

At No. 1 booth those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. B. C. ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters D. to J., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters K. L. M. N. O. ;

At No. 4 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters P. to Z., inclusive.

No. 5 ward shall be bounded by a line commencing at Beck's cove on the waters of the harbor of St. John's, thence running westwardly along the northern shore of the said harbor to Stewart's cove, thence up the centre of Stewart's cove, Queen's street, Barter's hill, Rocky lane, and of lane known as M. Dea's lane to the junction of the said lane with Preshwater road, thence eastwardly along the centre of Freshwater road to Carter's street, thence down the centre of the said street and of Carter's lane to Playhouse hill, thence westwardly along the centre of Playhouse hill to its junction with Duckworth street and New Gower street, thence eastwardly along the centre of Duckworth street to the top of Beck's cove, thence down the centre of the said Beck's cove to point of commencement on the waters of the harbor. And in this ward there shall be opened four booths.

At No. 1 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters A. B. C. D. ;

At No. 2 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters E. to L., inclusive ;

At No. 3 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters M. N. O. P. Q. ;

At No. 4 booth, those electors only shall vote whose respective surnames begin with the letters R. to Z., inclusive.

That for the district of Ferryland there shall be opened at the Goulds one booth, at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes ; at Bay Bulls two booths, at which electors dwelling between the Goulds, exclusive, and the north head of Witless Bay shall deliver their votes ; at Witless Bay, two booths, at which electors dwelling between the north head and south head of said bay shall deliver their votes ; at Mobile, one booth, at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes ; at Toad's Cove, one booth, at which electors dwelling between Toad's cove, inclusive, and LaManche, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes ; at Cape Broyle, one booth, at which electors dwelling between LaManche, exclusive, and Cape Broyle, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes ; at Caplin Bay, one booth, at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes ; at Ferryland, one booth, at which electors dwelling between Caplin Bay, exclusive, and Aquaforte, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes ; at Fermeuse, two booths, one on the north side of the harbor at which electors dwelling on the north side shall deliver their votes, and one on the south

side of the harbor, at which electors dwelling on the south side shall deliver their votes ; at Renewes ,one booth, at which electors dwelling between Fermeuse, exclusive, and Cape Race, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

And that for the election of three members for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's there shall be opened at Trepassey, one booth ; at St. Mary's, one booth ; at Riverhead, St. Mary's, one booth ; at Salmonier, one booth ; at Holyrood (St. Mary's Bay), one booth ; at Branch, one booth ; at Distress, one booth ; at Placentia, one booth ; at Little Placentia, one booth ; at Ram's Island, one booth ; at Red Island, one booth ; at Sound Island, one booth ; at Isle Valen, one booth ; at Harbor Buffett (in Long Island), one booth ; at Paradise, one booth ; at Oderin, one booth ; at Baine Harbor, one booth ; at Portugal Cove, one booth ; at Mother Rex, one booth ; at Fox Harbor, one booth ; at Long Harbor, one booth ; at Merasheen, one booth ; at Barren Island, one booth ; and at Haystack, one booth ; at either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Placentia and St. Mary's may deliver their votes.

And that in the district of Burin there shall be opened at Flat Islands, one booth ; at Spanish Room, one booth ; at Mortier Bay, two booths ; at Beau Bois, one booth ; at Burin, three booths ; at Great St. Lawrence, two booths ; at Lawn, one booth ; at Lord's Cove, one booth ; at Point-aux-Gauls, one booth ; at Muddy Hole, one booth ; at Lama-line, two booths ; at Point May, one booth ; at Fortune, one booth ; at Grand Bank, two booths ; at either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Burin may deliver their votes.

And that in the district of Fortune Bay there shall be opened at Garnish, one booth ; at Bay l'Argent, one booth ; at English Harbor, one booth ; at Harbor Briton, one booth ; at Gaultois, one booth ; at Pushthrough, one booth ; at Brunette Island, one booth ; at Sagona Island, one booth ; at Coomb's Cove, one booth ; at Baie-du-Nord Brook, one booth ; at Rencontre, one booth ; at Belleoram, one booth ; at St. Jacques, one booth ; at Anderson's Cove, one booth ; at English Harbor West, one booth ; at Head of Fortune Bay, one booth ; at Fox Cove, one booth ; at Ship Cove, one booth ; at Hermitage Cove, one booth ; at Pass Island, one booth ; at either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Fortune Bay may deliver their votes.

That in the district of Burgeo and LaPoile there shall be opened

at Ramea Islands, one booth ; at Burgeo, one booth ; at Western Point, one booth ; at Petites, one booth ; at Rose Blanche, one booth ; at Channel, two booths ; at Cape Ray, one booth ; at Richard's Harbor, one booth ; at Rencontre, one booth ; at Francois, one booth ; at Cape LaHune, one booth ; at Grand Bruit, one booth ; at Little Harbor, one booth ; at Isle-aux-Morts, one booth ; at either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of Burgeo and LaPoile may deliver their votes.

And that in the district of St. George there shall be opened at Codroy Grand River, one booth ; at Codroy Harbor, one booth ; at Little River (Codroy), one booth ; at Crabb's Brook, one booth ; at Campbell's Creek (Bay St. George), one booth ; at Black Duck Brook (Bay St. George), one booth ; at Highlands (Bay St. George), one booth ; at Sandy Point, one booth ; at Stevenville, one booth ; at the Gravels, one booth ; at the Beach (Bay of Islands), one booth ; at Birchy Cove, (the Court House, Bay of Islands), one booth ; at Summerside (Bay of Islands), one booth ; at Woody Island (Bay of Islands), one booth ; at either one of which booths the electors dwelling within the said district of St. George may deliver their votes.

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 30th day of September, A. D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*

**PROCLAMATION.**

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS we did, by our Proclamations made and issued under the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland, and bearing date the 25th and 30th days of September last respectively, amongst other things direct and appoint the several places within the electoral districts of St. Barbe, Twillingate, Fogo, Bonavista, Trinity Bay, Harbor Grace, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Main, Placentia and St. Mary's, Fortune Bay, Burgeo and LaPoile, and St. George, respectively, at which polling places should be established for taking the polls at the ensuing general election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Island.

And whereas we deem it expedient to direct that the following additions to and changes in the polling places established by our said Proclamation in the said districts be made, viz. :—

That for the said electoral district of St. Barbe there shall be also one polling booth at Fleur-de-Lis.

That for the said electoral district of Twillingate there shall be also one additional booth in Hall's Bay, and that the booth directed by our said Proclamations to be opened at Upper Sandy Point shall not be opened.

That for the said electoral district of Fogo there shall be also one booth at Cape Cove.

That for the said electoral district of Bonavista there shall be also one booth at Middle Amherst Cove, and also one booth at Charlottetown (Clode Sound), and that the booth directed by our said Proclamations to be opened at Bishop's Harbor and James' Cove, respectively, shall not be opened.

That for the said electoral district of Trinity there shall be one booth at Ship Cove in place of the second booth at Trinity, as directed by our Proclamation on the 30th day of September last; one booth at Clarendville in place of the second booth at Shoal Harbor, as directed by our said Proclamation. That the booth directed by our Proclamations of the 25th and 30th days of September last, respectively, to be opened at Spillar's Cove, shall not be opened. And that there shall be also one booth at Indian Arm Road.

That for the said electoral district of Harbor Grace, that other arrangements be substituted for those made and issued in our Proclamation of the 30th September last, so far as relates to the three booths in Bay Roberts and the two booths at Coley's Point.

That for the said electoral district of Port-de-Grave, that other arrangements be substituted for those made and issued in our Proclamation of the 30th September last, so far as regards the booths at Northern Gut, Northern Gut River, and Southern Gut, and that there shall be two booths at Brigus instead of three, as provided by our said Proclamation.

That for the electoral district of Harbor Main there shall also be one booth at the North Arm of Holyrood.

That for the electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary's there shall also be at Placentia North-East Arm, one booth; at Patrick's Cove, one booth; at Salmonier, North Side, one booth; at Arnold's Cove, one booth; at Southern Harbor, one booth; and at Presque, one booth.

That for the electoral district of Fortune Bay there shall also be, at Harbor Mille, one booth, and at Stone's Cove, one booth.

That for the electoral district of Burgeo and LaPoile there shall also be one booth at Burnt Islands.

That for the electoral district of St. George there shall also be, at Lark Harbor, one booth; at Corner Brook, one booth; and at South Side, Sandy Point, one booth.

We do, therefore, hereby declare to all our loving subjects that it is our will, and we do hereby direct and appoint—

That the election of one member for the district of St. Barbe shall also be holden at Fleur-de-Lis, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of three members for the district of Twillingate

shall be holden in Hall's Bay in two booths instead of one, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last; and that it shall not be holden at Upper Sandy Point, as provided by our Proclamations of the 25th and 30th days of September last, respectively.

That the election of one member for the district of Fogo shall be also holden at Cape Cove, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of three members for the district of Bonavista shall also be holden at Middle Amherst Cove and at Charlottetown, at each of which places there shall be opened one booth; and that it shall not be holden at Bishop's Harbor and James' Cove, as provided by our Proclamations of the 25th and 30th days of September last, respectively.

That the election of three members for the district of Trinity shall also be holden at Ship Cove, at Indian Arm Road and at Clarendville; at each of which places there shall be opened one booth. At Trinity in one booth, in place of in two booths, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last. At Shoal Harbor in one booth, in place of in two booths, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last. And that it shall not be holden at Spillar's Cove, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last.

