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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE
ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, Knight
Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Govern-
nor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.

FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1898.

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PROCLAMATION.

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **JUNE** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FIFTEENTH** day of **JULY** next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-
ment House, Saint John's, this 14th day of
June, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FIFTEENTH** day of **JULY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINETEENTH** day of **AUGUST** next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 13th day of July, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
THURSDAY the NINETEENTH day of AUGUST instant; and
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General As-
sembly until MONDAY the TWENTY-SEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER
next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further provogue
the said General Assembly until MONDAY the TWENTY-SEVENTH
day of SEPTEMBER next, as aforesaid, of which all persons con-
cerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves
accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-
ment House, Saint John's, this 17th day of
August, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS We have thought it 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.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved SIR HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at Saint John's, in Our said Island, this Seventeenth day of September, A. D. 1897, and in the Sixty-first year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS Her Majesty, by Her 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 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 Colony, *for the despatch of business*, on THURSDAY the TWENTY-SEVENTH day of JANUARY instant; and of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, in St. John's, in the aforesaid Colony, this Third day of January, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX'R. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.

First Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly.

Thursday, January 27th, 1898.

At a quarter to Two o'clock, P. M., the House met.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Honorables George Knowling, D. Joseph Greene, J. Alexander Robinson, James Baird, Edgar R. Bowring and John B. Ayre, appointed Members of the Legislative Council, having previously taken the Oath of Allegiance, took their Seats.

Commissioners
appointed by the
Governor.

At Two o'clock, P. M., the Honorable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Hon'ble J. Alexander Robinson, and the Hon'ble G. T. Rendell, Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor, having taken their Seats, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attended on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

Commission.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honorable
Order of the Bath, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief in and over the Is-
land of Newfoundland and its Depen-
dencies.*

To the Hon. EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Hon. J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON and the Hon. G. T. RENDELL, Members of the Legislative Council, Greeting:

Whereas, I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on the Twenty-seventh day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation, dated the Third day of this instant month; 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 House of Assembly have

proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Hon. EDWARD D. SHEA, Hon. J. ALEX. ROBINSON and Hon. G. T. RENDELL, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly, on the said Twenty-seventh day of January 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 24th day of January, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, one of the Commissioners, then said:—

Hon. E. D. Shea
addresses House
of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Honorable 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 retire 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 approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

Assembly
withdraw.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, January 28th, at Two o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned.

Friday, January 28th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

Governor arrives
at Council
Chamber ;

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, K. C. B., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof, that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House ; and they being come thereto, HENRY Y. MOTT, Esquire, Member for the District of Burgeo and LaPoile, having been presented by the Hon. the Premier, Sir JAMES S. WINTER, K. C. M. G., as Speaker elect, and the choice approved and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency was pleased to open the

Members of
Assembly attend
at Council
Chamber ;

Mr. Speaker elect
presented and
approved.

present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:--

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Governor's
Speech.

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

I am glad to meet you, at the commencement of the Eighteenth General Assembly, and I confidently hope that your deliberations will, under Divine blessing, promote the happiness and prosperity of the people. A prompt disposal of the business brought before you, and a consequent early termination of the Session, will tend to the advantage of the Public Service and of your personal affairs.

The commercial and industrial operations of the year last past were not, I regret to say, attended with success. The Seal and Cod fisheries did not yield a good return, and the prices realized were low. The Lobster packing industry, as to both catch and price, was satisfactorily maintained; and cannot be too carefully protected from injury or destruction. I am glad to learn that an improvement in our Foreign markets has to a large degree restored confidence in commercial operations for the coming season.

Agricultural operations were attended with a fair measure of success. The Hay crop was good. The Potato crop was injured by cold weather in the Spring and Autumn. The continuance of large importations of vegetables such as can be grown here with success should be considered with a view to adopting measures to promote the increase of home produce. It is apparent that in the past

Speech.—
(Continued.) enough attention and fostering care have not been given to Agriculture in this Colony.

The year was marked with unusual activity in Mining matters. The number of applications for Mineral Licenses was above the average. Workable deposits of Iron were discovered and partially developed in the District of Bay-de-Verde, and in several parts of the District of Twillingate deposits of Copper and other Minerals have been found, the working of which, it is hoped, will be successful. Some Oil Wells have been and others are to be sunk upon or near the West Coast, and the existence of valuable Coal deposits was made more certain by exploration. Altogether the outlook in Mining matters is calculated to encourage our people.

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

The Revenue for the fiscal year 1896-97 was slightly in excess of the estimate, while the expenditure was considerably above. The revenue for the past six months of 1897-98 was below the estimate, and during the same period an undue proportion of the estimated expenditure for the whole year was made, the result being a considerable deficit at the end of the first half of the financial year.

Supplementary estimates for the year 1897-98 and the estimates for 1898-99, will be laid before you. They will be prepared with a view to economy and efficiency in the public service.

You will be asked to give your attention to proposals for a readjustment of the Tariff of import

duties, having for its object a more equal distribu-
tion of taxation, and the encouragement of indus-
tries.

Speech.—
(Continued.)

A measure will be submitted to you authorizing the issue of Treasury Notes of the Colony for circulation as legal tender. I believe that the adoption of this system will be found to be of public convenience, and also yield a profit to the Colony.

Bills providing for the payment of certain fees in legal affairs by stamps, and imposing a stamp duty on cheques and other valuable securities will also be brought before you.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The General Election in October last resulted in the defeat of a majority of the supporters of my late advisers, and in November the present Ministry accepted office. In accordance with their pledge to the people, they have made large reforms in the Civil Service of the Colony in the direction of economy and efficiency, and will continue to do so.

Experience gained during the last General Election demonstrates the necessity of amendments in the "Election Act, 1889," to secure greater freedom and purity in elections, and a Bill for that purpose will be submitted.

It is believed that a Sealing Industry carried on in Sailing Vessels, would result in considerable advantage to a large number of our people. A Bill to provide a bounty for its encouragement will be

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(Continued.)

introduced. Notification of this intention has been given to the public, and it is now certain that a considerable number of vessels will qualify for the bounty this year.

The fisherman-farmers are as a rule the most prosperous class in the Colony. Fishermen without land to till are alternately prosperous and poor. It is, therefore, intended to introduce a Bill providing bounties for clearing and cultivating land, and for assisting settlement by fishermen and others in desirable localities.

It is intended that measures for defining and distributing the work of the various departments of the Civil Service shall be introduced. An Audit and Appropriation Act will also be submitted. The present system, or lack of system, tends to abuse and extravagance, and an efficient audit of the public accounts would be of great value.

It is essential that a suitable Court House should be erected in Saint John's during this year. The building recently occupied by the Union Bank has been purchased for departmental buildings. A Bill to provide the necessary funds for both purposes will be introduced.

Elective boards, for the management of local affairs have been promised to the people. Measures legalizing the creation of such boards have hitherto proven abortive. A Bill to amend the law will be submitted.

The Newfoundland Railway, so-called, was purchased by the Colony for the purpose of facilitating a consolidation of the Colony's Railway system under one management. This appears necessary to the promotion of internal development. It will

tend, it is believed, to the investment of capital in industrial operations along and adjacent to the line of railway. Negotiations to procure such a consolidation are progressing, and it is believed that a measure for this purpose can be arranged and submitted during this Session. Speech.—
(Continued.)

In 1891 Her Majesty's Government offered to send out a Commission (1) "to enquire into the agricultural, and mining resources of the Colony, and in what manner they may best be developed; (2) to enquire into the general financial position of the Colony, and report thereon; (3) to enquire into and report upon the present condition of the people resident on or near those portions of the Coast of Newfoundland which are subject to the French fishery rights, and to ascertain in what particular respect the Treaty obligations of Great Britain and the Colony have operated to the prejudice of that population, and further, to report upon what remedies, consistent with these obligations and with the rights and interests of other portions of the Empire, may be practicable to remove the disadvantages under which the inhabitants of Newfoundland labour." My late advisers agreed to accept the Commission, but not until after such delay that its despatch in 1891 appeared to Her Majesty's Government to be inexpedient. A vote of £2,000 for the expenses of the Commission, was placed in the Imperial estimates. No response was made to this action, but in the Session of the Legislature held in 1892 certain legislation, the enactment of which my late advisers had promised to procure, was rejected in the Assembly, and the Commission was abandoned. The report of such a Commission could not have

Speech.—
(Continued.)

failed, I believe, to confer great benefits upon our people. My present advisers desire to procure such a Commission, and negotiations for that purpose will be commenced at an early date. As a basis for such negotiations, it is intended to submit resolutions in favor of a Commission to both branches of the Legislature.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and other important papers of public interest will also be laid before you.

Governor retires.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Speech read.

A copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the Hon. the President, it was read by the Clerk.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of yesterday, the 27th day of January, were read.

Commission appointing Hugh H. Carter Clerk of Legislative Council, read.

The Commission appointing Hugh H. Carter, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Council was read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowring,—

Committee on Address of Thanks.

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

Ordered,—That the Honorables Messrs. Bowring, Baird, Angel, Harris and Rendell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Petition laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Greene laid upon the Table a Petition from John P. Gleeson praying for the position of Reporter of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, Notices of Motion on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of all Correspondence, telegraphic and otherwise, between the Government of Newfoundland and the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to certain appointments made by the late Government and Gazetted on the 16th day of November last, and which were cancelled by the present Government on the following day.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of the Postmaster General's letter or recommendation to the Executive relative to certain changes and dismissals in the General Post Office, in St. John's or elsewhere, and also a copy of any evidence given by him to the Executive upon the subject.

Also, a detailed statement giving (1) the names of all the employees in the General Post Office at St. John's on the 15th day of November last; (2), the length of time each has served in the department; (3), the various positions held and the salaries received by them.

