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OF THE

ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



His Excellency Sir CAVENDISH BOYLE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

Fourth Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly, 1903.

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Honour the Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

W. H. HORWOOD,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the EIGHTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of JANUARY next :

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 16th day of December, A.D. 1902.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Honour the Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

W. H. HORWOOD,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of JANUARY instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until TUESDAY, the TENTH day of FEBRUARY next :

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 27th day of January, A.D. 1903.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Honour the Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

W. H. HORWOOD,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until TUESDAY, the TENTH day of FEBRUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of FEBRUARY instant :

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of FEBRUARY instant, as aforesaid, *then to meet for the despatch of business*, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 10th day of February, A.D. 1903.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Honour the Honourable WILLIAM H.
HORWOOD, *Chief Justice, Administrator of*
the Government of Newfoundland and its
Dependencies.

W. H. HORWOOD,
Administrator.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH day of FEBRUARY instant, then to meet for the despatch of business ; and whereas I deem it fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the FIFTH day of MARCH next :

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 24th day of February, A.D. 1903.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Fourth Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, 1903.

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

At Five Minutes to Three o'clock P.M. the House meets.
Council met.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

At Three o'clock P.M. His Excellency the Governor Sir Cavendish Boyle, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated Governor arrives at Council Chamber.

Members of
Assembly attend
at Council
Chamber.

on the Throne, the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House ; and they being come there- to His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following 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 much pleasure to meet you again and to be able to congratulate you on the large measure of prosperity that continues to reward the industry of our people. The only regrettable circumstance in connection with the past year's trade has been the low price realized for our staple product in foreign markets, and the consequent falling off in the value of the article here. The constant recurrence of this condition of affairs points to the necessity for a strenuous effort being made to widen the sphere of our operations by endeavouring to get rid of the restrictions that virtually close important markets to our products.

My Ministers have displayed a most commendable appreciation of this fact, and negotiations were opened with the Governments of the United States of America, of Greece, and of Portugal, with a view to the establishment of better trade relations. The important Treaty negotiated by the Prime Minister of this Colony with the United States of

America is now before a Committee of the Senate ^{Speech.—}
of that country, and His Majesty's Government is _{(Continued).} carrying forward the negotiations initiated for the removal of the duties upon the Fishery products of this Country entering ports in Greece and Portugal.

The value of the mining and lumbering industries of the Colony is still increasing, and I am pleased to know that the capital invested in those industries will be largely augmented during the current year.

The returns that have been placed before me indicate that agriculture is engaging the attention of a considerable number of the population of the island, and that good results are being obtained from the areas under cultivation.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to state that the result of the arbitration upon the claim of the Railway Contractor, under the Construction Contract of 1893, was highly advantageous to the Colony, and there is reason to believe, now that all differences between the Government and the Contractor have been adjusted, that a friendly co-operation will lead to mutual advantage.

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

You will be pleased to learn that the financial result of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1902, was eminently satisfactory. The accounts to be furnished in a few days will show a considerable surplus of revenue over expenditure.

Notices of motion.

*Also,—*To ask what amount has been paid Mr. George Mackinson for his recipe for watering salt codfish, and amounts paid for circulars and advertising ;

*Also,—*To ask if Portugal has ratified the Treaty relating to the reduction of duty on our fish ;

*Also,—*To ask for a return of the names of all lumber-mill owners operating in Green Bay (1) those holding licenses ; (2) those without license.

Leave of absence to Hon. J. S. Pitts and Hon. George Knowling.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

12th February, 1903.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acquaint you that His Honour the Administrator has granted leave of absence from the Colony to the Honourable J. S. Pitts and the Honourable George Knowling, Members of the Legislative Council, for four months from the 31st January and for three months from the 2nd February, 1903, respectively.

I have, etc.,

D. C. CAMERON,

Private Secretary.

The Hon. SIR EDWARD SHEA,

President of Legislative Council.

Speech.—
(Continued).

The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date, and I can rely on your making all necessary provision for the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

The past year has witnessed two very important events in connection with the Empire of which we form a part, namely, the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, and the meeting of the Colonial Conference.

I am sure we all feel thankful to Almighty God for bringing His Majesty to his exalted position, and we pray that He may bless His Majesty with long and happy years to reign over us.

The meeting of the Colonial Conference marks an important epoch in the history of the colonies, and it may be viewed as having afforded a practical contribution towards the closer union of the Empire. One of the immediate results to this Colony of the recent conference has been the establishment of the Royal Naval Reserve upon a permanent basis. I hope that the agreement entered into between this Colony and His Majesty's Government, will foster and encourage this movement, which is certain to prove of great advantage to the young men of the Colony, and at the same time draw tighter the cords that bind us to the Empire.

