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Legislative Council

OF THE

ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

First Session of the Twenty-Second General Assembly, 1909.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,
1909.



PROCLAMATION.

WM. MACGREGOR,
GOVERNOR.

[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR,
Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Tuesday, the Sixth day of April instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until SATURDAY, the TENTH day of APRIL instant:

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until SATURDAY, the TENTH day of APRIL instant, 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 5th day of April, A.D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

WM. MACGREGOR,
GOVERNOR.
[L. S.]

*EDWARD by the Grace of GOD, of
the United Kingdom of Great Brit-
ain and Ireland, and of the British
Dominions beyond the Seas, King,
Defender of the Faith, Emperor of
India.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING :

WHEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the General
Assembly of Our Colony of Newfoundland:

Know Ye, that We do for this purpose publish this Our
Royal Proclamation, and We do, by these Presents, dissolve
the said General Assembly, and We do hereby discharge the
members of Our Legislative Council, and of the House of As-
sembly of the said Colony from further attendance in the
said General Assembly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Let-
ters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of the said
Colony.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir WILLIAM
MACGREGOR. Knight Grand Cross of the Most
Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint
George, Companion of the Most Honourable

Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at Saint John's, in Our said Island of Newfoundland, this 10th day of April, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.



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WM. MACGREGOR,
GOVERNOR.

[L. S.]

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Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

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

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's, in the said Colony, *for the despatch of business*, on MONDAY, the THIRTY-FIRST day of MAY, instant, of which all persons

concerned therein 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 18th day of May, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,

Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

First Session of the Twenty-Second General Assembly.

MONDAY, MAY 31st, 1909.

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

At Five minutes to Three o'clock the House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

At Three o'clock P.M., the Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable George Skelton and the Honourable Robert K. Bishop, members of the Legislative Council nominated and appointed by

His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners having taken their seats, the Honourable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honourable House of Assembly, and inform the Members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desire their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber to hear the Commission read, and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council :—

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

[L. S.]

WM. MACGREGOR.

To the Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA, Knight, President of the Legislative Council; the Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, and the Honourable ROBERT K. BISHOP, Members of the Legislative Council, Greeting :

Whereas I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Twenty-Second General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on Monday, the Thirty-First day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the 18th day of this instant month; and

D. Morison, Atty.
General.

Whereas, it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared on the said day, nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, Honourable George Skelton, and Honourable Robert K. Bishop, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly, on the Thirty-First day of May, instant, that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker, and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, St. John's, this
29th day of May, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, addressing both Houses of the Legislature, then said:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons of his calling this General Assembly on this day, and it being neces-

sary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen ;

You Gentlemen of the House of Assembly repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the appointment of some proper person to be your Speaker, and present such person whom you shall so choose, here, to-morrow at Three o'clock for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, June 1st, at half-past Two o'clock P.M.



TUESDAY, JUNE 1st, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

At Three o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Governor, Sir William MacGregor, G.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, to let the Commons House of Assembly know—

“It is His Excellency the Governor's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who being come thereto.

William R. Warren, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Member for the District of Port-de-Grave, having been presented by the Honourable Sir Edward P. Morris, Premier, as Speaker Elect, and the choice approved and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to speak as follows:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

For nearly five years it has been my high privilege to represent in this Colony the great and wise King that the people of this country revere and love with such touching loyalty and devotion, and to whom they are so grateful for the substantial benefits he has conferred on them and their descendants.

I have felt that to be Governor of Newfoundland is an honour of which any man, whoever he may be, may be justly proud. To me personally Newfoundland has been in a peculiar sense a congenial home, because both the nature of the country and the character of the people so closely resemble my own native land and my own countrymen. I cannot, therefore, without sadness quit Newfoundland, even though it is to proceed to a great and delightful country, where I have already during many years experienced much kindness.

I shall leave this Colony full of hope for its future. In view of its splendid resources, and of its favoured geographical position; and in the light of the character of its people for energy, perseverance, industry, and not least, their adaptibility, one can clearly see before it the era of great progress which with wise and prudent administration cannot but be in store for this land so bounteously endowed by nature.

