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

Fifth Session of the Twenty-Third General
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PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 14th day of June instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWELFTH day of July next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWELFTH day of JULY 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, Saint John's, this 12th day of June, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 12th. day of July instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the NINTH day of AUGUST next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the NINTH day of AUGUST 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 11th day of July, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 9th day of AUGUST instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SIXTH day of SEPTEMBER next;

I do therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SIXTH day of SEPTEMBER 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 8th day of August, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 6th day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FOURTH day of OCTOBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FOURTH day of OCTOBER 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 5th day of September, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 4th day of OCTOBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FIRST day of NOVEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FIRST day of NOVEMBER 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 3rd day of October, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor,
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 1st. day of November instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of NOVEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of NOVEMBER 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 31st day of October, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor,
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 29th day of November instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH day of DECEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH day of DECEMBER 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 28th day of November, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 27th day of DECEMBER instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of JANUARY, 1917.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH 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 26th day of December, A.D., 1916.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 24th day of January instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHT day of FEBRUARY next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 23rd day of January, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 28th day of FEBRUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of MARCH next;

I do therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of MARCH 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 February, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 28th day of MARCH instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of April next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of APRIL 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 March A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD
DAVIDSON, 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 Depen-
dencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
Wednesday, the 25th day of April instant; and where-
as I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly
until WEDNESDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of May next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SIXTEENTH
day of MAY 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, Saint John's, this 24th day of April,
A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor,
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 16th day of May instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the THIRTIETH day of MAY instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the THIRTIETH day of MAY 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 7th day of May, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

Fifth Session of the Twenty-Third General Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, May 30th , 1917.

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

The House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMAUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir Walter Edward Davidson, Knight, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 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 House of Assembly know :

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

Who being come thereto with their Speaker, 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 :

The invitation by His Majesty's Government, late in December, of the Prime Ministers of the Self-Governing Dominions, and India, to attend a Conference at London, for the consideration of questions arising out of the War, having been accepted by my Prime Minister, postponement of the session of the Legislature was considered desirable. Hence the delay in calling you together---a delay, which, I am sure, you will regard as amply justified by the circumstances.

This epoch-making assemblage in the Capital of the Empire, which has just terminated, and which was the first occasion when the spokesmen

of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, with those of the Mother Country and the Great Empire of India, sat in conclave, in full partnership, marks an onward step towards cementing more closely the relations between the separate estates making up our Great Empire. It forms a happy augury of what is to follow when Peace once more returns to the world, and I am satisfied you will join with me in rejoicing at the fact that Newfoundland, the oldest Colony of the Crown, was privileged to participate in this great council. The questions with which the Imperial Conference dealt, will, from time to time form the subject of legislation by the Motherland and the Dominions concerned.

The Great War, raging now for nearly three years, continues with unabated fury, and has gradually drawn in other countries, until now the United States, hitherto the greatest Neutral Power, has felt compelled to draw the sword in defence of its liberties, outraged by the German nation. The Advent of the American Republic into the struggle will stimulate the valour and heroic efforts of the allied nations for the bringing of the conflict to a successful conclusion, and will materially assist in hastening that end.

It must be a source of intense pride to every Newfoundlander that the participation by this country in the struggle, through its gallant sailors and soldiers, has earned for them undying glory and the recognition by their Sovereign, their commanders and the British public, of the pos-

session by our valiant defenders of the qualities of manliness, courage and devotion to duty that are the birthright of the British people from whom they have sprung. The proud place, won by the men of both forces, has not been obtained without grievous sacrifices of life, and the inevitable accompaniment of heartbreak to hundreds of homes in this country ; but, it will be a proud consolation to those who have lost representatives, that they can cherish the heritage of duty well done in the greatest crisis that has ever threatened the civilized world.

The War has necessarily caused changes in every aspect of our Colonial existence, and in none more than in the steadily growing cost of the necessaries of life. My Ministers have appointed a Commission to enquire into the questions surrounding this problem in its particular application to our own Colony, with a view to recommending such measures as may help in minimizing the burdens due to high prices. Apart from this, however, it has been borne in upon the Government that the situation calls for relief to the Civil Servants by an increase in their salaries, and the necessary measures to give effect thereto will be laid before you in due course. In the same way the claims of Education for a substantial augmentation in the grants provided for that service, have been realized by my Ministers, and you will be invited to make an additional grant for that purpose.