In accordance with the desire of His Majesty's ^{Speech.—}
Government, my Ministers will again propose for _{(Continued).}
your acceptance a temporary Bill for giving effect
to the Treaties between Great Britain and France
in relation to fishing industries on a portion of the
coasts of this Colony.

As the Charter of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company will expire in April, 1904, it has been considered advisable to make all necessary arrangements for the extension of telegraph communication to such important settlements as are not at present within the circuit of the Government wires, and correspondence has been opened with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company with a view to ascertaining their intentions as to future operations in this Colony. The action of my Government in this particular is such as must commend itself to your judgment and approval.

During recess the question of removing some of the evils attending the sub-division of the Educational Grant, has engaged the careful consideration of my Ministers, and a Bill will be submitted to you to provide for the establishment of undenominational schools in localities where the *per capita* grant is not sufficient to support more than one school. You will also be invited to increase the vote for Education.

The loss occasioned the fishermen of the Colony, and especially those interested in the Labrador fishery and that of the North-East Coast, by the extremely low price that prevailed during the past autumn, consequent upon the overstocking of foreign markets by the competitors of the Colony in

Speech.—
(Concluded).

the fish trade, has led my Ministers not only to negotiate for the removal of those restrictions that at present operate against our trade in certain markets, but also to devise other means to solve what must be regarded as a very serious problem. During late years the Colony has not suffered from a shortage in the cod-fishery, but from the inability to market the full returns therefrom. In order therefore to reduce the quantity of dry fish shipped to foreign markets, and thus enhance the value of that export, it is considered that an attempt should be made to encourage the establishment of a fresh fish trade, and a measure for that purpose will be submitted, which, I trust, will commend itself to your wisdom.

Another measure of special interest that will engage your attention is a Bill to encourage the working of the coal areas of the Colony, and the local smelting of its iron ores. The iron ores are known to have a very wide distribution, and to be of a very high quality. We have in this Colony the unusual combination of iron ore, coal, and flux, in close proximity to each other, and there is reason therefore to hope that it may be possible to so establish this industry as to retain here the labourers who periodically remove to the neighbouring provinces.

There will also be brought before you a Bill to further encourage Agriculture.

In now leaving you to your deliberations, I earnestly invite such wise action on the part of the Legislature as will promote the future prosperity of the Colony.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn

His Excellency retired.

Governor retires.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be ap- <sup>Committee on
Address of
Thanks.</sup> pointed 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 Honourables Messrs. Angel, Skelton, Greene, Bowring and Harris be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he ^{Notices of motion.} will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence relating to the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Lyttleton as Arbitrator in the Reid claim ;

Also,—For a copy of correspondence and documents relating to the Arbitration between the Government and the Municipal Council relating to the West End Promenade ;

Also,—To ask if telegraph messages can be sent by post to Whitbourne for transmission over Government lines and, if so, whether same will be accepted at the Post Office and transmitted without stamp—what tariff is payable ;

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.}
Monday next, March 9th, at half-past Four o'clock
P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 9th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 5th, were ^{Minutes read.}
read.

The Hon. Mr. Angel, from the Select Com- Address of
Thanks read
first time.
mittee appointed to prepare an Address in reply to
the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, pre-
sented a Draft of the same, which was received and
read a first time, and—

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

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Angel gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of the House as regards the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Leave of absence to Hon. Samuel Blandford.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

5th March, 1903.

SIR,—

I have the honour, by direction of the Governor, to inform you that His Excellency has granted to the Hon. Samuel Blandford leave of absence from his duties as a Member of the Legislative Council, during his approaching visit to the ice-fields.

I have, etc.,

D. C. CAMERON,

Private Secretary.

The Hon. SIR EDWARD SHEA,

President of Legislative Council.