The development and prosperity of Newfoundland will always be watched by me with deep interest and with real affection.

Within the past seven months two general elections have taken place within this Colony, with the circumstances occasioning which, you are all conversant in your individual capacities. The first was indecisive, in that it resulted in the election of eighteen members to support the administration under whose auspices it was held, and of a similar number to support the Opposition; the second resulted in an emphatic declaration by the country endorsing the policy of my present advisers.

The questions arising out of the interpretation of Article One of the Treaty of 1818 between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States have been submitted to the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, and the matters at issue will come up for adjudication about a year hence before the Special Court of Arbitration chosen to pass upon the points in dis-

pute. Copy of the Special Agreement for submission, with other papers relating thereto, will be laid before you.

My late Ministers agreed to submit to the adjudication of His Majesty's Privy Council the dispute between the Province of Quebec and this Colony with regard to the boundary of their respective possessions in the Labrador peninsula. Steps will be taken to provide that during the coming season and hereafter reports upon the minerals, forests and water powers of Labrador may be obtained, so that the Government may be better informed as to the value of areas there for which applications are made; so that measures may be initiated to secure for the Colony an adequate share of the potential wealth of this region.

In the month of February last an invitation was extended to this Colony by the President of the United States to appoint a Representative to the North American Conservation Conference, which met at Washington on the eighteenth of that month. Advantage was taken of the President's courtesy, and a Representative attended this Conference on behalf of the Colony. His Report, as well as the Declaration of Principles signed by the Representatives of the different countries present, with other documents relating to the proceedings of the Conference, will be laid before you.

The result of last season's fishing operations was, on the whole, as regards the catch, more than an average. Unfortunately, however, the realiza-

tion of the product of the codfishery was attended by a marked decline in price. Various causes are assigned for this unfortunate condition of affairs, but there is a general agreement amongst all interested in securing the best returns from the annual prosecution by our people of this industry that the time has arrived when co-operation between the Government of the Colony and those who handle and market the produce of our people should be brought about with a view to improving the cure, establishing a standard and equitable cull, introducing modern and improved methods of preparing and exporting the fish, opening up new markets, encouraging the establishment of direct communication with those countries to which our fish might profitably be exported, applying the principles of cold storage now so generally adopted in other countries, and otherwise devising means by which the best results may be obtained by our people for the fruits of their toil.

The agricultural operations of the Colony for the past year were fairly remunerative, but some effective encouragement is required to induce a greater number of our people to turn their attention to the cultivation of the soil. My Ministers have in contemplation a policy by which it is hoped to attain this end, through the provision of a bounty for clearing land, the introduction of a good breed of cattle and sheep, the procuring of new seeds and the establishment of low rates by steamer and train, in order that those producing the crops may be able to market the same with profit.

To further encourage the prosecution of our mining industry, and as an incentive to the prospector and to the introduction of capital from abroad, my Ministers propose the enactment of a measure which will give the original discoverer of a mineral deposit a greater assurance of material return for his discovery: while provision will also be made for the better housing of miners and of workmen at industrial centres, with a preferential claim for their wages, and other protection which the experience of recent years has shown to be necessary.

The steadily increasing price of coal to our people all over the Colony calls for the adoption of a measure that will decide once and for all whether our coal deposits are at present commercially available, and whether the extensive peat areas in different parts of the Colony can be utilized to provide the people with a cheap and satisfactory supply of fuel.

My Ministers have established a bait and fishery telegraph service which, it is hoped, will prove of great advantage in connection with our fisheries. It is intended to extend this service to Labrador at as early a date as circumstances will permit. The utilization of the telegraph system of the Colony in this connection, without in any way lessening the receipts of that Department, will, in a measure, enable our fishermen to participate more directly in the facilities which that service affords.

My Ministers have also arranged for the supplying of a daily synopsis of local and foreign

news to the people of the outports. There being now one hundred and thirty-four Postal Telegraph Stations throughout the Colony, and the number gradually increasing, this service should be of great advantage in apprising our people daily of what is happening in their own country, as well as in the outside world.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company and the Reid-Newfoundland Company having generously undertaken to transmit daily free of charge the fishery intelligence and news despatches to the localities touched by their wires, a much larger number of our people will be enabled, through this public-spirited action, to avail of the advantages of the two services.