Also, a detailed statement giving the names of all the employees in the General Post Office in St. John's at the present date; the length of time each has served in the department; the various positions held and the salaries received by them.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Tuesday next, February 1st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, February 1st, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, January 28th, were read.

Address of
Thanks, read
1st time.

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

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

Notice of Motion.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of this House, as regards the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table

of this Chamber a copy of all Correspondence, telegraphic and otherwise, between the Government of Newfoundland and the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to certain appointments made by the late Government and Gazetted on the 16th day of November last, and which were cancelled by the present Government on the following day.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that no such Correspondence exists. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of the Postmaster General's letter or recommendation to the Executive relative to certain changes and dismissals in the General Post Office, in St. John's or elsewhere, and a copy of any evidence given by him to the Executive upon the subject. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that no such letter, recommendation or evidence exists. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a detailed statement giving (1), the names of all the employees in the General Post Office at St. John's on the 15th day of November last; (2), the length of time each has served in the department; (3), the various positions held and the salaries received by them. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Statement asked for. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table a detailed statement giving the names of all the Question asked.

employees in the General Post Office in St. John's at the present date; the length of time each has served in the department; the various positions held and the salaries received by them.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Statement asked for.

Petition of John Gleeson, read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Petition from John P. Gleeson praying for the position of Reporter to the Legislative Council was read.

Documents laid on Table.

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

Despatches respecting the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Members of the Legislative Council who retire or resign after ten years of continuous service.

Despatch thanking the Legislature for Address presented on the occasion of the completion of the Sixtieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty the Queen.

Statement of the "Walrus" Steamship Co., 1896.

Annual Report of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, 1897.

Statement of Newfoundland Steam Screw Tug Company, 1897.

Annual Statement of the Colonial Cordage Company for year ending 30th June, 1897.

Notice of Question.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of all Correspondence relative to a Royal Commission and

referred to in the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of this present Session.

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

Wednesday, February 2nd, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 1st, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Address of
of the Hon. Mr. Bowring, the Address in Reply to Thanks, read
the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, was 2nd time.
read a second time.

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

35th Rule suspended.

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowring,—

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Ordered,—That the said Address be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Address of Thanks, read 3rd time and passed.

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

To be presented by Deputation of the Whole.

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

The Address is as follows:—

Address of Thanks.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, thank Your Excellency for Your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

The several important measures referred to in Address—
Your Excellency's Speech, when submitted to us, (Continued)
shall receive our most careful consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for the promise to have laid before the Legislature, Despatches from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and other public papers.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
2nd February, 1898. }

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked Question asked.
the Hon. Colonial Secretary, to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of all Correspondence relative to a Royal Commission and referred to in the Speech of His Excellency at the opening of this present Session.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the Reply.
Correspondence asked for was in course of preparation.

The Hon. the President informed the House that Message from
he had received a Message from the House of As- Assembly.
sembly requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of Loans upon the Credit of the Colony issued in the United Kingdom.'"

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Loan Amendment
said Bill was read a first time, and Bill read 1st time.

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

The Hon. Mr. Angel gives notice, that he will, Notice of Motion.
on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if

any action, in relation to the appointment of a Reporter to this House in place of Mr. Shea, has been taken; and that this notice stand first on the Order of the Day.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, February 3rd, 1898.

House meets,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

New Member.

The Hon. James S. Pitts, appointed Member of the Legislative Council, took his seat, having previously taken the Oath of Allegiance.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of yesterday, February 2nd, were read.

The Hon. the President informs the House that His Excellency the Governor will receive the Address in Reply on to-morrow at Eleven o'clock, A. M. Governor will receive Address of Thanks.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Angel, asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary, if any action in relation to the appointment of a Reporter to this House, in place of Mr. Shea, has been taken. Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, (Second Series), entitled 'Of Loans upon the Credit of the Colony issued in the United Kingdom,'" was read a second time, and Loan Amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly with a Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," and requesting the concurrence of this House therein. Message from Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill was read a first time, and Internal Economy Bill read 1st time.

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of this House as regards the Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," Notice of Motion.

Adjourned, On motion made, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, at a quarter to Eleven o'clock, A.M.

Friday, February 4th, 1898.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE.
 JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday, February 3rd, were read.

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

At a quarter after Eleven o'clock, A. M., the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and to return an answer thereto in the following words:—

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Governor's reply.

I have to thank you for the Address which you have presented to me from the Legislative Council in reply to my Speech on Friday last.

I am satisfied that the important measures with which you will have to deal will receive from you the patient and careful consideration which they require.

H. MURRAY, *Governor.*

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

Friday, February 4th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of this morning were read.

Minutes read.

Committee on
Loan Amendment
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, (Second Series), entitled 'Of Loans upon the Credit of the Colony issued in the United Kingdom.'"

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with
Amendment.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Internal Economy
Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," was read a second time.

Motion moved.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the suspension of the 35th Rule of this House as regards the Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature."

Motion withdrawn

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the said motion be withdrawn.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

Motion.

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Monday next, February 7th, at half-past Four
o'clock, P. M.

Monday, February 7th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Friday afternoon, February 4th, Minutes read.
were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Loan Amendment
Bill read 3rd time
and passed.
of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up,
entitled "An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the
Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, (Second
Series), entitled 'Of Loans upon the Credit of the

Colony issued in the United Kingdom,'” as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Amendment.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Insert as a Second Section to the said Bill the following:—

“ 2.—This Act shall be held and taken to apply to all Acts passed during and since the Session of the Legislature held in the 58th year of Her present Majesty.”

Committee on
Internal Economy
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature.”

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

35th Rule
suspended.

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Internal Economy Bill read 3rd time and passed.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels,” and to request the concurrence of the Council therein.

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
February 7th, 1898. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have adopted the Amendment passed by the Council to the Bill entitled “An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, (Second Series), entitled ‘Of Loans on the Credit of the Colony issued in the United Kingdom.’”

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
7th February, 1898. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement Seal Fishery Encouragement Bill.

of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels," was read a first time, and

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

Documents,

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

Report of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank for the year ending the 31st December, 1897.

Report of the Newfoundland Sealing Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Report of the St. John's Floating Dry Dock Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Report of the Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

Adjourned,

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

Tuesday, February 8th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

At Five o'clock, p.m., the Honorable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, and the Honorable John Alexander Robinson, and the Honorable George T. Rendell, Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council;

Commissioners appointed to signify Governor's assent to Internal Economy Bill.

Commission.

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

*To the Honorable Edward D. Shea, President of the
Legislative Council, the Honorable John Alex-
ander Robinson and the Honorable George T.
Rendell, Members of the Legislative Council:*

Whereas at and during the Session of this Gene-
ral Assembly of this Island now being holden a
Bill, entitled 'An Act relating to the Internal
Economy of the Legislature,' was passed by the
Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and

Whereas I, the Governor, have seen and consi-
dered the said Bill so passed and entitled as afore-
said, you the said Honorable Edward D. Shea, and
Honorable John Alexander Robinson and George
T. Rendell, are hereby authorized and directed to
signify to the Members of the Legislative Council
and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to
assent to this Bill.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Gov-
ernment House, St. John's, this Eighth
day of February, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command.

J. ALEX'R ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The title of the said Bill having been read.

Governor's assent
signified.

The Hon. E. D. Shea, one of the Commissioners,
then said, "His Excellency the Governor assents
to this Bill."

The House of Assembly withdrew.

The Minutes of Monday, February 7th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels," was read a second time, and Sealing Bounty Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,— Messages from Assembly.

"An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs," and

"An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs," was read a first time, and Sheriff's Bill, read 1st time.

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

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

Wednesday, February 9th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of yesterday, Tuesday, February 8th, were read.

Committee on
Sealing Bounty
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs,” was read a second time, and

Sheriff's Bill,
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture,” was read a second time, and

Agriculture
Encouragement
Bill, read
2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Despatches:

Despatches
laid on Table.

HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

<i>From whom.</i>	<i>Nature of Despatch.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Colonial Office ...	Telegram	25th Jan'y, 1897.
Governor	Telegram	29th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 7.....	28th Jan'y, 1897.
Governor	No. 13	30th Jan'y, 1897.
Governor	No. 32	17th April, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 54	24th July, 1897.
Governor	No. 69	29th June, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 53	23rd July, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Telegram	18th June, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Telegram	21st June, 1897.
Her Majesty the Queen	} Telegram	22nd June, 1897.
Governor to H. M. the Queen }		
Lt.-Col. Bigge.....	Telegram	23rd June, 1897.

Despatches.—
(Continued.)

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

<i>From whom.</i>	<i>Nature of Despatch.</i>	<i>Date.</i>
Governor	No. 49	16th July, 1896.
Colonial Office ...	No. 46	18th Aug., 1896.
Governor	{ No. 48, Deben- } tures Bill, }	25th May, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 41	16th June, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 65	7th Sept., 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 68	18th Sept., 1897.
Governor	No. 79	27th July, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 70	22nd Sept., 1897.
Governor	No. 102	9th October, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 86	13th Dec., 1897.

NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY AND ST. JOHN'S
STREET RAILWAY.

Governor	No. 2	9th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 6	28th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 73	20th Oct., 1897.

MARINE COURTS OF ENQUIRY.

Governor	No. 4	15th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 8	16th Feb'y, 1897.

SQUID BAIT.

Colonial Office ...	No. 12	20th March, 1897.
Governor	No. 51	25th May, 1897.

RIGHT TO SEIZE THE VESSEL "STARK."

Governor	No. 60	12th June, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 55	30th July, 1897.

FAST STEAMSHIP LINE.

Administrator ...	Telegram	9th April, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 20	20th April, 1897.

<i>From whom.</i>	<i>Nature of Despatch.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Despatches.— (Continued.)</i>
DUTY ON CANADIAN AND NEWFOUNDLAND CANNED LOBSTERS ENTERING FRANCE.			
Colonial Office ...	No. 19	20th April, 1897.	
Governor	No. 77	27th July, 1897.	
Colonial Office ...	No. 64	27th Aug., 1896.	