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

The Revenue for the last financial year

showed a substantial increase over the expenditure, and the resultant surplus was applied towards the Colony's war expenditure. Another large surplus is anticipated for the fiscal year shortly to terminate, and it is proposed to apply this to the same purpose.

The Estimates for the several Departments will be laid before you shortly, and will, I am sure, receive your most favourable consideration, as, notwithstanding that they represent a large increase over those of the current year, they have been framed with due regard to economy and the exigencies of the unparalleled situation which now confronts us.

The inequality of the pay of the men of the Royal Naval Reserve, as compared with that of the men of the Newfoundland Regiment, has influenced my Ministers to take measures to remove this anomaly, and your acceptance will be invited of a measure designed to place the men of both services on the same footing.

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

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

The various industries of the country were conducted with more than the ordinary measure of success during the past year, and thanks, in part, to the improved markets for the commodities which we export, the returns secured by our people

for the products exported show the greatest advance for any twelve months in the Colony's history. This in turn enabled our imports to be substantially enlarged, with the result that the value of our total trade has increased from Twenty-five Million Dollars to Thirty-five Million Dollars. The present year has opened auspiciously with a successful Seal Fishery for the fruits of which those engaged have secured unusually high prices. The outlook for the Cod Fishery is an encouraging one. It is earnestly to be hoped that conditions will prevail throughout the rest of the season which will enable this staple product to be exported at remunerative prices. At the same time, whilst desiring prosperity, it is important to note that those responsible for the conduct of affairs in the Mother Country, the Great Dominions and the nations with whom we are proud to be allied, have emphasized the need of prudence and economy, both by the State and individuals, and I feel sure that you in your deliberations, and that the people in their personal pursuits, can make no mistake in practising these same virtues, and in that spirit I commend your effort and theirs to Divine Providence.

Then the House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honourable the President reported His Excellency's Speech and the same was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Anderson,

seconded by the Honourable Mr. Harvey,

Ordered,--That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in Reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, and

Ordered,--That the Honourables Messrs. Anderson, Harvey, J. D. Ryan, Winter and Goodridge, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson brought in a Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night," which was received and read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Anderson gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House in relation to the Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop laid upon the Table the following documents :

Report of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for the year 1916.

Report of the Reid Newfoundland Company for the year ended June 30th, 1916.

Report of the Examinations conducted by the Council of Higher Education, Newfoundland, 1916.

On motion made the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 31st, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, May 31st, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,
Minister of Justice

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 30th, were read.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson 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. Anderson the said Address was read a second time (at length) and

Ordered,---That the said Address do now pass and

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 WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, 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 beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

P. T. McGRATH,
President.

Council Chamber, May 31st, 1917.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on

Motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the Bill "Respecting certain changes in the Hours of the Day and Night" was read a second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on Motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the 33rd Rule of the House in relation to the Bill, Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night, was suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the House went into Committee on the Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton 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 on motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson was then read a third time, and

Ordered,--That the Bill do now pass and be entitled, "An Act Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night."

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 and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday next, June 6th, at four o'clock p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, June 6th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 31st, were read.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop, a member of the Executive Council, informed the Honourable the President that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply this day at half-past four o'clock p.m.

At half-past four o'clock p.m. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in

Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At a quarter to five o'clock p.m. 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.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

6 June, 1917.”

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

“ MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill sent down entitled, “ An Act Respecting certain changes in the Hours of the Day and Night,” with some amendments in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 6th, 1917.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the said amendments were read a first time, and,

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

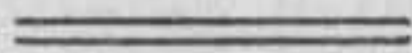
The Honourable Mr. Anderson gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House with regard to the amendments sent up from the House of Assembly on the Bill sent down entitled, "An Act Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night."

The Honourable Mr. Bishop laid on the Table the following documents :

Report of His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., Governor, Chairman of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland, May 24th, 1917.

Report of the Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow; Thursday, June 7th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.



THURSDAY, June 7th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down entitled: "An Act Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night" were read a second time.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson---

Ordered,---That the 33rd Rule of this House

be suspended with reference to the amendments sent up from the House of Assembly on the Bill sent down entitled : " An Act Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the House went into Committee on the said amendments.