That for the arrangements made by our Proclamation of date the 30th day of September, with regard to the polling places in Harbor Grace district, at Bay Roberts and Coley's Point, the following be substituted:—

Booth No. 1—For electors living from Hennebury's Cross Road to Main Road of Cosh.

Booth No. 2—For electors living between Hennebury's Cross Road and the Bars, Mercer's Cove.

Booth No. 3—For electors living between Bars, Mercer's Cove to Guggle's Cove, included.

On north side of Coley's Point, including north side of Centre Road, one booth.

On south side of Coley's Point, including south side of Centre Road, one booth.

That the election of one member for the district of Port-de-Grave shall be holden at Clarke's Beach instead of at Northern Gut River, as provided in our Proclamations of the 25th and 30th days of September last, respectively ; at Brigus in two booths instead of three, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last ; and that for the arrangements provided by our Proclamation of date the 30th day of September last, and contained in the following words : " At Northern Gut, one booth : at which electors dwelling there and between Southern Gut Bridge and Bradbury Hill, inclusive, shall deliver their votes. At Northern Gut River, one booth : at which electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes. At Southern River, one booth : at which electors dwelling in that place and neighborhood shall deliver their votes " ; there shall be substituted the following :—

At North River, one booth : at which electors dwelling there and at Otterbury shall deliver their votes. At Clarke's Beach, one booth : at which electors dwelling between South River Bridge and North River shall deliver their votes. At Southern River, one booth : at which electors dwelling in that place and at Salmon Cove shall deliver their votes.

That the election of two members for the district of Harbor Main shall also be holden at the North Arm, Holyrood, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of three members for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's shall also be holden at Placentia Northeast Arm, Patrick's Cove (Cape Shore), Salmonier (north side), Arnold's Cove, Southern Harbor and Presque : at each of which places there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of one member for the district of Fortune Bay shall also be holden at Harbor Mille and at Stone's Cove : at each of which places there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of one member for the district of Burgeo and LaPoile shall also be holden at Burnt Islands : at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of one member for the district of St. George shall also be holden at Lark Harbor, at Corner Brook, and at South Side, Sandy Point : at each of which places there shall be opened one booth.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 23rd day of October, A. D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

F. C. BURTEAU,
Pro Colonial Secretary.

**PROCLAMATION.**

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS we did, by our Proclamations made and issued under the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland, and bearing date the 25th and 30th days of September last and the 23rd day of October last, respectively, amongst other things, direct and appoint the several places within the electoral districts of St. George, Placentia and St. Mary's, Ferryland, St. John's eastern division, and Trinity, respectively, at which polling booths should be established for taking the polls at the ensuing general election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Island.

And whereas we deem it expedient to direct and appoint that there shall be, in addition to the polling places so appointed for the said electoral district of St. George, one polling place at Cape George.

And for the electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary's, that there shall also be, in addition to the polling places so appointed, one polling place at Petit Fort.

And for the electoral district of Ferryland, that there shall also be, in addition to the polling places so appointed, one polling place at Aquaforte.

And for the electoral division of St. John's East that there shall also be, in the Torbay section, one additional booth at Torbay, and also one booth at Middle Cove.

And for the electoral district of Trinity, that there shall also be one additional booth at Whitbourne.

We do, therefore, hereby declare to all our loving subjects that it is our will and pleasure, and we do hereby direct and appoint, that the election of one member for the district of St. George shall also be

holden at Cape George, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of three members for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's shall also be holden at Petit Fort, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

That the election of two members for the district of Ferryland shall also be holden at Aquaforte, at which place there shall be opened one booth ; and that electors dwelling there shall deliver their votes at the said booth in place of at the booth in Ferryland, as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last.

That the election of three members for the division of St. John's East shall also be holden at Middle Cove in the Torbay section, at which place there shall be opened one booth ; and that it shall be holden in Torbay, north side, in two booths, instead of one as provided by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last.

That the election of three members for the district of Trinity shall be holden in Whitbourne in two booths, instead of one, as provided in our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last.

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this second day of November, A.D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

F. C. BERTEAU,

Pro Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS by our Proclamation of the 30th day of September last, we did direct and appoint that there should be two polling places in the Major's Path section of the electoral division of St. John's East; and

Whereas it is expedient for the better carrying out of the election of three members to serve in the General Assembly for the said division, ordered by our Proclamation of the 28th day of September last, that greater convenience should be afforded for taking the polls for the said section of Major's Path.

We do, therefore, by these presents, order and direct that for the arrangements provided by our Proclamation of date the 30th day of September last the following shall be substituted, viz. :

Electors living within the section of Major's Path shall deliver their votes at either of two booths which we do hereby order shall be opened for taking the votes of electors living within the said section. And one of the said booths shall be situated in the said section and the other at King's Bridge.

Given under the Great Seal of our Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 3rd day of November, A. D., 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

F. C. BURTEAU,

Pro Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS by our Proclamation, made and issued under the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland, and bearing date the 25th and 30th days of September last, the 23rd day of October last, and the 2nd day of November instant, respectively, we did amongst other things direct and appoint the several places within the electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary's, at which polling places should be established for taking the polls at the ensuing general election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Island ; and

Whereas we deem it expedient to direct that, in addition to the polling places so appointed, there should also be a polling place at Villa Maria.

We do, therefore, hereby declare to all our loving subjects that it is our will, and we do hereby direct and appoint, that the election of three members for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's shall also be holden at Villa Maria, at which place there shall be opened one booth.

Given under the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in the said Island, this 4th day of November, A.D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

F. C. BURTEAU,

Pro Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. *TERENCE N. O'BRIEN*, Knight-Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies.

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS Her Majesty, by Royal Letters Patent of the 28th March, A.D. 1876, constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, hath given and granted unto the said Governor full power and authority to summon and call together the General Assembly of the said Colony; and whereas writs in due form have been issued for a general election of members of the General Assembly, under which members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly.

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do, therefore, by these presents, summon and call the members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the town of St. John's, in the said Island, for the despatch of business, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of February, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(L.S.) Given under my hand and seal in St. John's,
in the aforesaid Island, this 29th day of
January, A. D., 1894.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*



PROCLAMATION.

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS it is our will and pleasure to issue our writs for the election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland, for the electoral division of St. John's East and district of Placentia and St. Mary's, in the room of the Hon. James P. Fox and James F. McGrath, Esq., whose seats have become vacated by reason of their having accepted offices of emolument from the Crown, under Title 2, Chapter 5, of the Consolidated Statutes of the aforesaid Island, entitled "Of Vacation of Seats."

We do, therefore, order and direct that the nomination of candidates for the said district and division of district shall take place at St. John's and Placentia on Tuesday, the second day of January instant; and that the polls shall be taken for the electoral division of St. John's East in the following sections of the said division, viz. :—St. John's section, Quidi Vidi section, Major's Path section, Pouch Cove section, Torbay section, Portugal Cove section, and Belle Isle section. And for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's, at Portugal Cove, Trepassey, River Head (St. Mary's), St. Mary's, Mother Rex, Holyrood (St. Mary's), Salmonier, Salmonier North Side, Branch, Distress, Placentia, North East Arm (Placentia), Little Placentia, Fox Harbor, Red Island, Ram's Island, Long Harbor, Sound Island, Woody Island, Barren Island, Isle Valen, Merasheen, Harbor Buffett, Presque, Paradise, Petit Fort, Oderin, Baine Harbor.

And the said polls shall be taken at the above-named stations on Friday, the twelfth day of January next, in conformity with the regulations, orders and directions contained and set forth in our Proclamations of the 25th and 30th days of September, the 23rd day of October and the 2nd and 3rd days of November in the present year of our reign,

and in conformity with the Laws and Statutes of our said Island, in that behalf made and provided.

Given under the Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.)

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 12th day of December, A.D. 1893, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*

JOURNAL ^{AND} PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND;

Begun and holden at St. John's, in the said Island, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of February, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-four, being in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

HIS Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, by his proclamation bearing date the fifteenth day of August last, having dissolved the late General Assembly, and by his proclamation bearing date the twenty-fifth day of September last called a new one, and by his proclamation bearing date the twenty-ninth day of January last having appointed Thursday, the fifteenth day of February instant, for the meeting of the said General Assembly for despatch of business, the following are the names of the members returned by the returning officers of the several electoral districts to represent the said districts in the General Assembly:—

Alexander A. Parsons, Esquire—St. Barbe;

Jabez P. Thompson, Augustus F. Goodridge, and Michael T. Knight, Esquires—Twillingate;

Thomas C. Duder, Esquire—Fogo;

Donald Morison, Alfred B. Morine, and Darius Blandford, Esquires—Bonavista;

Sir W. V. Whiteway, Hon. Robert Bond, and James H. Watson—
Trinity ;

Hon. H. J. B. Woods and George E. Moores—Bay-de-Verde ;

William Duff—Carbonear ;

Henry Dawe, Robert S. Munn, and Eli Dawe—Harbor Grace ;

Charles Dawe—Port-de-Grave ;

Frank J. Morris and William Woodford—Harbor Main ;

Hon. E. P. Morris, James C. Tessier, and Martin W. Furlong—
St. John's. West ;

James P. Fox, Thomas J. Murphy, and Lawrence O'B. Furlong—
St. John's, East ;

D. Joseph Greene and Michael Cashin—Ferryland ;

James F. McGrath, George H. Emerson, and William J. S. Don-
nelly—Placentia ;

J. Sinclair Tait and W. Bertram Payne—Burin ;

J. Oliphant Fraser—Fortune ;

James Murray—Burgeo & LaPoile ;

James W. Keating—St. George.

