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## PROCLAMATION.

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HENRY McCALLUM,  
GOVERNOR.  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD  
McCALLUM, Knight Commander of the  
Most Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief in and over  
the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*


**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FIFTH** day of **OCTOBER** next ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** day of **NOVEMBER** next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at Saint John's, this 14th day of July, A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the NINTH day of NOVEMBER instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of DECEMBER next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this Sixth day of November, A. D. 1899.

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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of JANUARY next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of JANUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the FIRST day of FEBRUARY next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the FIRST day of FEBRUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

PROCLAMATION.

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[L.S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH next; and whereas I deem it necessary for the consideration of matters of special importance to convene a Session of the said General Assembly to be held at an earlier date.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the town of Saint John's, *for the despatch of business*, on MONDAY the NINETEENTH day of FEBRUARY instant, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 9th day of FEBRUARY A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



# *House of Assembly,*

*MONDAY, FEB. 19th, 1900.*

*The Third Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly.*

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

Mr. Charles Way, member returned for the District of Fortune Bay, in place of Mr. H. R. Hayward, deceased, and Mr. John Dwyer, member returned for the District of St. John's East, in place of Mr. J. P. Fox, deceased, having taken and subscribed the oath before the duly appointed Commissioners, and being introduced to the House by Mr. Bond and Mr. Murphy, took their seats.

At three o'clock in the afternoon a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, and, having returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both branches of the Legislature, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows :

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

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

The temporary Act for giving effect to the Treaties between great Britain and France in relation to fishery rights on the coasts of this Colony having expired on the 31st of December last, I have been requested by Her Majesty's Government to bring the matter

before my Ministers, with a view to obtaining from the Legislature a continuation of the measure. Acting upon their recommendation I have summoned this Session for the special purpose of submitting the matter for your special consideration, in view of the near approach of the time when preparations by the French for the season's fishery must begin.

I am sure that you are not unmindful of the great responsibilities which at the present moment are pressing upon Her Majesty's Government, and that a full recognition of those grave difficulties will find its due place in your deliberations and action upon the important question with which you are now called upon to deal.

I trust that Divine wisdom may direct you in all your counsels.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary laid upon the table a despatch dated January 8th, 1900, from the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the renewal of the *Modus Vivendi*.

Upon Motion of Mr. Bradshaw it was ordered that an address be presented to His Excellency in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.

Upon Motion of Mr. Bradshaw it was ordered that instead of the appointment of the Committee in accordance with the Rules and Usages of the House, permission of the House be granted to present at once, for adoption, the draft address to His Excellency in order that unnecessary delays may be avoided.

Mr. Bradshaw then presented the draft address, and on his motion it was read as follows :

*To His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, R. E.,  
K. C. M. G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over  
the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies:*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg to thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have opened the present Session of the Legislature.

We desire to express our cordial concurrence with Your Excellency's suggestion, that the present emergency in the affairs of the nation is one which appeals to those sentiments of loyalty and patriotism which we of this Colony claim to share with Her Majesty's subjects throughout her vast dominions.

It will be a source of gratification to us if a temporary postponement of the claims of the Colony will tend, though indirectly or remotely, to promote the higher interest of the Empire of which we are proud to form a part, or to prevent the addition of a fresh cause of difficulty or anxiety to those already pressing so heavily upon Her Majesty's Government.

For these reasons, and guided by this desire, we will give our support to the legislation necessary for the continuance of the present temporary arrangement with France ; and hope for the advent of an early opportunity for effecting a satisfactory settlement of the long-standing difficulties arising out of Treaty relations with that country.

Upon the motion that the address be adopted, Mr. Bond moved, as an amendment, that the following form part of the address :—

“ While conveying to Your Excellency the expression of our desires we take this occasion to humbly submit to Your Excellency that it would be in the public interest if this Legislature were to proceed immediately with the general business after the passing of the measure to which Your Excellency has directed our special attention. We would also humbly submit that Your Excellency's Government should possess the confidence of this House and of the country, and respectfully to represent to Your Excellency that this confidence is not reposed in your present advisers.”

The amendment being put was carried, the following members voting in favor of it—Messrs. Bond, Callanan, E. Dawe, Furlong, Horwood, Morris, Murphy, Oke, Tessier, Cowan, Dwyer, Way, Minister of Public Works, St. John, Callahan (15) ; and against it—Hons. the Premier, Colonial Secretary, A. Goodridge, G. Shea and M. H. Carty, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, Messrs. Kean, C. Dawe, Bradshaw (9).

And the address as amended was accordingly adopted.

Upon motion of the Hon. the Premier the rules of the House were suspended with reference to the Bill for the continuance of the *Modus Vivendi*.

The House then took recess until eight o'clock.

At eight o'clock the House resumed its sitting, and on motion of the Hon. the Premier the Bill to continue for a further period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act was read a first and second time, and the House went into committee of the whole upon the same.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Bradshaw took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that the committee had passed the same without amendment.

The report was, on motion, received and adopted, and the Bill was then read a third time, and it was ordered that it do pass and be entitled "An Act to Continue for a Further Period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act," and that it be engrossed and sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting their concurrence in its provisions.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow (Tuesday), at three in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1900.

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

The Honourable the Premier announced to the House that it was the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the Legislature to-day at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council informing the House that they had passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act," without amendment.

The Honourable the Premier informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply presently. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the members proceeded to Government House, and being returned to the Assembly Chamber Mr. Speaker informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, he had presented the Address of Thanks, to which His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows :

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

I have to thank you for the loyal and patriotic Address which you have presented to me, and from which I learn that you are prepared to meet the request made by Her Majesty's Government, that the temporary Act for giving effect to the Treaties between Great Britain and France, in relation to fishery rights on the coasts of this Colony, may be renewed.

At half-past three o'clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod appeared at the Bar of the House with a message from His Excellency the Governor, commanding the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

His Excellency was pleased to signify his assent to the Bill entitled "An Act to Continue for a Further Period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act."

His Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both branches of the Legislature :

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

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

The special business for which you were convened having been completed with despatch, I am gratified to be able to release you from further attendance.

Before doing so, I beg on behalf of Her Majesty's Government to express to you my thanks for having agreed to a temporary extension of the Treaties Act with such dignity, loyalty and unanimity.

In adopting this course, you have displayed not only a spirit of pure patriotism, and have shown that Newfoundland—equally with the rest of Her Majesty's possessions—responds in times of anxiety to the throb of Empire, but you have also exhibited wise statesmanship in the matter, which will assuredly advance the settlement of the long-standing difficulties connected with your fisheries.

(Signed) H. E. McCALLUM,  
*Governor.*

After which the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, said :

GENTLEMEN,—It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the eighth day of March next: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday the eighth day of March next, to be then and here holden.

**EDWARD SHEA,**  
*Clerk of the House of Assembly.*