Questions asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Harris, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Greene, asked the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table a copy of all correspondence relating to the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Lyttleton as Arbitrator in the Reid claim ;

Also,—For a copy of all correspondence and documents relating to the Arbitration between the Government and the Municipal Council relating to the West End Promenade ; ^{Questions asked.}

Also,—To ask if telegraph messages can be sent by post to Whitbourne for transmission over Government lines and, if so, whether same will be accepted at the Post Office and transmitted without stamp—what tariff is payable ;

Also,—To ask what amount has been paid Mr. George Mackinson for his recipe for watering salt codfish, and amounts paid for circulars and advertising ;

Also,—To ask if Portugal has ratified the Treaty relating to the reduction of duty on our fish ;

Also,—To ask for a return of the names of all lumber-mill owners operating in Green Bay (1) those holding licenses ; (2) those without license.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton replied and laid the ^{Reply} correspondence asked for on the table. The return relating to lumber mills was in course of preparation.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned} to-morrow, Tuesday, March 10th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, March 9th, were read.

Address of Thanks read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor was read a second time.

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

33rd Rule suspended.

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended with regard to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Ordered,—That the said Address be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Address without ^{Reported.} amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Address was then read a third time ^{Address of Thanks read third time and passed.} and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engross- ^{To be presented by Deputation of the Whole.} ed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a deputation of the whole House.

The Address is as follows :—

To His Excellency SIR CAVENDISH ^{Address of Thanks.}
*BOYLE, Knight Commander of the
 Most Distinguished Order of St.
 Michael and St. George, Governor
 and Commander-in-Chief in and
 over the Island of Newfoundland
 and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland in Session convened, respectfully thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature. The various subjects referred to by Your Excellency shall receive our best attention.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

10th March, 1903.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harris gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Representative of the Government if it is the intention of the Government at this Session of the Legislature to introduce legislation for the purpose of regulating the business now being carried on in St. John's of buying and selling shares or stocks on margin, and for empowering the St. John's Municipal Council to impose special taxation on firms or individuals carrying on such business.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if, under the award of the arbitration, R. G. Reid or the Reid-Newfoundland Company was to withdraw all claims for compensation for loss of the telegraph system, or if compensation has been made, as is implied by a paragraph in His Excellency's Speech, and what is the nature of the adjustment.

Message from
His Excellency
the Governor.

The Hon. the President presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor :

CAVENDISH BOYLE :

The Governor has the honour to communicate to the Honourable Legislative Council the appointment of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the Legislature, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute 61 Victoria, Cap. 1, as set forth in the accompanying Certified Copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved by the Governor on this day.

At the GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Nfld.,
10th March, 1903.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 9th March, 1903.

Certified Copy of
Minutes of Executive Council.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 1, 61 Vic., the following gentlemen to form the Commission of the Internal Economy Committee of the Legislature :—Hon. Sir E. D. Shea, Kt., President Legislative Council ; Hon. John Harris, Hon. George Skelton, His Honour the Speaker, Right Hon. Sir Robert Bond, K.C.M.G., Hon. E. P. Morris, K.C., Hon. E. M. Jackman.

Certified true copy,

R. BOND,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government for the correspondence between the Government and the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, referred to in His Excellency's Speech.

Notice of motion.

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

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 10th, were read.

Governor will receive Address of Thanks.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address, in reply to His Excellency's Speech, on to-morrow, Thursday, March 12th, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Reply to question asked.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table return of names of lumber-mill owners operating in Green Bay asked for by Hon. Mr. Greene.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Harris asked the Hon. Representative of the Government if it is the intention of the Government at this Session of the Legislature to introduce legislation for the purpose of regulating the business now being carried on in St. John's of buying and selling shares or stocks on margin, and for empowering the St.

John's Municipal Council to impose special taxation on firms or individuals carrying on such business.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton replied.

Reply.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if, under the award of the arbitration, R. G. Reid or the Reid-Newfoundland Company was to withdraw all claims for compensation for loss of the telegraph system, or if compensation has been made, as is implied by a paragraph in His Excellency's Speech, and what is the nature of the adjustment.

Question asked.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton replied.

Reply.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Harris, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Greene, asked the Hon. Leader of the Government for the correspondence between the Government and the Anglo-American Telegraph Company referred to in His Excellency's Speech.

Question asked.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton replied.

Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, bring in a Bill to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries."

Notice of motion.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 12th, at Eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

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

Lotteries Bill read first time.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop brought in a Bill to amend Cap. 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries," which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, was read a first time, and

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

Council presents Address in Reply.

At half-past Eleven o'clock the Council proceeded to Government House with the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At a quarter to Twelve o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported

that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and return an answer thereto in the following words :—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the ^{Governor's reply.}
Legislative Council :

I thank you for your Address in reply to the Speech with which your present Session was opened.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, 12th March, 1903.