The wireless telegraph service to Labrador has so far not realized expectations as a convenient adjunct to the fishermen resorting there. Its improvement is absolutely necessary, seeing that some twenty thousand people annually visit that seaboard, and before the next session my Ministers hope to have perfected arrangements whereby the desired improvements may be brought about.

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

The total revenue of the Colony for the year, ending June 30th, 1908, was the largest in the history of the Island, reaching the sum of two million eight hundred and twenty-nine thousand and eighteen dollars. When we consider that ten years ago the revenue from all sources was only one mil-

lion five hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and twenty dollars, and this in ten years has increased one million two hundred and fifty-seven thousand five hundred and ninety-eight dollars, it speaks volumes for what, with wise and judicious legislation in connection with our fisheries, minerals, forests and agriculture, might be accomplished for our people.

The estimate by my late advisers of the revenue for the current fiscal year, ending on the thirtieth of this month, was two million seven hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars, and the estimated expenditure for the same period was two million seven hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars, showing an estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure of eleven thousand dollars. The result, however, of the year's financial operations, exhibits the fact that while the revenue to date is two million two hundred and nine thousand eight hundred dollars, and a careful estimate shows that it is not likely to exceed two million seven hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars, a decrease of fifty-one thousand dollars from the estimate of my late Ministers, yet the expenditure to date is two million four hundred and seventy-eight thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars, and the obligations to meet the carrying on of the ordinary public services of the Colony to the end of the fiscal year on the thirtieth instant will increase the expenditure to two million nine hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, or an excess of one hundred and six thousand dollars over the estimate, involving a deficit on the 30th of June, 1909, of one hun-

dred and fifty-seven thousand dollars. This amount, together with the indebtedness on account of Hospital and Museum construction, public works undertaken without legislative authority, and temporary loans amounting to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, will represent a floating debt on the 30th of June, 1909, of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. You will be invited to pass a measure to provide for the raising of a loan to liquidate these obligations.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

My Ministers have in contemplation the revising of the tariff, as they recognize that the burden of taxation borne by the fishermen and working classes of the Colony is too great, and calls for such an adjustment as will lean more equitably on those who at present feel most seriously the increased cost of living in this country. During the next few months preliminary investigations with a view to this end will be undertaken.

The desirability of a further increase in the Grant for Education has impressed itself upon my Ministers, and a measure with that object in view will be introduced at an early date, in which special provision will be made for augmenting teachers' salaries, an addition to the vote for destitute

places, and an appropriation for the improvement of school buildings.

The ravages wrought amongst our people by the spread of tuberculosis, commonly known as consumption, throughout the Colony, make it necessary that the State should assume the responsibility of endeavouring to arrest its future spread. Hitherto private philanthropy, through the agency of the Society for the Prevention of Consumption, has undertaken this task, and their labours have been such as to merit the commendation of all who would see suffering humanity rid of this dread white plague. My Ministers propose to appoint a Commission to deal with this subject in its larger phases, and to supplement and extend the laudable work already accomplished. You will be invited to provide a sum for this purpose.

The time would appear to have arrived when the demands of certain sections of the island for railway connection can no longer be ignored, and preliminary surveys will be undertaken so that a measure dealing with this important subject may be submitted to you at the next session, which will provide for such extensions and yet be within the means of the Colony.

The question of Old Age Pensions has been before the Legislature for some time past. My late advisers, in December, 1907, appointed a Commission to enquire into the question of improving by means of pensions the condition of the aged poor, and of those who are helpless and infirm.

Up to the present time that Commission has not presented any report, nor am I aware of what progress it has made in the consideration of the question. My Ministers propose to take the subject in hand without delay, so as to expedite the adoption of a measure economically possible, and yet sufficiently comprehensive.

You will also be asked to make provision for maintaining a Winter Coastal Service to Northern ports, as well as improved service for the Districts of Fogo and Fortune Bay, Bay St. George and Bay of Islands, and an additional steamer to Labrador.