The Honourable Dr. Skelton in the Chair

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the amendments without amendment.

Ordered,---That the Report be received---and---

Ordered,---That the said amendments do now pass---and---

Ordered,---That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly concurring in the said amendments.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

At five o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir Walter Edward Davidson Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George 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 Honourable House of Assembly know :

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

Who, being come thereto with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill entitled : “ An Act Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night.”

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency retired.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop laid on the Table of the House the following document :

Second Annual Report of D. James Davies, B. Sc., F.C.S., Government Analyst.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 12th, at four o’clock p.m.

TUESDAY, June 12th., 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice

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

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

“ MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively : “ An Act to Amend the Death Duties Acts 1914-1916.” “ An Act Respecting Discipline on Ships Controlled by the Admiralty.” “ An Act to Restrict the Transfer and Mortgage of British Ships ;” and “ An Act to

Facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcements of Judgments Orders and Awards in Newfoundland and other parts of His Majesty's Dominions," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 7th, 1917.

On motion of Honourable the Minister of Justice the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act to Amend the Death Duties Acts, 1914-1916," was read a first time—and

On motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice the said Bill, with the unanimous consent of the House, was read a second time presently, and

*Ordered,—*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act Respecting Discipline on Ships controlled by the Admiralty," was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the said Bill was read a second time presently with the unanimous consent of the House—and

*Ordered,—*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act to Restrict the

Transfer and Mortgage of British Ships," was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the said Bill, with the unanimous consent of the House, was read a second time presently, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act to Facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Orders and Awards in Newfoundland and other parts of His Majesty's Dominions," was read a first time and

On motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the said Bill, with the unanimous consent of the House, was read a second time presently, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop laid on the Table the following documents:

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Salvation Army Boards, for the year ended December 31st, 1916.

Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the year ended December 31st, 1916.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, June 14th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, June 14th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act to Amend the Death Duties Acts, 1914-1916."

The Honourable J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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 Honourable Minister of Justice the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act Respecting Discipline on Ships Controlled by the Admiralty."

The Honourable Mr. Anderson 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 Honourable Mr. Bishop the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act to Restrict the Transfer and Mortgage of British Ships."

The Honourable Mr. Milley 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 Honourable Minister of Justice the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act to Facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments, Orders and Awards, in Newfoundland, and other parts of His Majesty's Dominions."

The Honourable Mr. Harvey 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.

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

" MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively : " An Act to Amend the Trustee Act, 1898." " An Act respecting returns of losses by Fire Insurance Companies ;" " An Act Respecting the Currency ;" " An Act to Amend the Copyright Act, 1912 ;" and " An Act Ratify-

ing a Contract for Steam Service on Bay of Islands," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 13th, 1917.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act Respecting Returns of Losses by Fire Insurance Companies," was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act Ratifying a Contract for Steam Service on Bay of Islands, was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the said Bill was read a second time presently, with the unanimous consent of the House, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Minister of Justice the Bills sent up entitled respectively :

" An Act to Amend the Copyright Act, 1912," and " An Act to Amend the Trustee Act, 1898," were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act Respecting the Currency," was read a first time, and

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

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled : " An Act to Amend the Act Relating to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 14th, 1917."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act to Amend the Act relating to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's," was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a second time presently, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, June 15th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

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FRIDAY, June 15th., 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act Respecting Discipline on Ships Controlled by the Admiralty," 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 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 Bill sent up entitled : " An Act to Restrict the Transfer and Mortgage of British Ships," 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 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 to Facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments, Orders and Awards in Newfoundland and other parts of His Majesty's Dominions," 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 said Bill without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act to Amend The Death Duties Acts, 1914 to 1916," was deferred until later in the evening.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled : " An Act Respecting Returns of Losses by Fire Insurance Companies," was read a second time, and

*Ordered---*To be committed to-morrow.

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 Ratifying a Contract for Steam Service on Bay of Islands."

The Honourable Mr. Winter 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 on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting Copyright" and "An Act to Amend the Trustee Act, 1898," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,---To be severally 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 Respecting the Currency" 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. J. D. Ryan, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An

Act to Amend the Act Relating to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's."