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

“ An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘ Of preventing Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State and the Exportation of Arms and the Munitions of War,’ ”

“ An Act to continue for a further period ‘ The Newfoundland French Treaties Act,’ ” and

“ An Act to amend the Law regulating the Whaling Industry,”

which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, were severally read a first time, and

Foreign Enlistment, Newfoundland French Treaties and Whaling Industry Bills read first time.

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

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, March 16th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 12th, were read.

Documents laid on table.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table—

Blue Book of Newfoundland for the year ended 30th June, 1901 ;

Also,—Correspondence between the Government and the Anglo-American Telegraph Company asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

The following Resolutions, moved by the Hon. Mr. Bishop, were unanimously adopted :—

Resolutions
adopted by Coun-
cil and trans-
mitted to
Hon. E. D. Shea.

Resolved,—That the Council desire to record their high appreciation of the honour of Knighthood, conferred by His Majesty, on the Honourable Sir Edward D'Alton Shea, who has filled the offices of Executive Councillor and President of the Legislative Council with conspicuous ability and impartiality for many years.

Resolved,—That a copy of this Resolution be engrossed and transmitted to the Honourable Sir Edward Shea.

The Honourable Sir Edward Shea expressed his warmest thanks to the Council for the complimentary terms of the Resolution.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries" was read a second time, and

Lotteries Bill
read second time

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Preventing Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State and the Exportation of Arms and the Munitions of War'" was read a second time, and

Foreign Enlist-
ment Bill read
second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Second reading
of Newfoundland
French Treaties
Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties Act.'"

After some discussion

Ordered,—That the said motion be deferred until to-morrow.

Whaling Industry
Bill read second
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 2nd Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled "An Act to regulate the Whaling Industry" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Angel gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Representative of the Government to lay on the table of this House a statement of the number of saw mills, licensed and unlicensed, in operation or in course of erection in the various bays and arms of the sea located in Notre Dame Bay.

Adjourned.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th, 1903.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*. Members present.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE SKELTON.

The Hon. the President declared the House Adjourned.
 adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 19th,
 at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a
 quorum.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*. Members present.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, March 16th, and Minutes read.
 Wednesday, March 17th, were read.

Committee on
Lotteries Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries."

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, and

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

Committee on
Foreign Enlist-
ment Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Cap. 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of preventing Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State and the Exportation of Arms and the Munitions of War.'"

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan 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.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to continue for a further period ‘The Newfoundland French Treaties Act’” be deferred until to-morrow. Second reading of Newfoundland French Treaties Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend 2nd Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled “An Act to regulate the Whaling Industry.” Committee on Whaling Industry Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell 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 notice the Hon. Mr. Angel asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the table of this House a statement of the number of saw mills, licensed and unlicensed, in operation or in course of erection in the various bays and arms of the sea located in Notre Dame Bay. Questions asked.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table return of saw mills in Notre Dame Bay, owners of which are holders of timber licenses. Documents laid on table.

Adjourned.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 19th, were read.

Lotteries Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries" was read a third time, and

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries.'"

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Message to Assembly. House of Assembly with the said Bill requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Foreign Enlistment and Whaling Industry Bills read third time and passed. motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

“ An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of preventing Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State and the Exportation of Arms and the Munitions of War,’ ” and

“ An Act to amend 2nd Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled “ An Act to regulate the Whaling Industry ”

were severally read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same, and

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 the Hon. Motion for second reading Newfoundland French Treaties Bill. Dr. Skelton moved that the Bill sent up entitled “ An Act to continue for a further period ‘ The Newfoundland French Treaties Act ’ ” be now read a second time,

when there appeared,—

	<i>Contents (4) :</i>	<i>Non-Contents (4) :</i>
Division.	Hons. Messrs. Skelton, McLoughlan, Angel, Harris.	Hons. Messrs. Rendell, Bowring, Ayre, Bishop.

And the votes being equal the Hon. the President gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, March 23rd, were Minutes read read.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table the Documents laid on table. following documents :—

Report of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Statement of the Confederation Life Association, of Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Statement of the Canada Life Assurance Company, of Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Statement of the Sun Life Assurance Company, of Canada, for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Documents
(Continued).

Report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Committee on
Newfoundland
French Treaties
Act.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton 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. Ayre 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.

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, March 26th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

EDGAR R. BOWRING.

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

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton 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. the President signed the same.

Newfoundland French Treaties Bill read third 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. Dr. Skelton the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

Resolutions moved by Hon. Dr. Skelton.

Resolved,—That the Council has heard with much regret of the death of Mrs. Baird, wife of the Hon. James Baird, a member of this House ; and that this House do now adjourn as a mark of sympathy with Mr. Baird in his bereavement.