In leaving you now to your deliberations, and this being perhaps the last opportunity I shall enjoy of meeting you as a Legislature, I earnestly hope that the spirit of harmony, born of love of country, may inspire you to such prudent and patriotic action as, under the guidance of Divine Providence, shall lead to measures fraught with good for the future of this Colony.

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

The minutes of yesterday, the 31st day of May, were read.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Harris,

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his Gracious Speech.

Ordered,—That the Honourable Messrs. Harris, Ayre, Baird, Green, Milley, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, the 3rd day of June, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SAMUEL MILLEY,

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

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
2nd June, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith for the information of the Members of the Honourable

Legislative Council, a certified copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council, approved by me on the 28th May, 1909.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. MACGREGOR.

The Honourable Sir E. D. Shea, Kt., President
Legislative Council.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 28th of May, 1909.

MAY 26, 1909.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Chapter I., 61 Victoria, the following gentlemen to constitute a Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature—Hon. Sir E. D. Shea, Kt., President of the Legislative Council; Hon. John Harris, Hon. George Skelton, His Honour the Speaker, Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Kt., K.C., LL.D., Hon. D. Morrison, K.C., Hon. R. Watson.

Certified true copy,

R. WATSON,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Resolved,—That this House desires to record the sense of the loss it has sustained by the decease of the late Honourable Samuel Blandford, who for many years filled a seat in the Council with credit to himself and advantage to this Body, of which he was ever a zealous and efficient Member.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to Mrs. Blandford, at the same time, expressing the sympathy of the Council with her and the family of their late Brother Member in the bereavement they have sustained.

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

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

Ordered,—That the said Address be agreed to; and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MAC-GREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, 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, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

The important matters contained in Your Excellency's Speech shall have our careful consideration.

We sincerely reciprocate the regret expressed by Your Excellency, in reference to your departure from this country. The earnest and practical interest you have ever evinced in its well being and progress have earned for you the lasting gratitude of our people, and their cordial hope that success and happiness are to be the portion of Your Excellency's future career.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

Council Chamber, 3rd June, 1909.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on to-morrow, Friday, at eleven o'clock A.M.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a Bill for the Saving of Daylight:

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, June 4th, at half-past ten o'clock A.M.



FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

At eleven o'clock the Council proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At half-past eleven o'clock the House having returned, the Honourable 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 Legislative Council:

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

I am deeply touched by your personal reference to myself, which will always be remembered by me with much pleasure and satisfaction.

W. MACGREGOR,
Governor.

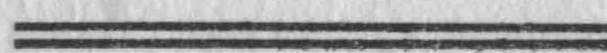
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
4th June, 1909.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Anderson brought in a Bill for the Saving of Daylight, which—

On motion was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, June 7th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.



MONDAY, JUNE 7th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS, G.M.G.,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

The Minutes of Friday, June 4th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that the Hon. Michael P. Gibbs had been appointed a member of the Legislative Council, provisionally.

The Commission appointing the Hon. Michael P. Gibbs, a member of the Legislative Council, provisionally, was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson, the second reading of the Bill Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night was deferred until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop, a member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Annual Statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

The Hon. Mr. Harris presented to the House the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, which was read by the Clerk.

Ordered,—To lie on the Table.

The Report is as follows—

Report of Commission of the Internal Economy of the Legislature:—

To the Honourable Legislative Council:

To the Honourable House of Assembly:

The Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature beg leave to report that the following arrangements have been made for the Printing and Reporting of both Branches of the Legislature during the current Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The printing of the Council's debates has been assigned to the *Daily News* and the *Evening Chronicle*, and the copying of the same to the *Western Star* and *Trade Review*.

The printing of the Journals and miscellaneous papers has been assigned to the *Daily News* and the *Evening Chronicle*.

The Reporting Staff appointed are Mr. R. S. LeDrew, Supervisor, at \$300

Messrs. T. J. Foran, R. W. Jeans, Lloyd Woods, at \$150 each.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The publishing of the debates has been assigned to the *Daily News* and the *Evening Chronicle*, and the copying of the same to the *Western Star* and the *Trade Review*.