PRECEDENCY OF A PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

Colonial Office ...	General	7th Oct., 1897.
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LOBSTER FISHERY ON THE TREATY SHORE.

Colonial Office ...	No. 66	8th Sept., 1897.
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(Also correspondence between Governor and Com-
modore as published in the *Royal Gazette*).

DELAY IN BRINGING FORWARD CASES OF BANK
DIRECTORS FOR TRIAL.

Governor	Confidential	23rd Dec., 1896.
Administrator to Governor, }	Telegram (thro' Col. Office) }	27th Feb'y, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Telegram	4th March, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Confidential	4th March, 1897.
Governor	Confidential	18th May, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Confidential	12th June, 1897.

ELECTION AMENDMENT BILL.

Colonial Office ...	Telegram	24th April, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	No. 23	28th April, 1897.
Governor	No. 44	27th May, 1897.
Governor	No. 46	20th May, 1897.
Governor	No. 56	2nd June, 1897.
Governor	No. 58	2nd June, 1897.
Governor	No. 61	14th June, 1897.
Colonial Office ...	Confidential	12th Aug., 1897.
Governor	Confidential (2)...	6th Sept., 1897.
Governor	Confidential	13th Sept., 1897.

Despatches.— (Continued)	From whom.	Nature of Despatch.	Date.
	Colonial Office	.. Confidential	25th Sept., 1897.
	Colonial Office	... Confidential	8th Oct., 1897.
	Governor Telegram	18th Oct., 1897.
	Colonial Office	... Telegram	18th Oct., 1897.
	Colonial Office	... Telegram	19th Oct., 1897.
	Governor Telegram	3rd Nov., 1897.
	Colonial Office	... Telegram	4th Nov., 1897.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS.

Colonial Office	... Circular	19th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office	... Circular	29th Jan'y, 1897.
Colonial Office	... Circular	6th Feb'y, 1897.
Parliamentary Blue Book	} ... No. C-8485	13th May, 1897.
Parliamentary Blue Book	} ... No. C-8596	31st July, 1897.

Adjourned,

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Thursday, February 10th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, February 10th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Wednesday, February 9th, were read.

Minutes read.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the Honorable Legislative Council:

Message from
His Excellency
the Governor.

Approved,—

H. MURRAY, Governor.

10-2-98.

The Governor transmits to the Legislature an approved Minute of Council appointing the Hon.

Sir James S. Winter, Premier; the Hon. John Alexander Robinson, Colonial Secretary; the Hon. Alfred B. Morine, Receiver General; and the Hon. Michael H. Carty, and the Hon. James S. Pitts, to act with the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly as Commissioners for the purposes, and under the provisions, of an Act passed in the 1st Session of the 18th General Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
February 10th, 1898. }

Certified copy of
Minutes of
Executive Council.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honorable Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 10th February, 1898:

The following to be a Commission under Sect. 4 of the "Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," for the purpose of carrying into execution the provisions of the said Act, viz:

Hon. E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council (*ex officio*); Hon. J. A. Robinson, Colonial Secretary; Hon. J. S. Pitts; His Honor H. Y. Mott, Speaker of the House of Assembly (*ex officio*); the Hon. Sir J. S. Winter, Premier; the Hon. A. B. Morine, Receiver General, and the Hon. M. H. Carty.

H. MURRAY, *Governor.*

The following to be appointed under the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of the "Act relating to the Internal Economy of the Legislature," to the positions set opposite their respective names:

Hugh H. Carter, to be Clerk of the Legislative Council;

W. F. Rennie, to be Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod;

E. D. Shea, Jr., to be Clerk of the House of Assembly;

P. T. McGrath, to be Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly;

John N. Cleary, to be Law Clerk of the Legislature.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Seal Fishery
Encouragement
Bill read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs."

Committee on
Sheriff's Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts, the House went into Com-

Committee on
Agriculture En-
couragement Bill,

mittee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture."

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Documents
laid on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:

Return of Applications for Mining Locations, 1896-7.

Return of Mining Licenses issued during the year 1896-7.

Return of Mining Leases issued during the year 1896-7.

Return of Fee-Simple Mining Grants issued during the year 1896-7.

Return of Grants of Agricultural Lands issued from July 1st, 1896, to June 30th, 1897.

Return of Licenses to Cut Timber during the year 1896-7.

Surveyor General's Consolidated Cash Account, 1896-7.

Despatches
laid on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary also laid upon the Table Copy of Despatches, etc., re Imperial Commission of Inquiry, 1890-1895, asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene,

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
to-morrow Friday, February 11th, at half-past Four
o'clock, P. M.

Friday, February 11th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Thursday, February 10th, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion Sheriff's Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.
of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled
"An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs,"
was read a third time and passed, and the Hon.
the President signed the same.

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

Agriculture
Encouragement
Bill, read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly with a Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," and requesting concurrence therein.

Deer Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, February 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, February 14th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Friday, February 11th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon'ble Colonial Secretary moved "that the Bill sent up, entitled 'An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer' be now read a second time."

Motion for
2nd reading of
Deer Bill.

Whereupon the Hon'ble Mr. Greene moved in Amendment, "That the said Bill be read this day six months."

And the question on the Amendment having been put, there appeared—

Division.	<i>Content, (1) :</i>	<i>Non-Contents, (11) :</i>
	Hon. Colonial Sec'y.	Hons. Messrs. Greene, McLoughlan, Rendell, Angel, Skelton, Blandford, Knowling, Baird, Bowring, Ayre, Pitts.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Message from
Assembly with
following Bills :—
Department of
Col. Secretary ;
Department of
Justice ; Depart-
ment of Finance
and Customs ;
Department of
Marine and Fishe-
ries ; Department
of Agriculture
and Mines ;
Department of
Public Works.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,—

“ An Act respecting the Department of the Colonial Secretary ” ;

“ An Act respecting the Department of Justice ” ;

“ An Act respecting the Department of Finance and Customs ” ;

“ An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries ” ;

“ An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture and Mines,” and

“ An Act respecting the Department of Public Works.”

Bills read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bills were severally read a first time.

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table Documents laid on Table. the following Documents, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Report of Postmaster General for 1897.

Annual Report of Boot and Shoe Comp'y, 1897.

Report of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company, 1897.

Report of Newfoundland Oil Company, 1897.

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Fisheries for the year 1897.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Tuesday, February 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, February 15th, 1898.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS.

Governor's
Commissioners
take their Seats,

At Five o'clock, P. M., the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Hon'ble JOHN ALEXANDER ROBINSON and the Honorable EDGAR BOWRING, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their Seats, the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

Assembly attend
Council Chamber;

Commission read.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY Commission.

H. MURRAY, *Murray, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*
 [L. S.]

To the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Honorable JOHN ALEXANDER ROBINSON and the Hon'ble EDGAR BOWRING, Members of the Legislative Council:

Whereas at and during the Session of this General Assembly of this Island now being holden a Bill, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery by Sailing Vessels," was passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and

Whereas I, the Governor, have seen and considered the said Bill so passed and entitled, as aforesaid, you the said Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, and Honorables JOHN ALEXANDER ROBINSON and EDGAR BOWRING, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to assent to this Bill.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this Fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEXR. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Title of the said Bill having been read,—

Bill for
Encouragement
of Seal Fishery
by Sailing Vessels
assented to.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, one of the Commissioners, then said,—

“His Excellency the Governor assents to this Bill.”

The House of Assembly withdrew.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of yesterday, Monday, February 14th, were read.

Departmental
Bills read
2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively:—

“An Act respecting the Department of the Colonial Secretary”;

“An Act respecting the Department of Justice”;

“An Act respecting the Department of Finance and Customs”;

“An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries”;

“An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture and Mines,” and

“An Act respecting the Department of Public Works,”

were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the Raising of Loans

authorized by the Legislature and the auditing of the Public Accounts,"

Which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Rendell, was read a first time, and

Audit Bill,
read 1st time.

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, February 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 15th, were read.

Committee on
Colonial Secretary
Department Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of the Colonial Secretary."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Department of
Justice Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Justice."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Departments of
Finance and
Customs.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Departments of Finance and Customs."

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amend-^{Reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries.” ^{Committee on Departments of Marine and Fisheries’ Bill.}

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Hon’ble Mr. McLoughlan, Senior Member present, presiding.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some ^{Reported.}Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture and Mines.” ^{Committee on Department of Agriculture and Mines’ Bill.}

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Department of
Public Works'
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Public Works of Newfoundland."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting the concurrence of the Council in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs."

Local Affairs Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 17th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, February 17th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

Members present.

Senior Member, Presiding.

The Honorables JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Wednesday, February 16th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of the Colonial Secretary," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Colonial Secretary
Department Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of

Department of
Justice Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed,

Justice," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Departments of
Finance and
Customs' Bill,
as amended,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Departments of Finance and Customs," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Amendment.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Sect. 6.—Last line—After the word "Finance," insert the words "to be laid before the Legislature."

Department of
Marine and
Fisheries' Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Amendments.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 7—First line.—After the words "consist of," strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word "seven."

Same Section—Second line.—After the word “President,” insert the words “or in his absence the Deputy Head of the Department.”

Same Section—Second line.—After the word “and” strike out the word “two,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “three.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—“An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture and Mines”; and

Department of Agriculture and Mines' Bill, and Public Works' Bill read 3rd time and passed.

“An Act respecting the Public Works of Newfoundland,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the Presiding Member signed the same.

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

Message to Assembly.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, February 21st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Monday, February 21st, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, Feb'y 17th, were read.