Resolved,—That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Hon. Mr. Baird.

Adjourned.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 27th, at Five o'clock P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 26th, were read.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council 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 Bill read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, was read a first time.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, and with the unanimous consent of the House,

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House 33rd Rule suspended. be suspended with regard to the said Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the said Seal Fishery Bill read second time. Bill was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committee on Seal Fishery Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill with some Reported. amendments.

On motion that the Report be received.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment Seal Fishery Bill re-committed. that the said Bill be now re-committed, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Angel 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 was then read a third time, as Seal Fishery Bill read third time and passed. amended, 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.

The amendment is as follows :—

Section 1, first line, after the word “into” insert the words “or land in.”

Message from
Assembly.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed without amendment the amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery.”

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
27th March, 1903.

The House then took recess.

House resumes.

The House resumed.

The Hon. the President left the chair.

Governor arrives
at Council
Chamber.

At Six o'clock P.M. His Excellency the Governor Sir Cavendish Boyle, K.C.M.G., 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 House of Assembly attend Council Chamber. 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 :

“ An Act to continue for a further period Bills assented to. ‘The Newfoundland French Treaties Act.’ ”

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

“ An Act to amend 2nd Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled ‘An Act to regulate the Whaling Industry.’ ”

“ An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of preventing Enlistment in the Service of any Foreign State and the Exportation of Arms and the Munitions of War.’ ”

The House of Assembly having withdrawn

His Excellency retired.

Governor retires

The Hon. the President resumed the chair.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1903.

PRESENT :

Member
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, April 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1903.

PRESENT :

Member
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1903.

PRESENT :

Member
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, April 4th, for want of a quorum.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 1903.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Member present.

The Hon. the President declared the House Adjourned. adjourned until Monday next, April 6th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, APRIL 6th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, March 27th, Wednesday, April 1st, Thursday, April 2nd, Friday, April 3rd, and Saturday, April 4th, were read. Minutes read.

Message from
His Excellency
the Governor.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received the following message from His Excellency the Governor :—

CAVENDISH BOYLE,

Governor.

The Governor, on behalf and at the instance of His Majesty's Government, has much pleasure in thanking the Honourable Legislative Council for their action in renewing the French Treaties Act.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Nfld.,

31st March, 1903.

Message from
Assembly.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the Bill sent down entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) 'Of Lotteries'" without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

April 2nd, 1903.

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, April 16th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th, 1903.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*. Member present.

The Hon. the President declared the House Adjourned. adjourned until to-morrow Friday, April 17th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Monday, April 6th, and Minutes read. Thursday, April 16th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council Message from Assembly. 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 Revenue Act, 1901,”
 and

“ An Act respecting Life and Accident Insurance,”

Revenue and Life
and Accident In-
surance Bills
read first time.

which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, were severally read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, April 20th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
JOHN B. AYRE.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, April 17th, were read.

Revenue and Life
and Accident In-
surance Bills
read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

“ An Act to amend ‘The Revenue Act, 1901,’ ” and

“An Act respecting Life and Accident Insurance,”

were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Tuesday, April 21st, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* ^{Members present.}

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Monday, April 20th, were ^{Minutes read.} read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on ^{Committee on Revenue Bill.} motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Revenue Act, 1901.’”

The Hon. Mr. Blandford 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
Life and Accident
Insurance Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Life and Accident Insurance.”

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.

Adjourned.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

JAMES BAIRD.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 21st, were Minutes read.
read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council Leave of absence
to Hon. Edgar
R. Bowring.
that he had received the following communication
from Government House :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Nfld.,

22nd April, 1903.

SIR,—

I have the honour, by direction of the Governor, to inform you that His Excellency has granted to the Hon. Edgar R. Bowring leave of absence from his duties as a member of the Legislative Council for the remainder of the Session.

I have, etc.,

TREVOR HAYLES,

Private Secretary.

The Hon. SIR EDWARD SHEA,

President Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

“An Act to amend ‘The Revenue Act, 1901,’” and

“An Act respecting Life and Accident Insurance,”

Revenue and Life and Accident Insurance Bills read third time and passed.

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 said Bills without amendment.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to provide for Bounties on Iron and Steel made in Newfoundland,”

Bounties Bill read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, 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, Friday, April 24th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 23rd, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Bounties Bill read second time.
motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up
entitled "An Act to provide for Bounties on Iron
and Steel in Newfoundland" was read a second
time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27th, 1903.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
JAMES BAIRD.