By virtue of a commission under the Great Seal to the Honourable
E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable
Augustus W. Harvey, member of the said Council, and the Hon.
Thomas Talbot, member of the said Council, which is as follows :—

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Bri-
tain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Know ye that we have appointed the Hon. E. D. Shea, President
of the Legislative Council, the Hon. A. W. Harvey, member of the
Executive Council of our Island of Newfoundland, and the Hon. Thomas
Talbot, member of the Legislative Council, to be commissioners they
or either of them to administer the oath of allegiance to the Honour-
ables George Skelton, M.D., Sir Robert Thorburn, and Samuel Bland-
ford, appointed to be members, provisionally, of our Legislative Coun-
cil, and also to the undermentioned persons elected to serve in the
House of Assembly of our said Island for the several districts and

divisions of districts set opposite their names, respectively, and appointed by proclamation of our said Governor to be holden in St. John's on the fifteenth day of this instant month:—

Honourable James P. Fox; Thomas J. McC. Murphy and Lawrence O'B. Furlong, Esquires—St. John's (Eastern Division);

Honourable Edward P. Morris; James C. Tessier and Martin W. Furlong, Esquires—St. John's (Western Division);

Frank J. Morris and William Woodford, Esquires—Harbor Main;

Charles Dawe, Esquire—Port-de-Grave;

Henry Dawe, Robert S. Munn, and Eli Dawe, Esquires—Harbor Grace;

William Duff, Esquire—Carbonear;

Honourable Henry J. B. Woods; George Moores, Esquire—Bay-de-Verde;

Hon. Sir W. V. Whiteway, K.C.M.G., Hon. Robert Bond; James H. Watson, Esquire—Trinity;

Donald Morison, Alfred B. Morine, and Darius Blandford, Esquires Bonavista;

Jabez P. Thompson, Augustus F. Goodridge, and Michael T. Knight, Esquires—Twilligate;

Thomas C. Duder, Esquire—Fogo;

Alexander A. Parsons, Esquire—St. Barbe;

James W. Keating, Esquire—St. George;

James Murray, Esquire—Burgeo & LaPoile;

J. Oliphant Fraser, Esquire—Fortune Bay;

James Sinclair Tait, M.D., and William B. Payne, Esquires—Burin;

James F. McGrath, George H. Emerson, and William J. S. Donnelly, Esquires—Placentia and St. Mary's;

Michael Cashin and Daniel Joseph Greene, Esquires—Ferryland;

Giving to them or either of them full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all what-

soever they or either of them shall do and perform in this behalf, and thereof they or either of them are to make due return under their hands and seals unto our Governor of our said Island with these presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Island of Newfoundland.

(L.S.) Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Lieut.-Colonel, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1894, and in the fifty-seventh year of our reign.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND, *Colonial Secretary.*

The said commissioners came between the hours of twelve and one of the clock on the said fifteenth day of February into the Council Chamber, George Macness Johnson, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Assembly, as in duty bound attending, and the names of the members returned as hereinbefore set forth for the several districts and divisions of districts having been called over by the Clerk, they appeared, with the exception of J. P. Thompson, Esquire, William Duff, Esquire, Donald Morison, Esquire, R. S. Munn, Esquire, T. C. Duder, Esquire, James W. Keating, Esquire, D. Blandford, Esquire, M. Cashin, Esquire, and took and subscribed the oath of allegiance in the presence of the said commissioners.

And the said members, who had taken the oath, took their seats accordingly.

At two of the clock, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod appeared at the bar and said:—

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

His Excellency the Governor requests your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the members of the Assembly proceeded to the Council Chamber, where the following commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
N. O'BRIEN, Knight-Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael
and St. George, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its dependencies.*

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

*To the Honourable E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council,
the Honourable Augustus W. Harvey, and the Honourable Thomas
Talbot, members of the Legislative Council, greeting :*

Whereas I have deemed it expedient that the first session of the seventeenth General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on the fifteenth day of this present month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the twenty-ninth day of January last; and

Whereas it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared on the said day, nor until the members of the said House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Honourable E. D. Shea, Honourable Augustus W. Harvey, and Honourable Thomas Talbot are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the members of the said House of Assembly on the said 15th day of February instant, that it is my pleasure that they shall proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker, and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

Given under my hand and seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this fourteenth day of February, A.D. 1894.

By His Excellency's command,

R. BOND,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, then said :—

"Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons why he has convened the present session until you have first chosen from amongst your body some proper person to be your Speaker; therefore it is His Excellency's pleasure that you now return to your Chamber and there proceed to the choice of such person, and

present him here to-morrow at two o'clock for His Excellency's approval."

And the members having returned to the Assembly Room, the Honourable the Premier addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down, moved that George Henry Emerson, Esquire, one of the members for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's, do take the chair as Speaker of this House; which motion was seconded by A. F. Goodridge, Esquire, the leader of the Opposition, and was supported by Mr. Murray.

No other member being proposed as Speaker, Mr. Emerson was unanimously called by the House to the chair, and was conducted to the chair by the members who proposed and seconded him; whereupon Mr. Emerson, standing on the step, addressed the House as follows:

"GENTLEMEN,—

I am deeply grateful to you for the high honor which you have conferred, no less than the confidence which you have reposed in me by my unanimous election to the distinguished situation of Speaker of the House of Assembly. While, however, I express these sentiments, I cannot but convey to you, at the same time, the doubts which I entertain of my own abilities and experience for the proper performance of the functions which attach to so important an office. It is not on myself that I place any reliance, but to the members of this Assembly shall I look for both assistance and support to enable me to maintain its rights and privileges, and to preserve with impartiality that proper order and regularity which will greatly contribute to give stability and effect to our proceedings as a Legislative Assembly."

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1894.

The House met at two o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber; and, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance upon His Excellency in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to approve of his election as Speaker of this House; that His Excellency had also been pleased to make a speech to both branches of the Legislature, of which speech, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

*“Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:*

You assemble here to-day for the discharge of the duties you have assumed as the representatives of the people, and I greet you most cordially at the threshold of your deliberations.

Since I last convened the Legislature, a general election has taken place, and has resulted in a very strong pronouncement in favour of the policy of my Government.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the favourable aspect of the colony's position generally. While the year that has passed has been remarkable for the depression in trade and for the financial embarrassment that has passed like a wave over many parts of the British Empire and of America, the trade and commerce of this colony has not been affected to any appreciable degree. The total absence of business failures bears eloquent testimony to the sound financial position of our country.

The seal-fishery of last year, I regret to say, was a comparative failure; the total number of seals taken amounting to only one-half of the previous year's voyage. This has been attributed to artificial rather than natural causes, and particularly to the legislation then in force, whereby many of the owners of sealing steamers were induced to despatch them from northern ports. I hope that the amendment to the legislation referred to, adopted last session, will prove advantageous.

The cod-fishery, which is our great staple industry, was prosecuted satisfactorily, the exports shewing an increase of two hundred thousand quintals over that of 1892. Owing, however, to the keen competition of our bounty-fed competitors, the price realized for this production was not altogether satisfactory.

The returns from the herring and salmon fisheries do not compare favourably with those of the previous year.

The lobster fishery evinced a marked improvement, and the gradual revival of this industry is no doubt due to the restrictive legislation adopted by your Honourable Houses.

The export of copper ore and iron pyrites was largely in excess of 1892, but the value was considerably below. This may also be said of our exports of lumber.

Last season was not favourable to agricultural success. The long continuance of wet weather resulted in a very short potato crop. Farmers were, however, compensated to some extent by good crops of hay and fodder.

Railway extension during the year that has passed has been rapid, and eminently satisfactory. The northern railway has been completed. The rails have been laid to a point thirty-seven miles to the westward of the Exploits, and the line is graded to the forty-fifth mile. Six miles of the Brigus branch has also been graded. This great enterprize has afforded steady employment to more than fifteen hundred of our operatives since the month of May last, and under this and other influences there has been a total absence of able-bodied poverty.

I have been much gratified in noticing the progress that is being made in the rebuilding of this city. The rapidity with which this work is advancing not only manifests the enterprize of our citizens, but also their firm faith in the future prosperity of the colony.

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

The Customs revenue of last year was in excess of the estimated amount. I have directed the estimates of this year, which have been framed with a due regard to efficiency and economy, to be prepared and forwarded to you without delay.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

It has been the policy of the Government to collect the principal

part of its revenue by the taxation of imports, and no change in this policy is at present practicable or desirable ; but it is considered by my Government that this taxation does not bear evenly upon the different classes of the community, and an effort will be therefore made, during the present session, to so re-adjust the tariff as to cheapen the cost of living and enable the labouring man to bring within his domestic circle additional comforts and advantages.

In compliance with a resolution of the Legislature, I transmitted to Her Majesty's Government the report of the joint select committee appointed to take into consideration the French Treaties Question, and in June last I received a despatch from the Right Hon. Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating that the said report had received the most careful consideration of Her Majesty's advisers, who expressed their willingness to meet the views of this Legislature as far as it is possible to do so. In view of the present importance of this subject, I deem it my duty to again urge its early consideration by your Honourable Houses.

In these and in all other efforts that you may make to promote the well-being of the colony, I pray that you may be guided by the hand of Almighty God."

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

It was ordered accordingly, and that the following gentlemen be such committee : Messrs. Parsons, M. W. Furlong, W. B. Payne, L. O'B. Furlong and O. Fraser.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of the officers and servants of this House.