Audit Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the Raising of Loans authorized by the Legislature and the Auditing of Public Accounts," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Local Affairs Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that ^{Message from Assembly.} he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Customs."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird, the said Bill ^{Customs' Bill, read 1st time.} was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, ^{Notices of Motion.} on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary, to lay on the Table of this Chamber:—

A Copy of the Agreement for the sale or transfer of the Newfoundland Railway to the Government, showing the amount paid for same and mode of payment;

Also,—A Copy of the Government Engineer's report (or the report of any other person employed by the Government for the purpose) of the value of the plant and rolling stock;

Also,—A Statement showing the gross and nett earnings of the Line for the years 1896-97-98;

Also,—A Statement showing the cost of the maintenance of the Government Telegraph lines for the years 1896-97-98, and the gross and net earnings of the same;

Also,—A Statement showing the selections of land made by the Messrs. Reid, when made, where situate, when granted and what selections or locations now applied for together with a copy of the Chart or Surveys showing same;

Also,—A Copy of the Lease, between the Government and Messrs. Angel and Harvey, of the Dock;

Also,—A a Copy of the Agreement between the Government and Messrs. Harvey for Steam Services, showing cost of the Northern, Southern and Halifax services ;

Also,—A Statement showing cost of Steam Services on Green Bay, Placentia Bay, and Labrador, for the years 1897-98 ;

Also,—A Detailed Statement of the amount of Subsidies paid for the Carriage of Mails and to whom paid.

Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if the Committee on Internal Economy have reported. If report has not yet been prepared, to inform this Chamber—(1), the names of the Reporters; (2), Door-keepers; (3), Amount of their Salaries, and if the Council's Estimates for the year have been prepared; and if so, to lay a Copy on the Table.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, February 22nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Monday, February 21st, were read.

The Commission appointing John N. Cleary, Esquire, Law Clerk of the Legislature, was read.

Commission of
J. N. Cleary, read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the Raising of Loans authorized by the Legislature and the Auditing of the Public Accounts."

Committee on
Audit Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Local Affairs Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Customs' Bill,
read 2nd time.

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

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary, to lay on the Table of this Chamber a Copy of the Agreement for the sale or transfer of the Newfoundland Railway to the Government showing the amount paid for same and mode of payment.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Paper asked for.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked Question asked. the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Copy of the Government Engineer's Report (or the report of any other person employed by the Government for the purpose) of the value of the plant and rolling stock.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that no Reply. Report exists.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked Question asked. the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement showing the gross and nett earnings of the Line for the years 1896-97-98.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table Reply. the Statement for 1897.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked Question asked. the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement showing the cost of the maintenance of the Government Telegraph lines for the years 1896-97-98, and the gross and nett earnings of the same.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table Reply. the Statement asked for.

The Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Question asked. Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement showing the selections of land made by the Messrs. Reid, when made, where situate, when granted and what selections or locations now applied for, together with a Copy of the Chart or Surveys showing the same.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the Reply. Statement asked for was in course of preparation.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked Question asked. the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a

Copy of the Lease, between the Government and Messrs. Angel and Harvey, of the Dock.

Reply. The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the Paper asked for was in course of preparation.

Question asked. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Copy of the Agreement between the Government and Messrs. Harvey for Steam Services, showing cost of the Northern, Southern and Halifax Services.

Reply. The Hon. Colonial Secretary stated that the Paper asked for was in course of preparation.

Question asked. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Statement showing cost of Steam Services on Green Bay, Placentia Bay and Labrador, for the years 1897-98.

Reply. The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid the Statement asked for on the Table.

Question asked. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene, asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table a Detailed Statement of the amount of Subsidies paid for the Carriage of Mails and to whom paid.

Reply. The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that the Paper asked for was in course of preparation.

Question asked. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene, asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary, if the Committee on Internal Economy have reported. If Report has not not yet been prepared, to inform the Chamber : (1), The names of the Reporters ; (2), Door-keepers ; (3), Amount of their Salaries, and if the

Council's Estimates for the year have been prepared; and if so, to lay a Copy on the Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied. Reply.

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

Thursday, February 24th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 22nd, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Audit Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.
of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled
"An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the Rais-
ing of Loans authorized by the Legislature and
the Auditing of the Public Accounts, was read a

third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Local Affairs Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Committee on
Customs' Bill.

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

The Hon. Mr. Greene in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly, requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery."

Seal Fishery
Prosecution Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table:— Documents
laid on Table.

Copy of Lease of Dock;

Also, Copy of Agreement relating to the Northern, Southern, and Halifax Steam Services, asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
to-morrow, Friday, February 25th, at half-past
Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, February 25th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Thursday, February 24th, were Minutes read.
read.

Customs' Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Customs," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Seal Fishery
Prosecution Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table:—

Statement of Amount of Subsidies paid for Carriage of Mails for 1897, asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene;

Also, Geological Survey of Newfoundland for 1897 on the Carboriferous Area of the Codroy Valley.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, February 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, February 28th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Friday, February 25th, were read.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of this House as regards the Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:--

Resolved,—That this Council has learned with much regret of the recent death in England of Mrs. Robinson, mother of the Hon. J. Alexander Robinson, Colonial Secretary, and member of this House, and that this House do now adjourn

as an expression of its regret for Mr. Robinson's loss and of sympathy in his bereavement.

Adjourned.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 1st, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 1st, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, February 28th, were read.

Committee on
Prosecution of
Seal Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion
of the Hon. Mr. Pitts,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be ^{35th Rule}
suspended as regards the Bill, entitled “An Act ^{suspended.}
respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Blandford, the said ^{Prosecution of}
Bill was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. ^{Seal Fishery Bill,}
the President signed the same. ^{read 3rd time}
^{and passed.}

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the
Legislative Council that they have adopted the
Amendment passed by the Legislative Council in
and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act respecting
the Department of Finance and Customs.”

H. Y. MOTT, *Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
28th February, 1898. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the
Legislative Council that they have adopted the

Amendments passed by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries."

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
28th February, 1898. }

Adjourned,

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 2nd, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 1st, were read.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly, requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,—

"An Act respecting the Payment of certain fees and charges by Stamps," and

"An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps," was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, March 3rd, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Commissioners
take their Seats,

At Five o'clock, P. M., the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Honorable JAMES McLOUGHLAN, and the Honorable GEORGE KNOWLING, Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their Seats, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they having come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

Summon
Assembly.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY Commission.

H. MURRAY, *Murray, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*
 [L. S.]

To the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and the Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN and GEORGE KNOWLING, Members of the Legislative Council, Greeting:

Whereas at and during the Session of this General Assembly of this Island now being holden, two Bills, entitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries," and "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," were passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and

Whereas I, the Governor, have seen and considered the said Bills so passed and entitled, as aforesaid, you, the said Honorables EDWARD D. SHEA, JAMES McLOUGHLAN and GEORGE KNOWLING, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to assent to the said Bills.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEXR. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Titles of the said Bills having been severally read, as follows:--

Bills assented to.

“An Act respecting the Department of Marine and Fisheries” ;

“An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery.”

The Hon. E. D. Shea, one of the said Commissioners, then signified His Excellency the Governor's assent to the said Bills, severally.

The House of Assembly then withdrew and the Commissioners retired.

The Hon. the President having resumed his seat.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 2nd, were read.

Stamps Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,--To be committed to-morrow.

Pilot's Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes” ;

Which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, was read a first time, and

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

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

Friday, March 4th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 3rd, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton gives notice, that he will, Notice of Motion.
on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of the House a Copy of all Correspondence that passed between Mr. Reid and

the late Government relating to the operation of the Railway system of this Country.

Orders deferred. The following Orders were deferred until to-morrow :—

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps” ;

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.”

Railway Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, March 5th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Saturday, March 5th, 1898.

Member present.

The Honorable J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary declared the House adjourned until Monday next, March 7th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, March 7th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Friday, March 4th, and Saturday, March 5th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communication from the Private Secretary :— Leave of absence to Hon. George Knowling.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
7th March, 1898.

SIR,—

I have been commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has been pleased to grant permission to the Hon. George Knowling,

a Member of the Legislative Council of this Colony, to leave the Colony this day on leave of absence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. W. SOUTHEY,

A. D. C. and Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble E. D. SHEA,

President of the Legislative Council.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Skelton asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the Table of the House a Copy of all Correspondence that passed between Mr. Reid and the late Government relating to the operation of the Railway system of this Country.

Paper laid on Table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid the Correspondence on the Table.

Orders deferred.

The following Orders were deferred until later in the day :—

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps” ;

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.”

Committee on Railway Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes.”

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed,

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend- Reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, with the unanimous consent of the House :—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be 35th Rule suspended.
suspended with reference to the Bill, entitled “An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the said Bill Railway Bill, read 3rd time and passed.
was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The following Orders were deferred until to- Orders deferred.
morrow :—

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps” ;

Committee on Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.”

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had just received the following Telegraphic Message :—

“ TWILLINGATE, }
March 7th, 1898. }

TO PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

We have good reason to believe all classes here Telegram.
and in the outports are appalled that the Railway

Bill, which is of such momentous issues, should have been introduced and rushed through the Assembly without obtaining the opinion of the electorate thereon. Petitions are being signed praying for prolonged deliberations, and that the measure be submitted to the Country for approval before it is finally settled. Will your Honorable Council consider this matter.

CANON TEMPLE,
S. HALFYARD, Meth. Minister,
T. H. JAMES, Meth. Minister."

Adjourned.

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

Tuesday, March 8th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, March 7th, were read,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps." Committee on Stamps Bill

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The following Order was deferred until to-morrow. Deferred.

Committee on Bill, entitled "An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's."

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly, requesting the concurrence of the Council in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,— Message from Assembly.

"An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 1, entitled 'An Act respecting Union Bank Notes'";

"An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 2, entitled 'An Act respecting Commercial Bank Notes,' " and

"An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled 'Of Harbor Master and Harbor Regulations for the Port of St. John's.'"