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

Committee on Bounties Bill. Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to provide for Bounties on Iron and Steel made in 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.

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

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. ^{Empire Day Bill read first time.} Skelton, was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he ^{Notice of motion.} will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government why the Reports of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and also of the Inspector General of Police have not been laid on the table of this House.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Tuesday, April 28th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, April 27th, were read.

Documents laid
on table.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table :—

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Fisheries for the year 1902.

Report of Inspector General of Police for the year 1902.

Report of the Fire Department for the year 1902.

Bounties Bill
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to provide for Bounties on Iron and Steel made in Newfoundland" was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Empire Day” was read a second time, and Empire Day Bill read second 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 requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Crown Lands Timber, Mines and Minerals,” Message from Assembly.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, was read a first time, and Crown Lands Bill read first time.

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

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Member representing the Government if it is the intention of the Government to make any provision during the present Session to enable the Municipal Council to increase the supply of water to St. John's. Notice of motion

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, April 29th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, 28th April, were read.

Committee on
Empire Day Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Empire Day."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan 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 the Order of the Day and on Crown Lands Bill read second time. motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands Timber, Mines and Minerals" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Rendell ask- Question asked. ed the Hon. Member representing the Government if it is the intention of the Government to make any provision during the present Session to enable the Municipal Council to increase the supply of water to St. John's.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton replied.

Reply.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid on the table the Documents laid on table. following documents :—

Annual Statements of the Mutual Life Assurance Company.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

Imperial Life Assurance Company.

On motion made the House adjourned until Adjourned. Monday next, May 4th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 29th, were read.

Empire Day Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Empire Day" 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 Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands Timber, Mines and Minerals."

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported progress and asked ^{Reported.} leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The Hon. the President informed the Council ^{Message from Assembly.} 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 Deer Preservation Act, 1902,’” and

“An Act respecting the Qualification of Engineers,”

which said Bills were, upon motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, severally read a first time, and ^{Deer Preservation and Engineers Bills read first time.}

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

The Hon. Dr. Skelton gives notice that he ^{Notice of motion.} will, on to-morrow, bring in a Bill for the preservation of Beavers.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Tuesday, May 5th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 5th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, May 4th, were read.

Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

Deer Preserva-
tion and
Engineers Bills
read second time.

“An Act to amend ‘The Preservation of Deer Act, 1902,’” and

“An Act respecting the Qualifications of Engineers,”

were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Dr. Skelton brought in a Bill respecting the Preservation of Beavers, which was received and read a first time, and

Beavers Bill
read first time.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 6th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

Adjourned

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
JAMES BAIRD,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 5th, were read.

Resolutions
moved by
Hon. Dr. Skelton.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

The Council having learned of the death of Mr. Robert Chesley Ayre, brother of the Hon. John B. Ayre, a member of the Legislative Council ;

Resolved,—That this House do now adjourn as a mark of sympathy with the Hon. Mr. Ayre in his said affliction ;

Resolved,—That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Hon. Mr. Ayre.

Adjourned.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 7th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 7th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 6th, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Committee on Crown Lands Bill.
motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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.

Committee on
Deer Preserva-
tion Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 'The Preservation of Deer Act, 1902.'" "

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.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton

Committee on
Engineers Bill
deferred.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the Whole on the Bill entitled "An Act respecting the Qualification of Engineers" be deferred until to-morrow.

Beavers Bill
read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill respecting the Preservation of Beavers was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent

up entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,"

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Public Service Bill read first time. Skelton, 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, May 8th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 7th, were read.

Crown Lands Bill
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals," 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 some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows :—

1.—In Section 3 of the said Act strike out all ^{Amendments.} the words after the word “Act” in the fourth line of the said section.

2.—In Section 19 of the said Act add as new sub-section (*b*) the following :—

(*b*) The lessee shall commence the work of quarrying within two years from the date of the lease and shall continue the effective operation of the said work during the term of the said lease.

Re-letter sub-section (*b*) as (*c*) and add new sub-section (*d*) as follows :—

(*d*) Every such lease shall be upon the condition that if the lessee shall for the space of five years intermit the operation of work thereunder the said lease shall be void and the land therein comprised shall revert to the Crown.

Also in the said sub-section (*b*) of said section before the words “bona fide” in the second line thereof add the words “within five years from the date of his lease.”

3.—In section 22 of said Act, after the word “mile,” in the second line thereof, add the words “to be fixed by the Governor in Council.”