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

It was moved and seconded that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next ; and it was so ordered.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1894.

Messrs. William Duff, member returned for the district of Carbonar, and Robert S. Munn, a member returned for the district of Harbor Grace, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance before the Honourable E. D. Shea, one of the duly appointed commissioners, and took their seats accordingly.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Parsons, chairman of the select committee on address of thanks, presented the report of said committee with draft address.

The said address was read a first time, and it was ordered that it be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Parsons gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the rules of the House be suspended in relation to the address of thanks.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Morine, that George Macness Johnson, Esquire, be appointed Clerk of this House.

And it was ordered accordingly.

It was moved by the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. C. Dawe, that James Augustus Clift, Esquire, be appointed Clerk Assistant of this House.

And it was so ordered.

It was moved by Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Munn, that Donald Macrae Browning, Esquire, be appointed Solicitor of this House.

And it was so ordered.

It was moved by Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Donnelly, that Henry Earle, Esquire, be appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

And it was so ordered.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. L. O'B. Furlong, the following servants of the House were appointed:—

Mr. Robert Walsh, inner door-keeper;

Mr. George Jackman, middle door-keeper;

Mr. Amos Knight, outer door-keeper;

Mr. Joseph Daly, upper door-keeper;

Mr. Thomas Walsh, under door-keeper;

Mr. Christopher Mundy, messenger ;

Mr. Patrick Long, messenger ;

Mr. Ford Winsor, messenger ;

Mr. James Higgins, fireman.

On motion of Mr. Watson, pursuant to notice, the following select committee on the printing, reporting, and contingencies of the House was appointed :—

Messrs. Watson, Tait, Thompson, M. W. Furlong, Murray and Munn.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

George Macness Johnson, Esquire, was duly sworn before Mr. Speaker and the House as Clerk of the Assembly, in the form by the statute in such case provided.

James Augustus Clift, Esquire, was duly sworn before Mr. Speaker and the House as Clerk Assistant of this House, in the form by the statute in such case provided.

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the address of thanks was read a second time, and the House resolved itself into committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Watson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Ordered that the committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1894.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Watson took the chair of the committee

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had adopted without amendment the address of thanks as reported from the select committee; and he handed in the report and address at the Clerk's table, where it was read as follows:—

*“ To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. :*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

1. We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, thank your Excellency for the gracious speech with which you have opened the present session, and for the cordial manner in which you greet us at the threshold of our deliberations.

2. The general election, to which your Excellency refers as having taken place since you last convened the Legislature, has indeed resulted in a very strong pronouncement in favour of the policy of your Government, thus emphasizing the popularity of that policy all over the Island.

3. It affords us much pleasure to know that your Excellency is in a position to congratulate us upon the favorable aspect of the colony's affairs generally.

4. We join with your Excellency in regret that the seal-fishery of

last year was a comparative failure ; but as this has been attributed to artificial rather than natural causes, we have every reason to expect from the approaching voyage the usual remunerative results, especially as the amendment to the Sealing Bill is likely to prove advantageous.

5. The success which a bountiful Providence vouchsafed to the labours of our fishermen during the past season is a fitting subject for humble gratitude ; and whilst we deeply deplore the losses which local exporters and others have sustained by the depreciated price of our great staple article, and the depression which has prevailed in the commercial world, we console ourselves with the reflection that the stability of our trade is unshaken, and that the healthy tone which characterizes the general business transactions of this colony has been its safeguard during the recent crisis, and continues unimpaired.

6. Although the return from the herring and salmon fisheries do not compare favourably with those of the previous year, yet we are hopeful of better returns from these branches as a result of the present year's operations.

7. It is consoling to know that the lobster fishery evinced a marked improvement. As your Excellency says, the gradual revival of this industry is, no doubt, due to the restrictive legislation adopted by the Government.

8. The increased export of copper ore and iron pyrites is an encouraging feature in our mining industry. We regret, however, to find that the value was considerably below that of 1892.

9. The same conditions apply to the lumber trade.

10. The failure of the potato crop last year occasioned much loss to our farming population. Some, however, were fairly compensated by good crops of hay and fodder.

11. We rejoice to learn from your Excellency that railway extension during the year that has passed has been rapid and eminently satisfactory. It also affords us much gratification to know that this great enterprise has given steady employment to many of our operatives, and that, as a result, there has been a total absence of able-bodied poverty.

12. The remarkable progress made in the rebuilding of the city of St. John's is as gratifying to us as it is to your Excellency, inasmuch as it manifests the faith of our citizens in the future prosperity of the colony.

13. We are gratified to learn of the flourishing state of our revenue, and our gratification is greatly increased by the assurance from your Excellency that, as the present taxation does not bear evenly upon the different classes of the community, an effort will be made during the session to so re-adjust the tariff as to cheapen the cost of living, and enable the laboring man to bring within his domestic circle additional comforts and advantages.

14. We are glad to be informed that, in compliance with a resolution of the Legislature, your Excellency was pleased to transmit to Her Majesty's Government the report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the French Treaties Question, and that in June last you received a despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that the said Report had received the most careful consideration of Her Majesty's advisers, who expressed their willingness to meet the views of this Legislature as far as it is possible so to do.

15. We agree with your Excellency as to the gravity of the issues involved in this question. We are pleased to learn of the desire of Her Majesty's Government to meet the views of this Legislature, and we shall give the most careful consideration to the despatch to which your Excellency has referred.

16. We cordially unite with your Excellency in the hope that the hand of Almighty God may direct our counsels to the accomplishment of measures most conducive to the well-being of the colony."

Ordered that the said report be received and adopted, and that the said address be now read a third time.

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

It was moved and seconded, and ordered accordingly, that when the House rises it adjourn until Saturday next at twelve o'clock, noon.

Then the House adjourned until Saturday next at twelve o'clock, noon.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1894.

The House met at twelve of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from His Excellency the Governor that His Excellency would receive the address of thanks at noon to-day.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went to Government House, and, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency had received the address of thanks, and had been pleased to reply thereto as follows:—

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

May I be permitted, in thanking you for your dutiful and loyal address, to impress on you at the commencement of a new session that the best way of confirming the loyal sentiments which you express is to unite in recognizing the benefits you enjoy under the British flag, and as loyal subjects endeavour to join in the removal of any difficulties, Imperial or Colonial, that may stand in the way of the advancement and progress of the colony, in which I shall ever feel a most lively interest, and which, discarding party, personal, and sectarian influences, should be your first consideration.”

The Hon. the Premier, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table of the House:—

Communication from His Excellency to the Premier, dated 17th instant, enclosing: copy of a communication dated May 2, 1893, signed P. W. Currie, addressed to the Under Secretary of State; and copy of despatch dated May 19, 1893, No. 29 A., signed Ripon, addressed to His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Receiver General gave notice that, on Tuesday, the sixth day of March next, he will move that a supply be granted to Her Majesty, and that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole on supply.

Hon. Receiver General also gave notice that, on Friday, the 9th day of March next, he will move that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider certain resolutions on ways and means.

It was moved and seconded, and ordered accordingly, that when the House rises, it adjourn until Tuesday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Then the House adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1894.

James W. Keating, Esquire, member returned for the electoral district of St. George, having been duly sworn on the 24th day of February instant, and Jabez P. Thompson and Michael Cashin, Esquires, members returned for the electoral districts of Twillingate and Ferryland, respectively, having been duly sworn on this date before the Honourable Augustus W. Harvey, took their seats accordingly.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Watson,—From John Reid and others, of Hant's Harbor, for a road ;

By Hon. the Premier,—From Abraham Sparks and others, of Sibley's Cove, for a launchway ;

By Mr. Murray,—For a light-house on Ramea Island, from J. W. Penney and others, from James Briffett and others, from Solomon Gilham and others, inhabitants of the West Coast.

The following documents were tabled:—

By the Chairman of the Board of Works,—

Detailed statement of expenditure in repairs on public buildings ;

Expenditure on account of light-houses ;

Expenditure on public institutions ;

Consolidated statement of expenditure on main and local roads.

By the Acting Financial Secretary :—

Financial Secretary's detailed statement ;

Financial Secretary's consolidated statement.

By the Colonial Secretary, the annual report of the Fisheries Department for 1893.

Mr. Goodridge gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of all payments made in his department on account of main lines of roads special grant, local roads, and on railway connecting roads from the first day of January until 28th day of February.

Mr. Donnelly gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of this House a detailed statement of all warrants issued from his office on account of main lines of roads

special grants, local roads, or railway connecting roads from the first day of January until the 28th day of February, 1894.

Mr. Munn gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a copy of all correspondence in reference to a convention with the United States for the free admission of certain products of the colony into the United States.

Mr. Knight gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table a detailed statement of the expenditure on account local roads in the district of Twillingate for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893 ;

Also, a detailed statement of the expenditure on account of main roads in the district of Twillingate for the same years.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole on the subject of an address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of a light-house on Ramea Island.

It was moved and seconded and was ordered that when the House rises, it adjourn until Tuesday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Then the House adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1894.

Thomas C. Duder, Esquire, member returned for the district of Fogo, having been duly sworn before the Honourable E. D. Shea, commissioner appointed for that purpose, took his seat accordingly.

The Hon. the Premier laid on the table of the House report of Newfoundland Constabulary, 1893 ;

Copy of telegraphic despatch from Lord Ripon to His Excellency the Governor, dated 16th February, 1894.

The Chairman of the Board of Works laid on the table report of Superintendent of Poor Asylum for 1893 ;

Statement of expenditure on account of public works.