The printing of the Journals and the Sessional papers has been assigned to the *Daily News* and the *Evening Chronicle*.

The Reporting Staff are Mr. John S. Currie, Supervisor, at \$450; Messrs. John McGrath, Edward Emerson, Frank Summers, Charles Hunt, James Winter and E. C. Russell, as Reporters, at \$150 each.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. SHEA,

Chairman.

St. John's, June 5th, 1909.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid upon the Table a Petition from Robert Pittman, late Reporter of the Legislative Council, praying for remuneration.

The Honourable the President informed the House 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 accompanying Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

WILLIAM R. WARREN,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 7th, 1909.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," was read a first time, and

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
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JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson, the Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Anderson—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee of this House consisting of the Honourables Messrs.

Anderson, Harris, Green, Harvey and Bishop be appointed to take evidence and consider the subject of the Bill "Respecting certain changes in the Hours of the Day and night," with power to sit out of Session and report upon the same at the next session of the Legislature; and that a message be sent to the House of Assembly requesting them to appoint a Select Committee of their Body to co-operate with the Select Committee of the Council upon the said subject.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Retiring Allowances" was read a second time and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act for raising by loan a sum of money for the Public Services of the Colony," and "An Act to Incorporate the Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes" and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

WILLIAM R. WARREN,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 8th, 1909.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act 1905," and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

WILLIAM R. WARREN,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 8th, 1909.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Education Act 1903" and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

WILLIAM R. WARREN,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 8th, 1909.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act for raising by Loan a Sum of Money for the Public Services of the Colony."

"An Act further to amend the Education Act, 1903.

"An Act to Incorporate the Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes" were severally read a first time and

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

On Motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday June 9th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for Raising by Loan a Sum of Money for the Public Service of the Colony,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved that the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905,” be now read a second time, and the House having divided thereon, there appeared:—

Contents (10) : *Non-Contents* (2) :

Hons. Messrs. Bishop,	Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
Angel,	McLaughlan.
Harris,	
Skelton,	
Baird,	
Ayre,	
Anderson,	
Harvey,	
Milley,	
Gibbs.	

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill was sent up, entitled "An Act further to amend the Education Act, 1903," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received the following messages from the House of Assembly:—

• MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have appointed a Select Committee, consisting of the Honourable Colonial Secretary, the Honourable Minister of Justice, Mr. F. J. Morris, Mr. J. M. Kent and Mr. J. A. Clift, to co-operate with the Committee of the Legislative Council upon the subject of the Bill introduced into the Legislative Council "Respecting certain changes in the hours of the day and night."

WILLIAM R. WARREN,

Speaker.

Assembly Chamber,

June 9th, 1909.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, 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 nine, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

WILLIAM R. WARREN,

Speaker.

Assembly Chamber,
June 9th, 1909.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, 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 financial years ending respectively the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time tomorrow.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd Rule of the House as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., now before or to come before the House during the remainder of the Session.

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



THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

The Minutes of yesterday, June 9th, were read.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
9th June, 1909.

Dear Sir Edward Shea :

I am desired by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted permission to the

Honourable J. D. Ryan to be absent as Member of the Legislative Council for the remainder of the Session.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. CAMPION.

The Honourable Sir EDWARD SHEA,
President of the Legislative Council.

Pursuant to Notice and on Motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop,

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of the House be suspended with reference to all Bills, Addresses, &c., now before the House during the present Session—

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances” was read a third time and passed—and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the House

went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for raising by Loan a sum of Money for the Public Service of the Colony."

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to amend "The Education Act 1903."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Amendments are as follows:

Section 2, 5th line—after the word “Augmentation.”

Strike out all the words to the end of the Section and insert in lieu thereof the words “to teacher’s salaries, which said last mentioned sum shall be paid in such proportion as may be fixed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education.”

Section 3, 6th line—“After the word “Erection” insert the words “or remodelling.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Incorporate the Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes.”

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message that this House had passed the said Bill with an amendment and requesting concurrence therein.

The amendment is as follows :

Section 6, 10th and 11th lines—after the word “Members” strike out the words “And Officers.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Revenue Act, 1905.’”