Union Bank Notes,
Commercial Bank
Notes and Harbor
Master Bills,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bills were severally read a first time, and

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

Notices of Motion.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting the rights and privileges of the New York, London Telegraph Company.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of the House in relation to the Bill respecting the rights and privileges of the New York, London Telegraph Company.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee of this Council be appointed to revise the Rules of the House.

Adjourned.

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

Wednesday, March 9th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 8th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps,” was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Stamps Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.”

Committee on
Pilot’s Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Union Bank Notes,
Commercial Bank
Notes and Harbor
Master Bills,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 1, entitled ‘An Act respecting Union Bank Notes’”;

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 2, entitled ‘An Act respecting Commercial Bank Notes,’ ” and

“An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled ‘Of Harbor Master and Harbor Regulations for the Port of St. John’s,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Telegraph
Company Bill,
read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene introduced a Bill respecting the rights and privileges of the New York, London Telegraph Company, which was then read a first time.

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

35th Rule
suspended.

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

Telegraph Comp’y
Bill read 2nd time.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and ^{Read 3rd time.}

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass, and be ^{Entitled}
entitled “An Act respecting the rights and privi-^{and passed.}
leges of the New York, Newfoundland and London
Telegraph Company in Newfoundland.”

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, ^{Message to}
with Message, that this House had passed the same ^{Assembly.}
and requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. ^{Select Committee}
Colonial Secretary,— ^{on Rules of House}

Ordered,—That a Select Committee of this House
be appointed to revise and report upon the Rules
thereof, and

Ordered,—That the Honorables the President,
Colonial Secretary, Mr. Rendell, Mr. Greene, and
Mr. Pitts, do form such Committee.

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.}
Friday next, March 11th, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Friday, March 11th, 1898.

- House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
- PRESENT:
- Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS.
- Minutes read. The Minutes of Wednesday, March 9th, were read.
- Pilot's Bill, read 3rd time and passed. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of Saint John's," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.
- Message to Assembly. Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.
- Committee on Union Bank Notes' Bill. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 1, entitled 'An Act respecting Union Bank Notes.'"
- The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on}
of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went ^{Commercial Bank}
into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An ^{Notes' Bill,}
Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 2, entitled
‘An Act respecting Commercial Bank Notes.’”

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on}
of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went ^{Harbor Master's}
into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An ^{Bill.}
Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Consolidated Sta-
tutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled
‘Of Harbor Master and Harbor Regulations for the
Port of St. John's.’”

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Adjourned.

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

Tuesday, March 15th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, March 11th, were read.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly acquainting him of the concurrence of the House of Assembly in the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act respecting the rights and privileges of

the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company in Newfoundland.”

At Five o'clock, P. M., the Honorable EDWARD DALTON SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Hon'ble GEORGE T. RENDELL, and the Hon'ble DANIEL J. GREENE, Q.C., Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their Seats, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they having come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

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

To the Honorable EDWARD DALTON SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and the Honorable GEORGE T. RENDELL and the Honorable DANIEL J. GREENE, Q. C.:

Whereas at and during the Session of this General Assembly of this Island now being holden, two Bills, entitled respectively, “An Act respecting the rights and privileges of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, in Newfoundland,” and “An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland

Railway, and for other purposes," were passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly; and

Whereas I, the Governor, have seen and considered the said Bills so passed and entitled, as aforesaid, you, the said Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, and Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL and DANIEL J. GREENE, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to assent to the said Bills.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEXR. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Telegraph Comp'y
and Railway Bills
assented to.

The Titles of the said Bills having been severally read.

The Hon. E. D. Shea, one of the said Commissioners, then signified His Excellency the Governor's assent to the said Bills, severally.

The House of Assembly then withdrew and the Commissioners retired.

The Hon. the President having resumed his seat.

Union Bank Notes,
Commercial Bank
Notes and Harbor
Master's Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 1, entitled ‘An Act respecting Union Bank Notes’”;

“ An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 2, entitled ‘ An Act respecting Commercial Bank Notes,’ ” and

“ An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled ‘ Of Harbor Master and Harbor Regulations for the Port of St. John’s,’ ” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon’ble the President signed the same.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act relating to Light Dues.” Message from Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill was read a first time, and Light Dues Bill, read 1st time.

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table:—

Report of Halifax School for the Blind; Report laid on Table.

Despatches relating to retention of Title of Honorable by Mr. Augustus W. Harvey, Sir Robert Thorburn, K. C. M. G., and Mr. Philip Cleary. Despatch laid on Table.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, March 18th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, March 18th, 1898.

- House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
- Members present. PRESENT :
 The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE.
- Minutes read. The Minutes of Tuesday, March 15th, were read.
- Light Dues Bill, read 2nd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues," was read a second time, and
 Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.
- Message from Assembly. The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act.'"
- Newfoundland - French Treaties' Bill. read 1st time. On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bill was read a first time, and
 Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.
- Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, March 21st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, March 21st, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary.

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Friday, March 18th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues."

Committee on
Light Dues Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period

Newfoundland
French Treaties'
Bill read 2nd time.

‘The Newfoundland French Treaties’ Act,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, from the Select Committee appointed to revise and report upon the Rules of this House, presented the following Report, which was received and read:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
21st March, 1898. }

Report of Select
Committee on
Revision of Rules.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Rules of the Council for revision beg to report that they have gone through the said Rules to them referred, and made some Amendments thereon, and they now present the Rules in an amended form for the consideration of the House.

E. D. SHEA, *Chairman.*
J. ALEXR. ROBINSON,
G. T. RENDELL,
D. J. GREENE.

Rules.

RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEWFOUNDLAND:

1. The President, when he speaks to the House, is always to be uncovered, and is not to adjourn the House, or do anything else as mouthpiece of the House, without the consent of the members first had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills which are of course, wherein the members may likewise over-rule, as for preferring one Bill before another, and such like. And in case of difference among the members, it is to be put to the question;

and if the President desire to speak to anything particular, he shall go to his own place as a member. Rules.—
(Continued.)

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair, the doors shall be closed, and the Journals of the proceeding day be read and confirmed, or if necessary corrected.

3. Any member may at any time desire the House to be cleared of strangers, and the President shall immediately give directions to execute the order, without debate.

4. When the House is sitting, every member that shall enter, is to give to and receive salutations from the President, and not to sit down in his place unless he has made his obeisance.

5. The members in the House are to keep their dignity and order, in sitting, as much as may be, and not remove out of their places without just cause; but when they must needs go across the House, they are to make obeisance to the Chair.

6. When any member speaks, he shall address the Chair.

7. No member is to speak twice to any Bill at any one time of reading it, or to any other proposition, unless it be to explain himself in some material point of his speech, and then not without leave of the House first obtained. Every member speaks standing and uncovered, and names not the members of the House commonly by their names, but "the member that spoke last" — "last but two," etc.—or some other note of distinction.

8. Such members as shall make protestations, or enter their dissents to any votes of the House, as

Rules.—
(Continued.)

they have a right to do, without asking leave of the House, either with or without their reasons, shall cause their protestations or dissents to be entered in the Clerk's book on the next sitting day of this House, before the rising of the House, otherwise the same shall not be entered and shall also sign the same before the rising of the House on the same day.

9. All orders of the day, which by reason of any adjournment shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered as postponed to the next day on which the House shall sit.

10. To prevent misunderstanding, and for avoiding offensive speeches when matters are being debated, either in the House or in Committee, it is for honor's sake thought fit, and is so ordered, that all personal, sharp, or taxing speeches be forborne, and that whosoever answereth another man's speech shall apply his answer to the matter without wrong to the person; and as nothing offensive is to be spoken, so nothing is to be ill-taken, if the party that speaks it shall presently make a fair exposition or clear denial of the words that might bear any ill construction; and if any offence be given in that kind, as the House itself will be very sensible thereof, so it will censure the offender, and give the party offended a fit reparation and a full satisfaction.

11. For avoiding all mistakes, unkindness, or other differences, which may grow to quarrels, tending to the breach of the peace, if any member shall conceive himself to have received an affront or injury from any other member of the House, either in the House, or in Committee, or in any of

the rooms belonging to the Legislative Council, he shall appeal to the House for his reparation; which, if he shall not do, but occasion or entertain quarrels, declining the justice of the House, then the member that shall be found therein offending shall undergo the severe censure of the House.

Rules.—
(Continued.)

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received in the House, unless to amend it, commit it, postpone it to a certain day, or for the order of the day, or to adjourn.

13. One day's notice of all motions, other than for a Committee of Privilege, shall be given to the House; and any motion (with leave of the House) may be withdrawn at any time before amendment or decision.

14. No motion prefaced by a written preamble, shall be received by this House.

15. When the question has been put by the President, no member is to speak upon the question before voting.

16. After the question is put, and the House has voted thereon, no member shall depart out of his place until the House has entered upon some other business.

17. At the time of voting the contents shall rise in their places, and the non-contents continue to sit; and the names of the contents and non-contents shall be taken and entered on the minutes.

18. The Clerk shall enter no order until the President first demand the assent of the House; and he shall read every order first in the House, before it be entered.

Rules.—
(Continued.)

19. Each member has a right to require that the question, or motion, in discussion, be read for his information, at any time of the debate.

20. To have more freedom of debate, and to facilitate business, Committees are appointed, either of the whole House, or of individuals; the Committees of the whole House sit in the House, but then the President shall not sit in the Chair.

21. In a Committee of the whole House, the Rules of the House shall be observed in so far as they may be applicable, excepting the Rule limiting the times of speaking; and no motion for the previous question, and for adjournment, can be received, but a member may at any time move that the Chairman do leave the Chair, or report some progress made, and ask leave to sit again.

22. Select Committees usually meet in one of the Committee Rooms. The members of the Committee speak to the rest uncovered, but may sit if they please.