The Financial Secretary laid on the table detailed statement of expenditure, 1893.

Mr. Watson, chairman of the select committee on contingencies of the House, presented the report of the said committee, as follows :—

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

That Mr. M. Devine be appointed supervisor of debates at the same rate as that received by his predecessor ;

That the following gentlemen, namely, Messrs. Gleeson, Knight, Emerson, Dyer, Berteau, and John N. Cleary be appointed reporters at the same rates as heretofore paid ;

That the debates be published by the proprietors of the *Evening Telegram*, and copied by the *Harbor Grace Standard*, *Trinity Record*, and *Twillingate Sun* newspapers, at the same rates and under the same conditions as before, and that the *Times* newspaper publish a synopsis of the same at the rate of two hundred dollars per session ;

That the printing of the Journal and sessional papers of this House and the miscellaneous printing of the same be done by the proprietors of the *Evening Telegram*, and that they be paid for the same at the rate of seven dollars for tabular work and five dollars for plain.

That the binding of the Journal and sessional papers of this House (in one volume) be done by Messrs. Dicks & Co., and that they be paid for the same at the rate of \$3 per volume.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. WATSON, *Chairman*.

J. SINCLAIR TAIT,

MARTIN W. FURLONG,

J. P. THOMPSON,

JAMES MURRAY.

Committee Room, March 6, 1894.”

Ordered that said report be laid on the table.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the enactments relating to arbitration.

The following petitions were presented :—

By Mr. Watson,—From W. Balson and others, of Fox Harbor, and from J. Northover and others, of New Perlican, for roads.

By Mr. Woodford,—From J. Ezekiel and others, of Back Cove, for a landing place.

By Mr. C. Dawe,—From Rev. J. Darrell and others, of Port-de-Grave, for a ferry ; from G. Andrews and others, of same place, for roads ; and from Rev. J. Darrell and others, of Drogheda, for roads.

Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Receiver General moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that a supply be granted to Her Majesty ; and it was ordered accordingly.

On the same motion, and pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Ordered that the committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Murray, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the subject of erecting a light-house on Ramea Island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Watson took the chair of the committee

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had adopted the following address :—

*“ To His Excellency Sir J. Terence N. O'Brien, Knight,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. :*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the erection of a light-house on Ramea Island, respectfully requests that your Excellency will favorably consider the said matter, and make such order thereon as may appear reasonable.”

On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was ordered that the report of the committee of the whole be received and adopted, and that the said address do pass, and be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of the Executive Council.

Mr. Goodridge gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of all expenditures made in his department for improving and widening the streets of St. John's since Jan. 1.

Mr. Furlong gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table a detailed statement of all expenditures on executive responsibility since first January last.

Mr. Charles Dawe gave the following notices : that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the expenditure on account of local roads in the district of Port-de-Grave for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893 ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table a detailed statement of the expenditures on account of special grant for the district of Port-de-Grave for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893 ;

Also for a detailed statement of the expenditure on account of main roads in the district of Port-de-Grave for the same years ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the expenditure of the agricultural grant for the district of Port-de-Grave for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893.

Mr. Morine gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to render unnecessary the practice of engrossing Bills on parchment.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1894.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition from James Jones and others, of Little Bay Islands, for a bridge.

Mr. L. Furlong presented a petition from A. Hill and others, of St. John's, for labour.

Ordered that said petitions be laid on the table.

The Financial Secretary laid on the table of the House, pursuant to notice of question of Mr. L. Furlong, detailed statement of expenditure on executive responsibility since January 1, 1894; also, pursuant to notice of question by Mr. C. Dawe, detailed statement of expenditure of the agricultural grant for the district of Port-de-Grave for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Hon. the Premier, a Bill for amending and consolidating the enactments relating to arbitrations was read a first time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Morine, a Bill to render unnecessary the practice of engrossing Bills on parchment was read a first time.

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

Then the House adjourned until Friday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon, motion to that effect, duly seconded, having been put and carried.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1894.

Donald Morison, Esquire, one of the members returned for the electoral district of Bonavista, having been duly sworn before the Honourable E. D. Shea, commissioner appointed for that purpose, took his seat for the said district.

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

- Statement of public debt ;
- Financial statement for 1893 ;
- Estimate Newfoundland lights for 1894 ;
- Statement magistrates' salaries, etc., for 1894 ;
- Statement bank fishermen's fund, 1893 ;
- Return bank fishing vessels, 1893 ;
- Return bounty paid on ships built, 1893 ;
- Return by Lloyd's surveyor ;
- Return parcels post, 1893 (United Kingdom) ;
- Return parcels post, 1893 (Canada) ;
- Consolidated account dutiable goods, 1893 ;
- Account current receipts and payments, 1893 ;
- Account current for 1893.

Mr. Knight gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the expenditure of \$9,120 on account railway connecting roads ; also

Detailed statement of the sum of \$24,800 paid Mr. R. G. Reid on account of roads.

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

The question being put by Mr. Speaker " that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Mr. Knight, " that the Government has been remiss in its duty in that it did not endeavour to obtain some legislation by the Parliament of Canada upon the lines of the seal fishery laws of this colony whereby the destruction of the seal-fishery by vessels sailing from Canada might be prevented."

The amendment being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared in the affirmative eleven, in the negative twenty ; so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

Ordered that committee of the whole on supply be deferred till Tuesday next, and stand on the order of the day next after committee on ways and means.

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

Bill to amend and consolidate the enactments relating to arbitration ;

Bill to render unnecessary the practice of engrossing Bills on parchment.

Ordered that the said Bills be referred to committee of the whole on to-morrow.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1894.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had passed the Bill with amendments.

Ordered that the report be received and adopted, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on Bill to abolish the practice of engrossing public documents on parchment.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had passed the Bill with amendments.

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

Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the game laws.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier if any special arrangement has been made with the contractors for the Halifax winter mail service by reason of which goods arriving in transit at Halifax for this port may be delayed there after their arrival.

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table of the House the following documents :—

Report of Postmaster-General for 1893 ;

Statement of money order returns, 1893 ;

Statement of registered letters, 1893 ;

Statement expenditure poor relief, 1893 ;

Report of Superintendent of Penitentiary, 1893 ;

Report of Labrador Medical Officer, 1893 ;

Report of Newfoundland Savings Bank, 1893 ;

Annual statement Commercial Bank, 1893 ;

Annual statement Union Bank, 1893 ;
Annual statement Canada Life Assurance Co., 1893 ;
Annual statement Equitable Life Association, 1893 ;
Annual statement of Standard Life Assurance Co., 1893 ;
Annual statement Townships Timber Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Newfoundland Coastal Steamship Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Masonic Hall Joint Stock Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Colonial Cordage Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Monroe Fibre Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of West End Club, 1893 ;
Ditto of Newfoundland Screw Steam Tug Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Newfoundland Steam Sealing and Whaling Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of St. John's Floating Dry Dock Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Co., 1893 ;
Ditto of Fishery Warden, Cape John, 1893 ;
Ditto of Game Protection Society, 1893 ;
Ditto of Commissioners of Pilots, 1893 ;
Ditto of Methodist Schools, 1893.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1894.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, a Bill to amend the game laws was read a first time, and it was ordered that it be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill relating to engrossing was read a third time, and it was ordered that the same do pass, and be entitled "An Act for abolishing the practice of engrossing public documents on parchment," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council and request their concurrence.

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

By Mr. Fraser,—From W. Yarn and others, of Mose Ambrose, for a bridge ; and from S. Fiander and others, of Coomb's Cove, for a breakwater.

Mr. Knight gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table a detailed statement of the expenditure of \$211,667.83 under the St. John's Rebuilding Act, including a detailed statement of all awards made by arbitration, names of arbitrators and details of all fees paid to the same.

Mr. Charles Dawe gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary if any instructions or orders have been sent to any operator in any Government telegraph office regarding the

transmission of collect or unpaid messages ; if so, what instructions or orders have been given, and the reason for so doing.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1894.

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

By Mr. Parsons,—From Isaac Earle and others, of Englee, for a light-house ;

By Mr. McGrath,—From Rev. R. Brennan and others, of Little Placentia, for a wharf ;

By Hon. Surveyor General,—From Joseph Evilly and others, of Flat Rock, on subject of cod-traps ;

By Mr. Goodridge,—From John Hannam and others, of Leading Tickles, for a way office ;

By Mr. Knight,—From H. Herbert and others, of Pilley's Island, for a wharf ;

By Hon. Colonial Secretary,—From the following : Thos. Sparks and others, of Sibley's Cove, and E. Crutch and others, of Hant's Harbor, for roads ; M. Fleming, of Spiller's Cove, for a bridge ;

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table annual report of the Surveyor from Lloyds, 1893.

Hon. Surveyor General laid on the table, in reply to question of Mr. Knight :—

Statement of expenditure on St. John's streets ;

Detailed statement of expenditure on railway connecting roads.

Ordered that third reading of arbitration Bill be deferred.

Ordered that committee of the whole on supply be deferred till

Friday, and stand next on the order after committee on ways and means.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier to cause to be laid on the table of the House the accounts of the Fishery Board for the past year.

Then the House adjourned until Friday next (on motion and question put) at four of the clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1894.

The Chairman of the Board of Works laid on the table (in reply to question of Mr. Goodridge) detailed statement of expenditure for local roads from January 1, 1894, to 28th February, 1893, inclusive; also statement of expenditure on account of main roads for same period; also statement of amount paid from his office on account of railway connecting roads for the same period.