The Hon. Mr. Goodridge 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 on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 'The Death Duties Acts 1914 to 1916.'"

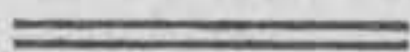
The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 19th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



TUESDAY, June 19th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Friday, June 15th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Ratifying a Contract for Steam Service on Bay of Islands," 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 said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act Relating to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's," 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 message that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 'The Death Duties Acts 1914-1916,'" was deferred until later in the evening.

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 Returns of Losses by Fire Insurance Companies."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the consideration of the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting Copyright," and "An Act to Amend 'The Trustee Act, 1898,'" was deferred until later in the evening.

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 the Currency."

The Hon. Mr. Power 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 on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 'The Death Duties Acts, 1914-1916.'"

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, “An Act Respecting Copyright.”

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. Minister of Justice, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, “An Act to Amend ‘The Trustee Act, 1898.’”

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 18th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916,'" was read a first time, and

*Ordered,---*To be read a second time tomorrow.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop laid upon the table the following document :

Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the year 1916.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, June 21st, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY, June 21st, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN.
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 'The Death Duties Acts, 1914-1916,'" as amended, 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 message informing them that this House had passed the said Bill with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows:

Section 2, first line after the words "property of," insert the words "any person being."

Same section, same line, after the word "Newfoundland" insert the words "or who was at the outbreak of the present war domiciled in Newfoundland."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Returns of Losses by Fire Insurance Companies," 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 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 Respecting Copyright," 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 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 to Amend 'The Trustee Act, 1898,'" 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 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 Respecting the Currency," 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 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 Respecting Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916,'" was read a second time, and

*Ordered,--*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 26th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

TUESDAY, June 26th, 1917.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, June 27th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m., for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, June 27th, 1917.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, June 28th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m., for want of a quorum.

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THURSDAY, June 28th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,

The Minutes of Thursday, June 21st, Tuesday, June 26th and Wednesday, June 27th, 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 Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916.' "

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 'The Death Duties Acts, 1914-1916,' " without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 22nd, 1917.

" MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5 George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,' " and "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 25th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bills

sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5 George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" and "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 2nd, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

MONDAY, July 2nd, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 28th, 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 Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916.'"

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan 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 to Continue in force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" 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 Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 3rd, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

TUESDAY, July 3rd, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
JAMES RYAN.
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Monday, July 2nd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Bonds issued under 'The Loan Act, 1916,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem-

bly 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony.' "

The Hon. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

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 inform the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting the District of St. George's," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 122, Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 3rd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage,'" was read a first time, and

*Ordered,---*To be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the District of St. George's," was read a first time, and

*Ordered,---*To be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, July 5th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY, July 5th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
JAMES RYAN,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 3rd, 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 to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony.'"

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," was deferred until 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 Amend Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage,'" 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 Respecting the District of St. George's," was read a second time, and

Ordered,---To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 9th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



MONDAY, July 9th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Thursday, July 5th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Section 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of

the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," was deferred until to-morrow.

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 Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage.' "

The Hon. Mr. Goodridge in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the District of St. George's."

The Hon. Mr. Harvey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,---That the Report be received.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 9th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time on morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, July 12th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY, July 12th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Thursday, July 9th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of

the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage,'" was deferred until to-morrow.

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 the District of St. George's."

The Hon. Mr. Harvey 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop,

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber," be deferred until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop laid on the Table the following documents:

Report of the Postmaster General on the condition of Postal and Telegraphs Service (with statistics), for the year ended June 30th, 1916.

Report of the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited." in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 12th, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," and "An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 11th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," and "An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes," were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, July 13th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

FRIDAY, July 13th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" was deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on mo-

tion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the District of St. George's," 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 said Bill without amendment.

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 the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 16th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

MONDAY July 16th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Minister of Justice.

The Minutes of Friday, July 13th were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in Force for a Further Period the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,'" was deferred until later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates

of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve," was read a third time as amended 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, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The amendments are as follows :

Section 1, 5th line after the word "Reserve," insert the following words: "or of the Newfoundland and Forestry Companies, or a person who being at the outbreak of the present War a resident of Newfoundland, became a member of any of His Majesty's Naval, Military, Medical, or Nursing Services, or organizations, or served as a Chaplain in His Majesty's Service."