23. At any Committee, members of the House, though not of the Committee, are not excluded from coming in and speaking, but they must not vote; they shall also give place to all that are of the Committee, and shall sit behind them.

24. When anything that has been committed is reported, the members of the Committee stand.

25. No one shall enter at any Committee or Conference, unless members of the House, or such as may be commanded to attend.

26. With regard to messages between the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of the

messages from the one to the other; and messages so sent shall be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent at any time, whilst it is sitting or in committee, without interrupting the business then proceeding. Rules.—
(Continued.)

27. None are to speak at a Conference with the Lower House, but those that are of the Committee; and when any thing from such Conference is reported, all the members of that Committee present are to stand up.

28. As it might deeply intrench on the privileges of this House for any member to answer an accusation in the House of Assembly, either in person or by sending his answer in writing, or by his counsel there; upon serious consideration had thereof, and perusal of the precedents in the Upper House of the Imperial Parliament, it is ordered, that no member of this House shall either go down to the House of Assembly, or send his answer in writing, or appear by counsel to answer any accusation there, upon penalty of being committed to the Black Rod, or to prison during the pleasure of this House.

29. No member or officer of this House shall attend before the House of Assembly, or any Committee thereof, on any orders of theirs without permission of the House.

30. It is the right of every member of this House to bring in a Bill, and pray that it may be read.

31. Bills may be opposed at any stage, but the principle is usually debated at the second reading.

32. No arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had or admitted in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill.

Rules.—
(Continued.)

33. No Bill shall be read twice on the same day ; unless the House, upon motion, shall see special cause for the despatch of business to change the course in any particular instance.

34. In a Committee of the whole House, a member may, at any time previous to a Bill being passed entirely, that is say, all the clauses, preamble and title of the same, move to have any particular clause thereof, that may have been passed, re-considered.

35. To annex any clause or clauses to a Bill of Aid or Supply, the matter of which is foreign to and different from the matter of the said Bill of Aid or Supply, is unparliamentary.

36. All applications for private Bills for the purpose of granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community ; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former act, shall require a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application and (except in the case of existing corporations) signed on behalf of the applicants, to be published in the *Royal Gazette* and one other newspaper. Such notices shall be continued in each case for a period of at least one month, during the interval of time between the close of preceding session and the consideration of the petition ; and copies of newspapers containing the first and last insertion of such notice, shall be sent by the parties inserting such notice to the Clerk of the Legislative Council to be filed.

37. Every petition which is brought up shall lie on the table one day before it is read. Rules.—
(Continued.)

38. All allegations in every petition for a Private Bill, meant to originate in this House, shall be first referred to a Select Committee, and the matter thereof reported upon, before the introduction of any such Bill.

39. Every member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition or Motion, upon any subject which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

40. When a private Bill is brought from the other House, the principle of which is admitted, this House, by message, may either request a communication of the evidence received in proof of the allegations or matter whereon the Bill is founded, or the Committee of this House to whom it may be referred, shall examine the said allegations, and on reporting the Bill, state whether the same or matter thereof be founded, and whether the parties concerned in interest or property therein, have given their consent to the satisfaction of the Committee.

41. The foregoing shall be considered a standing instruction to all Committees which shall meet upon private Bills; and further that they require all persons, whose interest or property they shall consider to be affected thereby, to appear in person, before them, to give their consent thereto; and if they cannot personally attend, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee; and that when any Committee shall be appointed on a private Bill, notice thereof shall be set up in the lobby of this

Rules.—

(Continued.)

House seven days before the meeting of the said Committee.

42. Any person seeking to obtain any private Bill, giving any exclusive privilege, or profit, or private or corporate advantage, or for any amendment of any former Act, shall be required to deposit with the Clerk of this House a copy of such Bill, with a sum sufficient for printing the same. The applicant shall also be required to pay a sum of \$50, and lodge the receipt for the same with the Clerk of the Committee to which such Bill is referred, such payment to be made immediately after the first reading and before the second reading, the fees hereinafter specified, and the balance, if any, shall be returned to the depositor; and should the aforesaid sum be insufficient to discharge the dues upon a private Bill, the applicant therefor shall deposit the balance before the third reading of such Bill.

FEES OF CLERK :

For every Petition.....	\$ 1.50
For every Notice	1.50
For each Reading	1.50
For first Committal	1.50
For every Subsequent Committal	75
For Engrossing per folio of 90 words	25
Sending Bills to House of Assembly	1.50
On Governor's Assent	1.50

FEES OF LAW CLERK :

Drafting Bill	\$10.00
Examining drafted Bill.....	5.00
Attending Bill during its various stages .	5.00

43. One-half the foregoing fees on private Bills returned from the House of Assembly with Amend-

ments, shall be chargeable only on the respective Rules.—
stages through which the Amendments shall pass. (Continued.)

44. One-half of the said fees shall be chargeable on Bills originating with the House of Assembly, excepting therefrom the charge for engrossing and drafting.

45. All other fees not included in the foregoing scale shall be allowed and payable on the taxation of the President.

46. When a Bill originating in this House, has once passed through its final stage in this House, no new Bill for the same object can afterwards be originated in this House during the same Session.

47. For the future no motion shall be granted for making any order of this House a standing order, or for dispensing with a standing order, the same day it is made, without the unanimous consent of this House.

48. Any member of this House being desirous to introduce any Bill, may call upon the Law Clerk attendant upon this House, to draft the same.

49. All adjournments of this House shall be duly noted in the Journals thereof by the Clerk; and no member shall absent himself from the regular meetings of the House without leave first duly obtained.

50. In all cases not provided for in the foregoing Rules in reference to the introduction and management of Bills, messages and all matters of routine, the practice of the Imperial Parliament shall be observed so far as the same may be applicable.

Rules.—
(Continued.)

51. In case of equality of votes the President or the Chairman of a Committee shall give a casting vote.

52. In the absence of the President the Chair shall be taken by the Senior Member present.

Committee of Privilege.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege on the said Report.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had adopted the Report of the Select Committee without Amendment.

Report received.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Report then passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

To be submitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Ordered,—That the said Revised Rules be submitted to His Excellency the Governor for approval, by the Honorable the President.

Documents laid on Table.

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

Report of the Royal Stores, Limited, for 1897.

Report of the Regulus Steamship Co., Limited, for 1897.

Statement of Business of the Confederation Life Association, December 31, 1897.

Report of the Coastal Steamship Company, Limited, 1897.

Report of the Carthage Company, Limited, 1897.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, Notice of Motion.
 on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to
 lay upon the Table of this Chamber the report of
 the Chairman of the Municipal Council for the year
 1897; and also Statement of Expenditure and Re-
 venue for same period; and also the Estimated
 Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1898.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
 to-morrow, Tuesday, March 22nd, at half-past Four
 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 22nd, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Monday, March 21st, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committee on
 of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went Light Dues Bill.

into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Newfoundland
French Treaties'
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly, requesting the concurrence of the Council in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,—

"An Act respecting Contingent Charges of the Departments of the Public Service," and

"An Act relating to Guarantee and Surety Companies."

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bills were severally read a first time, and

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

Contingent Charges Public Service Bill and Guarantee and Surety Companies' Bill read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the Table of this Chamber the Report of the Chairman of the Municipal Council for the year 1897; and also Statement of Expenditure and Revenue for the same period; and also the Estimated Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1898.

Question asked.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Papers asked for.

Reply.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table:—

Report laid on Table.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the year 1897.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 23rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1898.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*
 The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Tuesday, March 22nd, were read.

Communication from Government House. The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communication :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 St. John's, Newfoundland,
 23rd March, 1898.

SIR,—

I have been commanded by His Excellency the Governor to return to you the accompanying Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council which he has been pleased to approve and sign.

I have, &c.,

J. H. W. SOUTHEY, Captain,
A. D. C. and Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble E. D. SHEA,
President of the Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Light Dues Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Section 1.—Sub-Section (2)—In the last line—After the word "Receiver General," add the words "at his discretion."

Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Newfoundland
French Treaties'
Bill, read 3rd
time and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting certain Contingent Charges of the Departments of the Public Service," was read a second time, and

Departmental
Contingent
Charges Bill,
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Guarantee and Surety Companies," was read a second time, and

Guarantee and
Surety Companies'
Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Perjury."

Perjury Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

"An Act to amend the Law relating to Slander," and

"An Act to amend 'The Election Act, 1889.'"

Slander Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Slander," was read a first time, and

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

Election Act, 1889,
Amendment Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Election Act, 1889,'" was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 24th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, March 24th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary.

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 24th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting certain Charges of the Departments of the Public Service."

Committee on
Departmental
Contingent
Charges Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Guarantee and
Surety Compa-
nies' Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Guarantee and Surety Companies."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Perjury Bill,
read 2nd time.

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

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Slander Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Slander," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Election Act, 1889,
Amendment Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Election Act, 1889,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of

Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act respecting Trustees”;

“An Act respecting Salaries”;

Trustees, Salaries,
Supreme Court,
and Retiring
Allowances Bills,
read 1st time.

“An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court,” and

“An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances,” which said Bills were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly concurring in the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Light Dues.”

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary introduced a Bill to amend the Education Act, which was read a first time, and

Education Amend-
ment Bill intro-
duced and read
1st time.

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House as regards all Bills, Addresses and other business coming before the House for the remainder of the Session.

Notice of Motion.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Friday, March 25th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 24th, were read.

Departmental
Contingent
Charges and
Guarantee Com-
panies Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act respecting certain Contingent Charges of the Departments of the Public Service,” and

“An Act relating to Guarantee and Surety Companies,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon’ble the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Slander." Committee on Slander Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend "The Election Act, 1889." Committee on Election Act, 1889, Amendment Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Trustees Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Trustees,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Salaries Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Salaries,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Supreme Court
Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Retiring Allow-
ances Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Education
Amendment Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill to amend the Education Acts, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,— 35th Rule suspended.