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

For roads: by the Financial Secretary,—From James Shogrué and others, of Harbor Grace;

By Mr. Parsons,—From Rev. C. W. Hollands and others, of Bonne Bay;

By Mr. M. W. Furlong,—From R. Burns and others, of Mundy's Pond;

By Mr. Goodridge,—From H. Burt and others, of Exploits;

By Mr. F. Morris,—From John Clark and others, of Harbor Main;

By Mr. Thompson,—From Rev. S. O'Flynn and others, of Little Bay;

Also, by the Financial Secretary,—from S. Rogers and others, of Harbor Grace, for a sewer; and

By Mr. Goodridge,—From F. Miles and others, of Herring Neck, for a wharf.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Premier if it is correct, as published, that an agreement for an extended term of service has been made with Mr. Adolph Nielsen ; if so, by whom has that agreement been made, for what term, at what salary, and with what conditions ; also whether there has been any corresponding undertaking on the part of the commercial body to continue its yearly contribution of \$1,000 toward Mr. Nielsen's salary ; also to lay upon the table of the House a copy of any new agreement with Mr. Nielsen as above ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Receiver General whether the sum of \$1,000 contribution to Mr. Nielsen's salary from the commercial body for the year 1893 has been received.

Mr. L. Furlong gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table a detailed statement of the expenditure charged under the head of lands and mineral survey, also account of the expenditure of \$2,000 for coal boring.

Mr. Duder gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the sum of \$1,681 charged under the head of forest fires and storms.

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table a detailed statement of the quarterly accounts of the Board of Health.

Mr. Morine gave notice (through Mr. Goodridge) that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to slander ; also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill in relation to the shipping of crews for the seal-fishery, and the payment of their shares.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move the House into committee of the whole to consider certain resolutions relating to the encouragement of the manufacture of jams and jellies in this country.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the law of slander in relation to women."

On motion of the Hon. Receiver General, it was ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred till Monday next.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

On motion of Hon. the Premier, it was ordered that the order for third reading of the Bill amending and consolidating the laws relative to arbitration be discharged; and that the Bill be now re-committed to committee of the whole House; and the House resolved itself into committee of the whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some amendments in the said Bill.

Ordered that the report be received and adopted, and that the said Bill as amended be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that it do pass, and be entitled "An Act for amending and consolidating the enactments relating to arbitration," and that the said Bill be engrossed and sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence in its provisions.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend and consolidate the game laws was read a second time, and it was ordered that it be referred to a select committee.

Then the House adjourned until four of the clock in the afternoon of Monday next.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1894.

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

By Mr. Duder,—From Philip Hicks and others, of Western Arm, for a bridge ; and from the same, on the subject of local road grants ;

By the Financial Secretary,—From John McCarthy and others, of Harbor Grace, for a wharf.

Hon. Receiver General laid on the table of the House statement of exports and imports for 1893.

Hon. Attorney General laid on the table detailed statement of Fishery Bureau for 1893.

Ordered that motion of Mr. Morine for
Bill to amend the law of slander, and
Bill relating to shipping of sealing crews be deferred.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, pursuant to notice, a Bill to amend the law of slander was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time on Tuesday, the 27th instant.

Ordered that committee of the whole on ways and means be deferred till to-morrow, and stand first on the order of the day.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

The following select committee was appointed on the Game Laws Bill :—

Hon. Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, and Messrs. Duff, Payne, Furlong (L.), Duder, and Fraser.

The Chairman of the Board of Works gave notice that on Wednes-

day, the 28th instant, he will move the House into committee of the whole on roads and bridges.

Mr. Knight gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of the expenditure of special and miscellaneous salaries for the year 1893.

Hon. Mr. Morris presented a petition from James Baird, President of the St. John's, Newfoundland, Gas Light Company, for himself and on behalf of the said company, praying that the Act passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the St. John's Gas Light Company," be renewed for a further term of fifty years, and for an increase of the capital stock of the said company.

Ordered that said petition be received.

Hon. Mr. Morris gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a select committee to take into consideration and report upon the petition of James Baird, President of the St. John's Gas Light Co. ;

Also that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to prescribe for the taking of an oath or declaration by all persons engaged in the Government and other telegraph offices in this colony, and for other purposes.

Mr. Morine presented the following petitions :—

From A. Moreland and others, of Bonavista, for roads ; from H. Handcock and others, of King's Cove, for roads ; from F. Stares and others, of Goose Bay, for roads ; from C. March and others, of Bonavista, for a well.

Ordered that said petitions lie on the table.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1894.

Darius Blandford, Esquire, a member returned for the electoral district of Bonavista, having been duly sworn on the 19th of March before the Honourable E. D. Shea, commissioner appointed for that purpose, took his seat accordingly.

The chairman of the Board of Works laid on the table report of Inspector of Public Buildings, 1893.

Mr. Watson presented a petition from Israel Palmer and others, of Seal Cove, for a landing place.

Ordered that said petition lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

Ordered that the subsequent matters on the order-paper be deferred, and that notice of Hon. Mr. Morris for committee of the whole on certain resolutions as to the manufacture of jams and jellies be deferred till ways and means have reported.

Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following documents :—

Statement expenditure for shipwrecked crews for 1893 ;

Accounts of Carbonear Water Co. for 1893 ;

Statement Mutual Life Insurance Co. for 1893 ;

Statement of *Walrus S. S. Co.* for 1893 ;

Annual report of Registrar of Births, &c. ;

Statement of expenditure and revenue of the St. John's Municipal Council for 1893 ;

Balance sheet of said Council for 1893 ;

Statement of said Council's debt for 1893 ;

Estimate of expenditure and revenue of the said Council for the year 1894 ;

Memorandum of changes in the boundaries of educational districts to March 13, 1894.

Hon. Surveyor General laid on the table :—

Statement of expenditure of \$211,667.83 under the St. John's Rebuilding Act for 1893 ;

Statement of arbitration awards made under the said Act for the year 1892 ;

Copy of bill of sale, James Ryan to Her Majesty, of certain land at Bonavista ;

Report and accounts of the Board of Agriculture for 1893 ;

Hon. Surveyor General gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a select committee to consider and report upon the report of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Murray gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, as executive officer of the Board of Works, whether it is the intention of the Government to engage the services of a matron for the St. John's Hospital in the room of the late Miss Cowan ; also

That he will ask the Hon. the Premier, as director of the Savings' Bank, what sum was paid to the trustees of the St. Andrew's Church for the site on Duckworth Street, purchased for the building of a Savings Bank.

It was moved and seconded, and it was ordered that, when the House rises, it adjourn until Wednesday, the 28th day of March inst., at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Then the House adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1894.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock in the afternoon of this day, Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of March instant, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, The Financial Secretary, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Murray, Mr. Speaker declared the House adjourned until to-morrow at four of the clock in the afternoon for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1894.

The following petitions for roads were presented, and ordered to lie on the table:—

By Mr. Watson,—From J. W. Janes and others, of Hant's Harbor, and J. Reid and others, of Heart's Delight ;

By Mr. Fraser,—From P. Ryan and others, of Long Harbor ;

By Mr. Duder,—From Thomas Deady and others, and from G. Miller and others, of Joe Batt's Arm ;

By Mr. Duff,—From W. Walsh, of Carbonear, and from J. McCarthy and others, of Saddle Hill.

The Bill to amend the law relating to slander was read a second time, and it was ordered that it be referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

Ordered that the following be deferred:—

Committee on ways and means ;

Committee on supply ;

Notice of Mr. Morine for Bill relating to the shipping of sealing crews ;

Notice of the Chairman of the Board of Works for committee of the whole on roads and bridges (deferred to Monday next) ;

Notice of Hon. Mr. Morris for Bill as to oaths by persons engaged in Government or other telegraph offices.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morris, the following select committee was appointed to consider and report on the petition of the President of the St. John's Gas Light Company :—

Hon. Mr. Morris, Hon. the Premier, Hon. Colonial Secretary, and Messrs. M. Furlong, L. Furlong, Goodridge, and Knight.

On motion of Hon. Surveyor General, the following select committee was appointed to consider and report on the report of the Board of Agriculture :—

Hon. Surveyor General, Hon. Colonial Secretary, and Messrs. Woodford, Keating, Goodridge, Donnelly, and C. Dawe.

Mr. Donnelly gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask the Hon. Surveyor General to lay on the table of this House a detailed statement of all arbitration awards made under the St. John's Rebuilding Act for 1893.

Dr. Tait gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the commitment of lunatics."

A message was received from the Legislative Council that they have passed without amendment the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for abolishing the practice of engrossing public documents on parchment."

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1894.

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

By Mr. Duff,—From Michael Gould, of Bunker Hill, for a well ; also from James Reid and others, of Crocker's Cove, for roads ;

By Mr. Duder,—From S. W. Baird and others, of Fogo, on the subject of water supply ;

By Mr. Greene,—From Rev. J. Walsh and others, of Renews, for a breakwater.