Deer Preservation Bill
read third time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 'The Preservation of Deer Act, 1902,'" 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
Beavers Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan 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
Engineers Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Qualification of Engineers."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported progress and asked Progress Reported. leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Public Service Bill read second time. motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

“An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan by the Sale of Debenture Bonds of the Colony,” and

“An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony,”

which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Bonds and Loan Bills read first time. Skelton, were severally read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, May 11th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 11th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
 The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, May 8th, were read.

Beavers Bill read third time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill respecting the Preservation of Beavers was read a third time, and

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers,” and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the ^{Message to} House of Assembly with message requesting their ^{Assembly.} concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. ^{Motion for} Dr. Skelton moved : “ That the House do now go ^{Committee on} into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled ‘ An ^{Engineers Bill.} Act respecting the Qualifications of Engineers.’ ”

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Angel moved in ^{Amendment.} amendment,

“ That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House with power to sit out of Session and take evidence.”

And the question on the amendment having been put it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly, and

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Skelton, Angel and Greene do form such Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on ^{Committee on} motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went ^{Public Service} into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “ An ^{Bill.} Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.”

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively:—

“An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan by the Sale of Debenture Bonds of the Colony,” and

“An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony,”

Bonds and
Loan Bills
read second time.

were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 12th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 12th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

JAMES BAIRD,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, May 11th, were Minutes read.
read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Public Service Bill read third time and passed.
motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up
entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service" was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of As- Message to Assembly.
sembly with message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Committee on
Bonds Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan by the Sale of Debenture Bonds of the Colony."

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan 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
Loan Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony."

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.

The Hon. the President informed the Council <sup>Message from
Assembly.</sup> that he had received the following message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has adopted without amendment the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled “An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals.”

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 12th, 1903.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} to-morrow, Wednesday, May 13th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JAMES S. PITTS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 12th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

“ An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan by the Sale of Debenture Bonds of the Colony,”
and

“ An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony,”

Bonds and Loan
Bills read third
time and passed.

were severally read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of As-^{Message to}
sembly with message that this House had passed ^{Assembly.}
the same without amendment.

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

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. ^{Education Bill}
Skelton, was read a first time, and ^{read first time.}

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

The Hon. Dr. Skelton gives notice that he ^{Notice of motion.}
will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the
33rd Rule of this House with regard to all Bills,
Addresses, etc., before or to come before this
House for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.}
to-morrow, Thursday, May 14th, at half-past Four
o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 14th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 13th, were read.

Motion for
second reading of
Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved "That the Bill sent up entitled 'An Act respecting Education' be now read a second time,"

when there appeared for the motion,—

<i>Contents</i> (11) :	<i>Non-Content</i> (1) :	
Hons. Messrs. Skelton,	Hon. Mr. Greene.	Division.
McLoughlan,		
Rendell,		
Angel,		
Harris,		
Blandford,		
Knowling,		
Baird,		
Ayre,		
Pitts,		
Bishop.		

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, Education Bill
read second time.
and

Ordered,—To be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon.
Dr. Skelton,—

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House 33rd Rule
suspended.
be suspended with regard to all Bills, Addresses,
etc., before or to come before this House for the
remainder of the Session.

The Hon. the President informed the Council Message from
Assembly.
that he had received a message from the House of
Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent
up entitled “An Act respecting Certain Retiring
Allowances,”

Retiring Allow-
ances Bill
read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, 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, Friday, May 15th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 14th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances" was read a second time, and

Retiring Allowances Bill
read second time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, the said Bill was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Retiring Allowances Bill
read third time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly concurring in the Bill sent down entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers."

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the business of Cold Storage,"

Cold Storage Bill
read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time on Monday next.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game,”

Game Preservation Bill
read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, 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, May 18th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 18th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets

PRESENT :

The Honorable SIR 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,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Committee on Education Bill.
 motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went
 into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An
 Act respecting Education."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill with some Reported.
 amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Education Bill
read third time
and passed.

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

Message to
Assembly.

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

The amendments are as follows :—

Amendments.

In the 104th section, 9th and 10th lines, strike out the words “There shall be no religious or doctrinal subject taught in such amalgamated schools during school hours ; but”

In the 10th line, after the word “teachers,” insert the words “of such amalgamated schools.”

Motion for
second reading
of Cold Storage
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved that the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of the business of Cold Storage” be now read a second time,

when there appeared for the motion,—

Contents (4):

Non-Contents (7):

Division.