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended as regards all Bills, Addresses and other business coming before the House for the remainder of the Session.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,— Messages from Assembly.

“An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties upon Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony”;

“An Act to provide for the Appropriation of certain Sums of Money, and for other purposes,” and

“An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial years ending 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898, and 30th June, 1899, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the said Bills were severally read a first and second time, and Revenue, Appropriation and Supply Bills, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

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

Saturday, March 26th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary.

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

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

Perjury and
Slander Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. McLoughlan, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act respecting Perjury,” and “An Act relating to Slander,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

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

Election Act, 1889,
Amendment Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Election Act,

1889,'” as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Amendment is as follows:—

Schedule C.—At the end thereof—Add the fol- ^{Amendment.} lowing:—“When there is no contest the fees shall be—Returning Officer, Fifty dollars; Election Clerk, Twenty-five dollars.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on Trustees Bill.} of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Trustees.”

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend- ^{Reported.} ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on Salaries Bill.} of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Salaries.”

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

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

Committee on Supreme Court Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court."

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

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

Committee on Retiring Allowances Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances."

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion^{Committee on Education Amendment Bill.} of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill "To amend the Education Acts."

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend-^{Reported.}ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time.

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be en-^{Read 3rd time, passed and entitled.}titled "An Act to amend the Education Acts."

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly,^{Message to Assembly.} with Message, that this House had passed the same and requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion^{Committee on Revenue Bill.} of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went

into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Committee on
Appropriation
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Appropriation of certain Sums of Money, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

Committee on
Supply Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public

Service for the Financial years ending 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898, and 30th June, 1899, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service."

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The House then took recess.

Recess.

After recess.

The House having resumed.

House resumed.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial years ending 30th June, 1897; 30th June, 1898, and 30th June, 1899, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service." Committee on Supply Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Message from
Assembly.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Resolutions in which they respectfully request the concurrence of the Council.

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
26th March, 1898. }

Resolutions
relative to a
Commission of
Enquiry, &c.

RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO A COMMISSION,
ENQUIRY, &c.:

Resolved, 1.—That it is the opinion of this House that it is desirable that the Government should open negotiations with Her Majesty's Government on the basis of the proposals contained in a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of the State for the Colonies, to His Excellency Sir TERENCE O'BRIEN, Governor, of the 9th February, 1891, and referred to by His Excellency the Governor in his Speech at the opening of the present Session, for the appointment by Her Majesty's Government of a Commission to enquire into various subjects pertaining to the condition and affairs of the Colony, and more particularly set forth in the said Despatch.

Resolved, 2.—That provision be made for the expenses necessary for the conduct of the negotiations referred to in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, 3.—That the House requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the foregoing resolutions.

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
March 25th, 1898. }

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

Messages from
Assembly.

“An Act respecting the Board of Agriculture”;

“An Act respecting the Central District Court,”
and

“An Act respecting Bank Notes and Paper Currency.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Central District Court,” was read a first and second time, and

Central District
Court Bill, read
1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved, that as a mark of regret and sympathy on the occasion of the death of a large number of the crew of the Steamer *Greenland* at the Seal Fishery, the House do now adjourn.

Adjourned on
account of S. S.
“Greenland”
disaster.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, March 28th, at Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, March 28th, 1898.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Saturday, March 28th, were read.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly requests the Legislative Council to be pleased to allow it to amend the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony,” by inserting as Section 3, the following words :—“3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and to the requirements of the “Customs’ Act, 1898,” there shall be

levied, collected and paid upon all Goods enumerated as referred to as not enumerated in Schedule A to this Act, the several rates of duties of Customs set forth and described in the said Schedule and set opposite to each item respectively, or charged thereon as not enumerated, when such Goods are imported into this Colony or taken out of Warehouse for consumption therein"; and also by striking out the words "consumption and," where they occur in the eighth line of item 162 of Schedule A. to the same Act.

H. Y. MOTT,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
28th March, 1898. }

The Hon. Colonial Secretary informed the House that he had received the following Telegraphic Despatch from His Excellency the Governor, which was laid upon the Table :—

Telegraphic
Despatch from
Secretary of State.

“ FROM THE RIGHT HON’BLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR.

Received at 4.20, P. M.,
28th March, 1898.

“ Her Majesty has heard with much regret *Greenland* disaster, and commands me to express sympathy with wives and families of sufferers.

“ Wish to express my own sympathy also.

CHAMBERLAIN.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that the Council con-

Message to Assembly
consenting to
their amending
Money Bill.

sents to their amending the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony," as requested by the House of Assembly.

Committee on Revenue Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

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

Committee on Central District Court Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Central District Court."

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Bank Notes and Paper Currency," was read a first and second time, and Bank Notes and Paper Currency Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Board of Agriculture," was read a first and second time, and Board of Agriculture Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the House do now go into Committee on the Resolu- Motion.

tions sent up in relation to a Commission of Enquiry, &c.

Ordered,—That the House do go into Committee on the said Resolutions on to-morrow.

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly informing the Council that they had passed the Bill sent down, entitled “An Act to amend the Education Acts” without Amendment;

Also, a Message concurring in the Amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Election Act, 1889”;

Also, Messages requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,—“An Act respecting Coast and Inland Fisheries”; “An Act to amend the Lunacy Act, 1897”; “An Act to amend ‘The Judicature Act, 1889,’ and the Law relating to Trial by Jury,” and “An Act to amend ‘The St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892,’ and for other purposes.”

Lunacy Act
Amendment Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Lunacy Act, 1897,” was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 1.—Insert after the words “or to” in ^{Amendments.} the eighth line, the words “the Insane Asylum or.” Strike out the words “Form G,” and substitute the words “Form C.”

Section 2.—Strike out the whole and substitute: “2. The enquiry into the sanity or insanity of any person apprehended as an insane person under warrant of any Justice out of St. John's, may be had or continued before any Justice in St. John's in the manner prescribed in the foregoing section sub-section (2).”

Insert as Section 6 the following: “6. Section 17 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

“17. If a Justice of the Peace should certify (Form E.) that he has read the certificate of a medical practitioner as to the alleged insanity of a prisoner, and that he is satisfied that such prisoner is not insane, or that the prisoner though insane is not dangerous to be at large, the prisoner shall be forthwith discharged.”

Section 4.—Strike out the words “and of such other registered medical practitioner as the friends of such person may require.”

Amendments.—
(Continued.)

Section 6.—Re-number as Section 7. Strike out the whole and substitute: “7. Section 18 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

“18. In case the Justice duly certify (Form F.) that from the medical and other testimony adduced before him he is of opinion that the prisoner is insane and a proper person to be confined in the Insane Asylum, he may direct that the prisoner be removed to the Asylum.”

Section 7.—Re-number as Section 8. Strike out the whole and substitute: “8. Sections 21, 22 and 44 are hereby repealed.”

Insert as Section 9 the following: “9. Schedule 1 (Form E.) of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out the words from “that I have” down to “further certify,” inclusively.

Section 8.—Re-number as Section 10.

Section 9.—Re-number as Section 11. Strike out the words “Form G.” and substitute the words “Form C.”

Section 10.—Re-number as Section 12.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary,—

Ordered,—That the following be sent to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his Message of to-day relating to the disaster on board of the Steamer *Greenland*:—

“The Legislative Council most gratefully acknowledges Her Majesty’s characteristically kind Message of sympathy, which is a balm to the feelings of our people.

Message to
His Excellency
the Governor.

“The Legislative Council also desires to express its warm thanks to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his personal sympathy.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Coast and Inland Fisheries,” was read a first and second time, and

Coast and Inland Fisheries' Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the ‘Judicature Act, 1889,’ and the Law relating to Trial by Jury,” was read a first and second time, and

Judicature Act Amendment Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Committed.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The St. John's Municipal Act, 1892,’ and for other purposes,” was read a first time, and

Municipal Act Amendment Bill, read 1st time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 29th, at Four o'clock.

Tuesday, March 29th, 1898.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, March 28th, were read.

Committee on
Bank Notes and
Paper Currency
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Bank Notes and Paper Currency."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committee on Resolutions relative to a Commission of Enquiry, &c.
of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Resolutions sent up in relation to a Commission of Enquiry, &c.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions without Reported.
Amendment.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Motion.
Report be received.

And the question having been put, there appeared,—

Contents, (11):

Non-Content, (1):

Hons. Messrs. Talbot,

Hon. Mr. Greene. Division.

McLoughlan,

Rendell,

Angel,

Harris,

Skelton,

Colonial Secretary,

Baird,

Bowring,

Ayre,

Pitts.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

- Passed. The said Resolutions then passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.
- Message to Assembly. Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Resolutions.
- Committee on Judicature Act Amendment Bill. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Judicature Act, 1889,’ and the Law relating to Trial by Jury.”
- The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- Reported. The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.
- Ordered,—That the Report be received.
- Read 3rd time and passed. The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon’ble the President signed the same.
- Message to Assembly. Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.
- Recess. The House then took recess.
- After recess.
- House resumed. The House having resumed.
- Motion for 2nd reading of Municipal Act Amendment Bill. The Hon’ble Mr. Rendell moved that the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Saint John’s Municipal Act, 1892,’ and for other purposes,” be read a second time.

And the question having been put, there appeared,—

Contents, (9):

Non-Contents, (2):

Hons. Messrs. McLoughlan,	Hons. Messrs. Harris,	Division.
Rendell,	Greene,	
Angel,		
Skelton,		
Colonial Secretary,		
Baird,		
Bowring,		
Ayre,		
Pitts.		

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and Read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amend- Reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Amendment is as follows:—

The following Section to be inserted in the said Amendment.
Bill as Section 19:

“19. Section 163 of ‘The St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892,’ is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘Surveyor General,’ and substituting therefor the word ‘Chairman.’”