Ordered that the following be deferred:—

Committee on ways and means ;

Committee on supply ;

Also the following notices:—

Of Mr. Donnelly, to ask the Surveyor General for statement of arbitration awards for 1893 ; of Mr. Morine, for Bill relating to sealing crews ; of Hon. Mr. Morris, for Bill relating to oath by telegraph operators.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

On motion of Dr. Tait, pursuant to notice, a Bill to provide for the commitment of lunatics was read a first time, and it was ordered that the same be read a second time to-morrow.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1894.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock of this day, Monday, the second day of April, 1894, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, Dr. Tait, and Messrs. Blandford, C. Dawe, Donnelly, Duder, Fraser, Goodridge, L. Furlong, Knight, and Munn, Mr. Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until four of the clock in the afternoon of to-morrow, Tuesday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the committee of ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely:—

The Chairman of the Board of Works ;

Mr. Goodridge ;

Mr. Knight ;

Mr. Donnelly ;

Mr. Munn ;

Mr. Fraser ;

Mr. L. Furlong ;

Mr. Blandford ;

Mr. Duder ;

Mr. C. Dawe ;

Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of committee on ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock in the afternoon of this day, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, The Chairman of the Board of Works, and Messrs. Goodridge, Donnelly, Knight, Fraser, Duder, C. Dawe, L. Furlong, and Blandford, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until the hour of four of the clock of to-morrow.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the committee on ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Knight, Mr. Furlong (L.), Mr. Duder, Mr. Munn, Mr. C. Dawe, Mr. Blandford, and the Chairman of the Board of Works,

Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum until to-morrow, Friday, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the committee on ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely:—

The Chairman of the Board of Works and
Messrs. Goodridge ;
Donnelly ;
Knight ;
Duder ;
C. Dawe ;
Fraser ;
L. Furlong ;
Munn ; and
Blandford ;

Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until Monday next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the committee on ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four of the clock, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely:—

The Chairman of the Board of Works ;
Mr. Goodridge ;
Mr. Donnelly ;
Mr. Knight ;
Mr. Duder ;
Mr. Munn ;
Mr. Fraser ;
Mr. C. Dawe ;
Mr. L. Furlong ; and
Mr. Blandford ;

Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until to-morrow, Tuesday, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk at the table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the committee on ways and means, took the chair as Deputy Speaker.

At fifteen minutes after four, the names of the members present being taken down by the Clerk, namely, Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Munn, Captain Dawe (C.), Mr. Duder, Mr. Blandford, Mr. Knight, Mr. Fraser, Mr. L. Furlong, and the Chairman of the Board of Works, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum until the hour of four of the clock in the afternoon of to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1894.

The House met at four of the clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table of the House copies of:—

Despatch dated January 17, 1893, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir T. O'Brien, forwarding decree of President of the French Republic respecting the Customs tariff of St. Pierre and Miquelon ;

Despatch dated April 27, 1893, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir T. O'Brien, forwarding translation of a circular issued by the Central Customs authorities in Madrid, relative to the treatment of cod-fish imported, dried and salted and packed in cases ;

Despatch dated April 28, 1893, intimating that it is undesirable to make further representation concerning a British Consular officer at St. Pierre until such legislation has been passed as will ensure the permanent protection of the French fishery rights ;

Despatch dated June 15, 1893, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir T. O'Brien, conveying thanks of Her Majesty for address of the Newfoundland Legislature on the occasion of the marriage of H. R. H. the Duke of York with the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck ;

Despatch dated June 15, 1893, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir Terence O'Brien, intimating that the title of 'Honourable,' appertaining to members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, is to be recognized throughout Her Majesty's dominions ;

Despatch dated July 11, 1893, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir Terence O'Brien, expressing thanks of Duke and Duchess of York for congratulations of Governor and people of Newfoundland on their marriage ;

Despatch dated January 15, 1894, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir Terence O'Brien, forwarding French decree altering the tobacco duties at St. Pierre and Miquelon ;

Despatch dated January 16, 1894, the Marquis of Ripon to Sir Terence O'Brien, transmitting a translation of a Spanish Royal Decree respecting the treatment to be accorded to British commerce from 1st January ;

Despatch from the Earl of Aberdeen to Sir Terence O'Brien, dated February 16, 1894, forwarding an approved Minute of the Privy Council of Canada, dealing with the question of the issue by Canada and Newfoundland to United States vessels of licenses enabling them to fish in British North-American waters ;

Despatch (A, B, C, D,) from the Marquis of Ripon to Sir Terence O'Brien, relating to duties on articles imported by French subjects on the treaty shore ;

Report of the Inspector of schools under Church of England Boards.

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

"Whereas His Excellency the Governor has intimated to this House, through His Honor the Speaker, that he has 'received from the Supreme Court a judgment on a petition against the election of Messrs. Woods and Moores as members for Bay-de-Verde, and that by that judgment these members have been unseated and disqualified from representing that or any other district during the existence of the present Legislature';

And whereas His Excellency the Governor has furnished this House, through His Honor the Speaker, with 'a copy of the judge's certificate' in the matter referred to, wherein it is stated that 'the most important of the charges proven against Mr. Woods consisted in giving of employment upon public works in the district of Bay-de-Verds to large numbers of voters . . .' which 'employment was given and procured upon roads in various parts of the district, the work upon which was not done in the due and regular course of the public service, but was carried on without due and proper sanction and authority upon purposes not authorized by law, and without legislative provision for the expenditure,' and that 'the respondent, Woods, gave and procured employment upon public works in St. John's, which were under his control, to a large number of voters';

And whereas Mr. Justice Winter has held that the carrying on of such public works 'in the absence of any provisions setting forth how the money was to be spent and where the roads were intended' was a violation of the Corrupt Practices Act, and has unseated and disqualified Messrs. Woods and Moores, the members elected to represent the district of Bay-de-Verde in this House;

And whereas this House did, in the session of 1892, authorize by Act the widening and laying out of the streets of St. John's, and, in the session of 1893, did pass an Act authorizing the raising by loan of \$100,000 for the construction of railway connecting roads;

And whereas Mr. Justice Winter, in presuming to deal with a matter entirely outside his province as a judge on an election petition, has

not only exceeded his duty, but established a precedent which, if not protested against by this House, may hereafter lead to a subversion of the fundamental principles of our constitution :

And whereas this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have pointed out to His Excellency that for a judge on an election petition to stigmatize as ' illegal and corrupt practices ' the expenditure of public moneys authorized by Acts of this Legislature, assented to by Her Majesty, and which could be carried out in no other way than under the direction of His Excellency's Council, is to strike a blow at the very foundations of responsible government ;

And whereas this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have endeavoured to impress upon His Excellency the recognition of the principle that the only tribunals to which the administration is responsible, as respects the expenditure of public moneys, is the Legislature of the colony and the electorate, and have advised His Excellency to an immediate dissolution of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of allowing the constituencies to decide this important constitutional issue ;

And whereas His Excellency has declined the advice of his constitutional advisers, and these gentlemen have thus been obliged to tender their resignation as such ;

And whereas the management of the affairs of this colony is about to be entrusted to a minority of this Legislature, representing one-third of its members, and whom the people within the last four months at the polls have declared do not merit their confidence ;

Resolved that this House is of opinion that the minority in this House should not be entrusted with the collection of taxes for the purposes of revenue.

Resolved that this House hereby rescinds the resolution tabled on the 9th day of March by the Honourable Receiver General, and that this House do not now resolve itself into committee of the whole on ways and means."

The question being put by Mr. Speaker that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided, when there appeared in the affirmative ten, namely, Messrs. Blandford, C. Dawe, Donnelly, Duder, Fraser, L. Furlong, Goodridge, Knight, Morine, and Munn, and in the negative eighteen, namely, Hon. the Premier, and

Messrs. Bond, Cashin, E. Dawe, Duff, Fox, M. Furlong, Keating, McGrath, E. Morris, F. Morris, Murphy, Parsons, Payn, Tait, Tessier, Thompson, and Woodford; so it passed in the negative.

The question being then put that the words of the amendment be inserted instead thereof, it passed in the affirmative and it was ordered accordingly, and that the said resolutions with their preambles be adopted and do pass.

Committee of the whole on supply standing next on the order of the day, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that I do now leave the chair," it was moved in amendment by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morris, that all the words of the question after the word "that" be left cut and the following inserted:—

"Whereas His Excellency the Governor has intimated to this House, through His Honor the Speaker, that he has 'received from the Supreme Court a judgment on a petition against the election of Messrs. Woods and Moores as members for Bay-de-Verde, and that by that judgment those members have been unseated and disqualified from representing that or any other district during the existence of the present Legislature';

And whereas His Excellency the Governor has furnished this House, through His Honor the Speaker, with 'a copy of the judge's certificate' in the matter referred to, wherein it is stated that 'the most important of the charges proven against Mr. Woods consisted in giving of employment upon public works in the district of Bay-de-Verde to large numbers of voters . . . ' which 'employment was given and procured upon roads in various parts of the district, the work upon which was not done in the due and regular course of the public service, but was carried on without due and proper sanction and authority upon purposes not authorized by law, and without legislative provision for the expenditure,' and that 'the respondent, Woods, gave and procured employment upon public works in St. John's, which were under his control, to a large number of voters';

And whereas Mr. Justice Winter has held that the carrying on of such public works 'in the absence of any provisions setting forth how the money was to be spent and where the roads were intended' was a violation of the Corrupt Practices Act, and has unseated and disqualified Messrs. Woods and Moores, the members elected to represent the district of Bay-de-Verde in this House;

And whereas this House did, in the session of 1892, authorize by Act the widening and laying out of the streets of St. John's, and, in the session of 1893, did pass an Act authorizing the raising by loan of \$100,000 for the construction of railway connecting roads ;

And whereas Mr. Justice Winter, in presuming to deal with a matter entirely outside his province as a judge on an election petition, has not only exceeded his duty, but established a precedent which, if not protested against by this House, may hereafter lead to a subversion of the fundamental principles of our constitution ;