Hons. Messrs. Skelton,	Hons. Messrs. Rendell,
McLoughlan,	Angel,
Harris,	Blandford,
Knowling.	Greene,
	Baird,
	Ayre,
	Bishop.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved that the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game” be now read a second time.

Motion for
second reading
of Game Preser-
vation Bill.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Greene moved in amendment: “That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House with power to sit out of Session and report at the next Session of the Legislature.”

Amendment
moved.

And the question on the amendment having been put,

There appeared,—

Contents (8) : *Non-Contents* (3) :

Hons. Messrs. Greene,	Hons. Messrs. Skelton,	Division.
Rendell,	McLoughlan,	
Angel,	Knowling.	
Harris,		
Blandford,		
Baird,		
Ayre,		
Bishop.		

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the St. John’s Municipal Act, 1902,”

Message from
Assembly.

Municipal Bill
read first time.

which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris, 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, Tuesday, May 19th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 19th, 1903.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, May 18th, were read.

Select Committee
on Game Preser-
vation Bill named.

The Hon. the President named the following to form the Select Committee appointed on the Bill

sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game,”—the Hons. Messrs. Greene, Harris and Skelton.

The Hon. the President informed the Council Message from Assembly. that he had received a message from the House of Assembly concurring in the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Education.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Municipal Bill read second time. motion of the Hon. Mr. Harris the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The St. John’s Municipal Act, 1902,’” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill with some Reported. amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The amendments are as follows :—

Amendments.

In section 1 of said Bill add, at the end of sub-section (3), the words “and in the event of any peddler or hawker vending or offering for sale any such goods without having paid said tax he shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding \$100 or in default to imprisonment not exceeding three months.”

In first and third lines of sub-section (7) strike out “\$1,000” and substitute \$750. In second line strike out “\$3,000,000” and substitute “\$4,000,000,” and at the end of section add the words and figures “and less than \$10,000,000 and on all banks with a paid up capital of more than \$10,000,000 an annual tax of \$2,000,” and in sub-section (14) add, before the figures “\$500,” the words “not exceeding.”

Strike out section 5.

Message from
Assembly.

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 sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The St. John’s Municipal Act, 1902.’”

President informs
Council of
Governor’s
intention to pro-
rogate Session.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Wednesday, May 20th, at half-past Two o’clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1903.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 19th, were Minutes read.
 read.

At Three o'clock P.M. His Excellency the Governor arrives at Council Chamber.
 Governor Sir Cavendish Boyle, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne the Hon. the President directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod 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 House of Assembly attend Council Chamber.
 His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills :—

Bills assented to.

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and the Thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

An Act to amend the "Revenue Act, 1901."

An Act to provide for Bounties on Iron and Steel made in Newfoundland.

An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals.

An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony.

An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan by the Sale of Debenture Bonds of the Colony.

An Act respecting Education.

An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act to amend "The St. John's Municipal Act, 1902."

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An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of Lotteries."

An Act respecting Life and Accident Insurance.

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

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

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

The business for which this Session of the Legislature was convened being now completed, I am glad to be able to dispense with your further attendance, and thus enable you to give your undivided attention to personal concerns.

The Session has been somewhat protracted, but the important legislation to which you have devoted so much assiduity demanded very careful consideration and necessarily occupied much time.

The Act to Encourage the Working of the Coal Areas and Iron Deposits of the Colony appears to me to have been wisely conceived and directed. I sincerely hope that it will be the means of stimulating the exploration and development of these resources, and of adding to the employment of our people.

Governor's
Speech.—
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The Act to Consolidate and Amend the Education Acts will doubtless be highly appreciated by the country at large, removing as it does a defect in our educational system by providing for Amalgamated Schools in sparsely peopled settlements. The increased grants to Teachers and Boards of Education outside of St. John's should also be viewed with favour.

I have been gratified to observe by the Census Returns furnished during the Session that a very considerable increase has taken place in the value of the industries of our population within the last decade.

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

I thank you for the Supplies you have voted for the Public Service. They shall be expended with due regard to economical and efficient provision for the various requirements.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

The result of the seal fishery of this season offers a subject of congratulation, and I trust that it may augur your greater welfare and prosperity throughout the year.

The Hon. the President then said,—It is His^{Prorogation.} Excellency's will and pleasure that this GENERAL ASSEMBLY be prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of JULY next, then and here to be holden, and this GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Clerk Legislative Council.

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