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop 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 Nine, and the thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten, 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 House that he had received the following messages from the House of Assembly:

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed without amendment the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon a Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to amend 'The Education Act 1903.'"

WILLIAM R. WARREN,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 10th, 1909.

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 a Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes."

W. R. WARREN,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

June 10th, 1909.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly having passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of his departure from the Colony requests that the Legislative Council will concur therein and pass the same as a Joint Address of both branches of the Legislature.

WILLIAM. R. WARREN.

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

June 10th, 1909.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MAC-GREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of both branches of the General Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, respectfully approach Your Excellency with an expres-

sion of our profound regret at your approaching departure from this Colony, whereby Newfoundland will lose the valuable and highly appreciated services of one who, as His Majesty's Representative, has filled that position in a manner to earn the esteem and regard of the whole people.

During Your Excellency's stay in this Colony you have endeared yourself to all classes and sections of our people. To the performance of your official duties you have always brought an unswerving devotion and an unselfish fidelity. You have striven zealously to promote the interests of the Colony in other respects; your Reports on our trade and commerce will always stand as a monument to your industry and researches; your historical and scientific investigations on Labrador have added greatly to our knowledge of that important portion of our Colony; your visits to different parts of the Island whereby you have come in touch with our people in their ordinary pursuits; your work in the causes of education and charity, the active identification of yourself with all philanthropic and moral organizations, have made your name a household word, and greatly contributed to stimulate popular interest in the activities of these very deserving institutions.

We feel that we can with certainty voice the feelings of the people of Newfoundland in thanking Your Excellency for the evident desire you have thus shown to promote the welfare of this Colony, and we hope that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend you in the great Province

of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which His Majesty has been pleased to appoint you.

The said Address, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, was read and adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Address do now pass, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message that the Legislative Council concurs in the said Address.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government if the position as Superintendent of Fisheries, to which Mr. Alan Goodridge has been Gazetted, is a new position, or is it in lieu of the office of Deputy Minister of Fisheries?

The Hon. Mr. Harris gives notice that he will on to-morrow call the attention of the Hon. the Representative of the Government to the fact that application is soon to be made by the liquidators of the defunct Union Bank to the Supreme Court for the winding up of said Bank, and ask him if he can inform the House when the Commercial Bank is to be wound up.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

The minutes of Thursday, June 10th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the House went into committee on 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 30th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and the 30th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Anderson asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government if the position, as Superintendent of Fisheries, to which office Mr. Alan Goodridge has been gazetted, is a new position, or is it in lieu of the office of Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop replied.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Harris called the attention of the Honourable Representative of the Government to the fact that application is soon to be made by the liquidators of the defunct Union Bank to the Supreme Court for the winding up of said bank, and asked him if he could inform the House when the Commercial Bank is to be wound up.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop replied.

The Hon. the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Saturday, the 12th day of June, at Three o'clock P.M.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, June 12th, at half-past Two o'clock P.M.



SATURDAY, JUNE 12th, 1909.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS, . C.M.G.,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS.

The Minutes of Friday June 11th were read.

At 3 o'clock, p.m., His Excellency the Governor, Sir William MacGregor, G.C.M.G., C.B., M.D. 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 pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto.

His Honour the Speaker read the following Address to His Excellency :

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MAC-GREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of both branches of the General Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, respectfully approach Your Excellency with an expression of our profound regret at your approaching departure from this Colony, whereby Newfoundland will lose the valuable and highly appreciated services of one who, as His Majesty's Representative, has filled that position in a manner to earn the esteem and regard of the whole people.

During Your Excellency's stay in this Colony you have endeared yourself to all classes and sections of our people. To the performance of your official duties you have always brought an unswerving devotion and an unselfish fidelity. You have striven zealously to promote the interests of the Colony in other respects: your reports on our Trade and Commerce will always stand as a monument to your industry and researches; your historical and scientific investigations on Labrador have added greatly to our knowledge of that important portion of our Colony; your visits to dif-

ferent parts of the Island, whereby you have come in touch with our people in their ordinary pursuits, your work in the causes of education and charity, the active identification of yourself with all philanthropic and moral organizations, have made your name a household word, and greatly contributed to stimulate popular interest in the activities of these very deserving institutions.