And whereas this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have pointed out to His Excellency that for a judge on an election petition to stigmatize as ' illegal and corrupt practices ' the expenditure of public moneys authorized by Acts of this Legislature, assented to by Her Majesty, and which could be carried out in no other way than under the direction of His Excellency's Council, is to strike a blow at the very foundations of responsible government ;

And whereas this House has been made aware of the fact that His Excellency's constitutional advisers have endeavoured to impress upon His Excellency the recognition of the principle that the only tribunals to which the administration is responsible, as respects the expenditure of public moneys, is the Legislature of the colony and the electorate, and have advised His Excellency to an immediate dissolution of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of allowing the constituencies to decide this important constitutional issue ;

And whereas His Excellency has declined the advice of his constitutional advisers, and those gentlemen have thus been obliged to tender their resignation as such ;

And whereas the management of the affairs of this colony is about to be entrusted to a minority of this Legislature, representing one-third of its members, and whom the people within the last four months at the polls have declared do not merit their confidence ;

Resolved that this House rescinds the resolution tabled by the Hon. Receiver General on the sixth day of March, granting a supply to Her Majesty ;

Resolved that for any person or persons in the Government of this colony, or in the treasury or other department thereof, or for any person or persons whatsoever employed in the payment of public money,

to pay, or direct or cause to be paid, any sum or sums of money for or towards the support of services voted in the present session of the Assembly, after the Legislature shall have been prorogued or dissolved, before any Act of the Legislature shall have been passed appropriating the supplies to such service, will be a gross breach of the public trust, and derogatory to the fundamental principles of this Legislature, and subversive of the principles of responsible Government."

The question being put that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question, the House divided, when there appeared in the affirmative ten, and in the negative eighteen, the names being the same as in the last division.

The question being put that the words of the amendment be inserted instead thereof, it passed in the affirmative and it was ordered accordingly, and that the said resolutions with their preambles be adopted and do pass.

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

And the House having sat after midnight,

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1894.

It was moved by Hon. Colonial Secretary that the resolutions adopted by the House yesterday be engrossed and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the whole House at a later hour of this day, and it was so ordered.

Hon. Colonial Secretary gave notice that, on to-day, he will move that an address be sent to the Hon. the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence in the resolutions adopted by this House in reference to the withdrawal of the resolution tabled by the Hon. Receiver General in connection with the questions of ways and means, and supply.

Then the House adjourned until the hour of twelve, noon, of this day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1894.

The House met at noon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Duff gave notice that, on to-morrow, he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor in relation to the dissolution of the Legislature.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table of the House report of the attendant physician of the Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, at the hour of half-past twelve of this day, His Excellency would receive Mr. Speaker and the House for the purpose of the presentation of the resolutions which were yesterday adopted by this House.

Mr. Speaker and the House went to Government House accordingly;

And, being returned to the Assembly Room, it was ordered, on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice, that the following address do pass, and be engrossed, and be sent to the Legislative Council together with the resolutions therein referred to:—

“MR. PRESIDENT,—The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying resolutions, in which they request the concurrence of the Honourable the Legislative Council.”

(The resolutions are those which were yesterday adopted by this House.)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1894.

Mr. E. Dawe presented the following petitions:—

From Rev. P. G. Snow and others, of Harbor Grace, for a grant for a half-way house ;

From John Ford and others, of Harbor Grace, for a road ;

From Peter Keefe and others, of Coley's Point, for a wharf ;

From John Mercer and others, of Mercer's Cove, for a wharf.

Ordered that said petitions lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Duff, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Payn, it was ordered that the following address do pass :—

*“To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
N. O'BRIEN, Knight-Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael
and St. George, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its dependencies.*

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland having been informed that your Excellency's Executive Council, under the leadership of Sir William V. Whiteway have tendered their resignation in consequence of your Excellency having refused to accept their advice for an immediate dissolution of the Legislature, and that such advice was offered by them by reason of a judgment of Mr. Justice Winter on the trial of an election petition of March against Woods and Moores, in which it would appear that the learned judge had gone outside the question as to the existence of bribery and corruption under the Election Act at the election referred to, and had determined questions as regards the legality of the expenditure by your Excellency in Council of moneys authorized by Acts of the Legislature to be expended for certain purposes therein named.

This House does not deem it necessary to enter upon a discussion of the question as to whether Mr. Justice Winter was acting *ultra vires* or otherwise.

It is sufficient for this House to be informed of the fact of his having so adjudicated, and if the law be such as to empower any tribunal outside this Legislature to assume the power so to adjudicate, then it is the opinion of this House that the law should be amended without delay.

The representatives of the people are the sole guardians of the public purse, and are responsible to the people only for the faithful discharge of that trust.

The Executive Council which has tendered its resignation has the confidence of the electorate, and, as your Excellency has refused to accept their advice, the House of Assembly respectfully requests that your

Excellency forthwith dissolve the Legislature and cause writs to be issued for a general election to prevent that condition of chaos which must ensue in the absence of Revenue and Supply Acts, and in the entrusting the Government to a party consisting of only one-third of the members of the House of Assembly.

And this House further requests that your Excellency will transmit by cable a copy of this address to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and will defer final action in the premises until receipt of a reply from the Secretary of State."

And it was ordered that the said address be engrossed and forwarded to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence.

It was ordered that the remaining matters on the order-paper be deferred.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House, in reply to their message of the 12th instant with certain resolutions, that they concur in and adopt the said resolutions sent up from the Assembly in relation to ways and means and supply.

A message was received from the Legislative Council acquainting this House, in reply to message of to-day, the 13th instant, respecting the address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of a dissolution, and for the transmission of a copy of the address to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they concur in the said address.

On motion of Hon. Colonial Secretary, it was ordered that the address passed this day, being engrossed, be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the House at such an hour to-day as His Excellency shall appoint; and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency would receive Mr. Speaker and the House with address to-morrow at half-past twelve o'clock in the afternoon.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow (Saturday) at twelve o'clock, noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1894.

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

At half-past twelve Mr. Speaker and the House went to Government House ;

And, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance upon His Excellency, he had presented the address which was yesterday adopted by this House.

Mr. Goodridge announced to the House that, having submitted the names of a new cabinet to His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency has been pleased to approve of the following as his Executive Council, namely : Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Morine, Mr. Morison, Mr. C. Dawe, Mr. W. J. S. Donnelly, Mr. L. O'B. Furlong, and the Honourable J. S. Pitts, and that the following gentlemen would occupy the following departmental or other offices : Mr. Goodridge to be Premier, Mr. Morine to be Colonial Secretary, Mr. Morison to be Attorney General, Mr. Donnelly to be Receiver General, and Mr. Furlong to be Chairman of the Board of Works.

Mr. Goodridge also announced that it was the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present session of the Legislature at four of the clock in the afternoon of this day, until the twenty-third day of the present month, and that the same stand prorogued accordingly.

Sir William Whiteway moved, seconded by Mr. E. P. Morris, that the following resolutions be adopted :—

“Whereas the honourable member for Twillingate, Mr. Goodridge, has announced to this House that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the following gentlemen as his constitutional advisers, namely : Mr. Goodridge, Premier ; Mr. D. Morison, Attorney General ; Mr. A. B. Morine, Colonial Secretary ; Mr. W. J. S. Donnelly, Receiver General ; Mr. L. O'B. Furlong, Chairman of the Board of Works ; Captain Charles Dawe ; Hon. J. S. Pitts ;

And whereas the above-named gentlemen represent an insignificant minority in the Legislature of this colony :

Resolved that this House considers that it would be detrimental to the best interests of this colony for the said gentlemen to be entrusted with the Government of this colony :

Resolved that this House hereby records its want of confidence in the Ministry that has been announced to this House.”

During the debate upon the said motion of Sir W. V. Whiteway, it was intimated to the House that the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was at the door ; whereupon it was moved by Mr. M. Furlong, seconded by Mr. McGrath, that the House proceed with the deliberations before it, and that Black Rod be not admitted until the matter before the House has been disposed of.

The question being put, the House divided thereon, when there appeared in the affirmative eighteen, namely : Mr. M. Furlong, Mr. McGrath, Sir W. V. Whiteway, and Messrs. Bond, Cashin, E. Dawe, Duff, Greene, Keating, E. Morris, F. Morris, Payn, Tait, Tessier, Thompson, Watson, Woodford, and Murray ; and in the negative seven, namely : Messrs. Blandford, C. Dawe, Donnelly, Duder, L. Furlong, Goodridge, and Morine. So it passed in the affirmative, and was ordered accordingly.

The question being then put that the resolutions proposed by Sir W. V. Whiteway, seconded by Mr. E. P. Morris, be adopted, the House divided thereon, when there appeared in the affirmative twenty, namely Sir W. V. Whiteway and Messrs. Bond, Cashin, E. Dawe, Duff, Fox, M. Furlong, Greene, Keating, McGrath, E. Morris, F. Morris, Parsons, Payn, Tait, Tessier, Thompson, Watson, Woodford, and Murray ; and in the negative seven, namely : Hon. Messrs. Goodridge, Morine, Donnelly, Furlong, Dawe, and Messrs. Blandford and Duder. So it passed in the affirmative, and was so ordered.

Ordered that the said resolutions, with an address, be engrossed and be presented forthwith to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, at fifteen minutes after five of the clock, announced to the House that His Excellency the Governor had prorogued this House at twenty-five minutes to five of the clock, until Monday, the twenty-third day of the present month.

GEORGE M. JOHNSON,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.