Committee on
Bank Notes and
Paper Currency
Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Bank Notes and Paper Currency.”

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments.

Section 1.—Strike out the words “or person or corporation.” Insert after the word “re-issue” in the second line of the first section, the following “put into or return into circulation.”

Section 7.—Strike out Section 7.

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to provide for certain payments on account of the S. S. *Greenland* disaster”;

“ An Act to amend the Law relating to Mining Leases,” and

“ An Act for the Encouragement of Cold Storage and other business.”

Also, a Message concurring in the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend the Lunacy Act, 1897.”

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to provide for certain payments on account of the *Greenland* disaster,” was read a first and second time, and

Bill to provide payments on account of *Greenland* disaster, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act for the Encouragement of Cold Storage and other business,” was read a first and second time, and

Cold Storage Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

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

Mining Leases Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Mining Leases," was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communication, which was laid upon the Table:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
29th March, 1898.

SIR,—

I have been commanded by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you for the purpose of being laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council the accompanying copy of a Telegram that he has despatched this day to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Communication
from His Excel-
lency the
Governor.

The original messages as received from you last night will be forwarded by His Excellency to the Colonial Office by next Mail.

I have, &c.,

J. H. W. SOUTHEY, Captain,
A. D. C. and Private Secretary.

The Hon. E. D. SHEA,
President of the Legislative Council.

TELEGRAPHIC.

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO THE RIGHT
HON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

29th March, 1898.

Both Houses of the Legislature have requested me that their most grateful thanks may be expressed through you to Her Majesty the Queen for Her most gracious and sympathetic Message. In sad calamity which has befallen it, Colony deeply touched by Her Majesty the Queen's kind thought of them. Am desired by both Houses of Legislature also, express their thanks to you for your Message.

Telegraphic
Message.

Total number of survivors badly frosbitten much fewer than it was expected.

Another Steamer crushed in the ice but no lives lost.

Resolution of sympathy with sufferers by *Greenland* disaster.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Be it Resolved,—That the Legislative Council sympathizes deeply with the families and relatives of the sufferers by the *Greenland* disaster.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly acquainting the Council of their concurrence in the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bills, entitled respectively, “An Act respecting Bank Notes and Paper Currency,” and “An Act to amend the St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892, and for other purposes.”

President informs Council of Governor’s intention to close Session.

The Hon. the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to close the present Session of the Legislature at One o’clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 30th, at One o’clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 30th, 1898.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,

Colonial Secretary,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 29th, were read. Minutes read.

At One o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY, K.C.B., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

Governor arrives
at Council
Chamber ;

House of Assembly
attend Council
Chamber.

An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the Raising of Loans authorised by the Legislature, and the Auditing of the Public Accounts.

Bills assented to.

- Bills assented to—
(Continued.)
- An Act respecting the Payment of Certain Fees, and Charges by Stamps.
 - An Act respecting the Customs.
 - An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs.
 - An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.
 - An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 1, entitled "An Act respecting Union Bank Notes."
 - An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 2, entitled "An Act respecting Commercial Bank Notes."
 - An Act entitled "An Act respecting the Departments of Finance and Customs."
 - An Act respecting the Public Works of Newfoundland.
 - An Act respecting the Department of Justice.
 - An Act respecting the Department of the Colonial Secretary.
 - An Act respecting the Department of Agriculture and Mines.
 - An Act to amend Chapter XI. of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled "Of Loans upon the Credit of the Colony issued in the United Kingdom."
 - An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.
 - An Act to amend the Law relating to Sheriffs.
 - An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled "Of Harbor Master and Harbor Regulations for the Port of St. John's,"

- An Act relating to Light Dues. Bills assented to—
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- An Act relating to Guarantee and Surety Companies.
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- An Act respecting Trustees.
- An Act to amend the Education Acts.
- An Act to amend the Law relating to Slander.
- An Act to amend "The Election Act, 1889."
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- An Act respecting the Central District Court.
- An Act respecting the Board of Agriculture.
- An Act to amend the Lunacy Act.
- An Act respecting the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's.
- An Act to provide for certain payments on account of the *Greenland* disaster.
- An Act to amend the Law relating to Mining.
- An Act respecting the prosecution of Cold Storage and other business.
- An Act respecting Coast and Inland Fisheries.
- An Act to provide for the Appropriation of certain sums of money and for other purposes.
- An Act respecting the Constitution of the Supreme Court.
- An Act respecting Salaries.
- An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances.
- An Act to further extend the French Treaties' Act.

Bills assented to—
(Continued.) An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889, and the Law relating to Trial by Jury.

An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony.

An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain expenses for the Public Service for the financial years ending, respectively, the 30th day of June, 1897, to the 30th June, 1898, and the 30th June, 1899, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

Supreme Court
Bill, reserved.

His Excellency the Governor reserved the Bill, entitled "An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court," for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

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

Governor's Speech. *Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

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

It affords me gratification to be able to relieve you at the end of a session unprecedented in the history of this Legislature for the number, variety and importance of the subjects dealt with. I appreciate the marked care and assiduity with which you have discharged your duties.

The session was opened earlier in the year than usual, to avoid interruption of your ordinary avocations in the spring season, and it is pleasant to

note that by your industrious attention to the public business, a session remarkable for the quantity of work done, is also noteworthy for its brevity.

Governor's Speech.
—(Continued.)

The commercial operations of the season have commenced hopefully, the news from the sealing fleet being such as to warrant the belief that the voyage will be a profitable one. The lively satisfaction with which this news has been received has been marred by the sad disaster which occurred to the crew of the *S. S. Greenland*, whereby forty-eight of our fellow citizens lost their lives. Her Gracious Majesty the Queen has expressed in kindly language her sympathy with the wives and families of the sufferers—a sympathy with which thousands of her loyal subjects within and without this Colony warmly unite. Your thoughtfulness has been shown by the provision you have so promptly and properly made for the families and relatives of the deceased.

Many important measures have resulted from your deliberations. Especially valuable are the measures for defining the functions of the various departments of the Civil Service, and for conducting the financial affairs of the Colony under stricter supervision and with greater care than heretofore. The Acts with reference to these subjects must tend to win the confidence of capitalists and others outside the Colony. The approval thus won will be increased by the measures amending the "Election Act, 1889," and conferring upon the Judges of the Supreme Court a tenure of their high offices during good behaviour, subject only to removal by Her Majesty, or upon an address from both Houses of the Legislature.

Governor's Speech
—(Continued.)

The measures for granting a bounty to sailing vessels prosecuting the seal fishery, and for encouraging the clearing, cultivation and settlement of land are commendable efforts to promote industry in directions best calculated to afford remunerative employment to the people, and establish their prosperity upon a firm and enduring basis. The commissions of enquiry into the Mining and Agricultural resources of the Colony, for the expenses of which you have made provision, and the attempt to procure a market for salted herrings, which you have authorised, are also laudable efforts directed towards the improvement of the industrial condition of the people.

The Act ratifying a Contract for the operation of the railway and telegraph system of the Colony, and providing for a complete system of steam communication in connection with that railway system, and incidentally providing also for the development of the coal areas near Grand Lake, is a measure fraught with important consequences to the future of the Colony. My Ministers are confident that it will be attended with great good, both in the near and distant future, and in the hope that it will be I most heartily concur. The first instalment of the purchase money under the Contract (\$250,000) has been received, and will be disposed of as provided by the Act for that purpose.

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

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have provided for the Public Service. They shall be expended economically. A re-arrangement of the tariff of Customs and excise duties was a neces-

sity. In performing that duty your work has been as thorough as circumstances would permit. The requirements of the Public Service have to be met, but it is pleasant to note that you have endeavored to do so in a manner which has materially reduced the duties upon two most important articles of consumption by the people. The changes in the tariff which you have made will have the effect of decreasing the burden which falls upon the less wealthy classes of the people, and also of encouraging industries by which many of the operative population will be afforded employment.

Governor's Speech
—(Continued.)

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The negotiations which you have authorized, for the purpose of obtaining the appointment by Her Majesty's Government of a Commission of Enquiry into certain subjects vitally affecting this Colony, will be entered upon speedily and pursued assiduously.

In these negotiations the right of self-government secured to the Colony will not in the smallest degree be imperilled, and my Ministers are confident that no thought of abating or affecting that right could or would be suggested by Her Majesty's Government. A claim for relief to the Colony will be made by my Ministers upon Her Majesty's Government, upon whose friendliness and sense of justice my Ministers confidently rely. The ancient obligations of the Kingdom were paid by Treaty concessions upon the coasts of this Colony, and to the loss thus entailed upon its people it is but just

Governor's Speech —my Ministers claim—that the Kingdom should
 —(Continued.) contribute.

The competition of the French, made possible by those concessions, and the operations carried on in and from St. Pierre and Miquelon, hamper and depress our trade, and the Colony calls for assistance in its battle against these conditions.

The Colony has undertaken and effectuated, at its own cost, a railway of importance to the empire, and the burden of taxation thereby imposed bears heavily upon the people, wherefore the Colony claims aid from the empire. These arguments will be impressed by my Ministers upon Her Majesty's Government.

In bidding you farewell, I desire to express to you my best wishes for your prosperity, and for that of the Colony; and I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest upon you and upon the people.

H. H. MURRAY, *Governor.*

Prorogation.

The Honourable the President of the Council then said,—It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of JULY next, then and there to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

ERRATA.

In the head line of Legislative Council Journal, from pages 11 to 39, for "Sixty-second Victoria," read "Sixty-first Victoria."

Page 37.—After second reading of Sheriff's Bill, insert: "On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled 'An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture,' was read a first time, and

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

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AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1898.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Whereas on the 30th of March last, the Governor of the Colony of Newfoundland reserved a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Colony, entitled "An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court," for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon :

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, declare Her assent to the said Bill.

J. H. HARRISON.

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