We feel that we can with certainty voice the feelings of the whole people of Newfoundland in thanking Your Excellency for the evident desire you have shown to promote the welfare of this Colony, and we hope that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend you in the great Province of the Commonwealth of Australia to which His Majesty has been pleased to appoint you.

The Honourable the President then presented the said Address to His Excellency.

His Excellency the Governor then made the following reply :

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

The address that has been read to me as Governor of this Colony I accept as another proof of your whole-hearted and dutiful devotion to the throne and person of His Majesty the King. You are the representatives of a people that are con-

scious of the dignity that belongs to them as citizens of the British Empire; the humblest man of which recognises that he has a duty towards this great bulwark of liberty, of freedom, of justice, loyalty to the throne, and love of country, have hitherto been among the chief characteristics of Newfoundland, yet these sentiments have never been more clearly reflected than in the address now presented to the King's representative by this Legislature.

I shall leave this Colony in the firm conviction, which I am proud to hold, that no daughter of the United Kingdom looks towards the Motherland with greater confidence and affection than the eldest of her family.

I cannot but deeply feel and highly appreciate the kind and indulgent expressions you have used with regard to myself personally as the servant of the King, and for these I beg to thank you heartily and sincerely. For nearly five years I have lived and thought as a Newfoundlander, and it will take me some time to learn to think differently, for I have had no care, no interests, outside of this Colony while I have been its Governor.

This was my duty as a public servant, for the performance of which, to the best of my ability, I deserve no praise, but should, had it been otherwise, have merited just censure. I am not unconscious of the fact that I should have often done things better; that I may at times have done what I should have left alone; and that perhaps I have

occasionally not tried to do what I should at least have attempted. We all knew from experience how much easier it is to see this after, rather than before, the event. I can, however, say in truth and sincerity that I have not knowingly been unjust to, or injured, any man; and that I have at all times honestly endeavoured to do the best I could in the interests of Newfoundland as a Dominion of the Empire of which we form a part.

Your kind and comforting words form a very pleasant conclusion to an interesting and eventful chapter in the history of this colony, and in my own life. I leave this with feelings of affection for the warmhearted and generous people of the country, in the prosperous future of which I have the greatest confidence. Of the welfare of Newfoundland, and of the many true and faithful friends I leave behind, I shall always hear with real and sincere pleasure.

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money towards defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th day of June One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine, and the 30th day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten, and for other purposes connected with the Public Service.

An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1905.

An Act further to amend the Education Act, 1903.

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

An Act respecting certain retiring allowances.

An Act to Incorporate The Newfoundland Board of Trade and for other purposes.

After which His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows :

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

In proroguing this General Assembly and relieving you from further attendance, it gives me great pleasure to observe the assiduity and earnestness with which you applied yourselves to the despatch of business, and the spirit of concord and harmony which marked your deliberations.

I am sure it must be a great relief to you and to the country at large that the unexampled political conditions which have prevailed here for so many months are now at an end, and that with the closing of this session all classes of the community may confidently look forward to a restoration of conditions of political tranquility.

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

I thank you for the supplies that you have voted for the public service. The addition to the grant for Education will be greatly appreciated, and the providing of a sum in aid of the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis will, I trust, prove of great benefit.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

I heartily join in the feeling of hope which prevails in the community at the prospect of a substantial increase in the price of our staple product, and the assurance which this represents of a return to the conditions of widespread prosperity which this Colony has so long enjoyed.

In these my last words to the Legislature of the Colony I desire to testify to the great pleasure that it has been to me during the past five years to assist in promoting the best interests of the people of Newfoundland. I shall ever retain the most agreeable recollections of this Colony and its people, and follow with interest its onward march towards an ever brightening future.

In bidding you farewell I trust that Providence may ever guide you to wise decisions and endow your country with all lasting good.

The Hon. the President then said :

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the nineteenth day of August next then and here to be holden and the General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Clerk Legislative Council.

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