Same Section, 7th line, after the word "Military," strike out the word "or."

Same Section, same line, strike out the word "Service," and after the word "Naval" insert the following words: "in a forestry service or while actually serving as a member of such Medical or Nursing organization as aforesaid, or as a Chaplain in His Majesty's Service."

Section 3, 3rd line, after the words "sum of," strike out the words "one thousand," and insert in lieu thereof the words "five hundred."

Section 6, 3rd line, strike out the words, "par-

ties interested," and insert in lieu thereof the words "Newfoundland Regiment Pay and Record Office."

Section 7, 2nd line, after the word "under," strike out the words "this Act," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the last preceding Section."

Section 8, 2nd line, after the word "Justice," insert the words, "or his Deputy."

Same Section, 4th line, after the words "deemed to be," strike out the remainder of the Section and insert in lieu thereof the words, "covered by the salaries voted for the Minister of Justice and Deputy Minister of Justice."

In the title of the Bill, at the end thereof, add the words, "and other Volunteers."

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 Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, "Of Wreck and Salvage."

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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 Further to amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber" was read a second time, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," was deferred until later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes," and "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," were severally read a second time, and

*Ordered,---*To be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice,

*Ordered,---*That the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited, be deferred until to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop moved that the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Continue in

Force the Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony,' " be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Gibbs moved in amendment,

That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the said Bill 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 said Bill without amendment.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, en-

titled, "An Act Respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 16th, 1917.

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

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 17th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

TUESDAY, July 17th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of Monday, July 16th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled, 'Of Wreck and Salvage,'" 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 said Bill without amendment.

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 Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber."

The Hon. Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes."

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

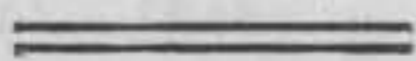
Ordered,---That the Report be received, and

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 Respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," was read a second time, and

Ordered,---To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, July 19th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



THURSDAY, July 19th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 17th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes," and "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," were severally 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 Bills without amendment.

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 Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber."

The Hon. Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,---That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's."

The Hon. Mr. Power 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.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 6, Geo. V. (1916), Cap. 2, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Salvation Army,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

July 19th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V. (1916), Cap. 2, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Salvation Army,'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, July 20th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.

FRIDAY, July 20th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message that this House had passed the

said Bill with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The amendment is as follows :

Strike out Section 1 of the Bill, and insert the following in substitution therefor :

1. Anything in any Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding it shall be lawful for any person to export, on the usual export entry, to any place in the Dominion of Canada or in the United States of America, or in any other country, the subjects of such country being in amity with His Majesty, any timber or lumber cut for pit-props before the 1st day of January, 1917. Provided that such person shall satisfy the Customs Officer to whom he makes application for export entry that such timber or lumber was cut before the 1st day of January, 1917, and was not cut on any part of that territory or area known as the three-mile limit, nor on any territory or area upon which the cutting of timber for such purposes shall, under the provisions of any Act, have been prohibited by the Governor in Council; or if such timber or lumber was cut on the said area known as the three-mile limit, that such timber was burnt timber when cut, or that if such timber or lumber was green timber when cut, then that the same was cut prior to the fifteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, en-

titled, "An Act Respecting Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," 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 said Bill without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," was deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V. (1916), Cap. 2, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Salvation Army,'" 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment, and

of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve and other Volunteers," without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

July 20th, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," "An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1902," and "An Act Further to Amend 56 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

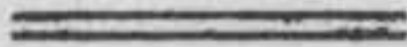
House of Assembly,

July 20th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to amend 56 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company,'" "An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture, and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," and "An Act Further to Amend 'The St. John's Municipal Act, 1902,'" were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 23rd, at four o'clock, p.m.



MONDAY, July 23rd, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Friday, July 20th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor had appointed the Hon. William J. Ellis to be a member of the Legislative Council.

The Commission appointing the Hon. William

J. Ellis to be a member of the Legislative Council (provisionally), was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop,

Ordered,---That the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," be deferred until later in the day.

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 Act 6, George V. (1916), Cap. 2, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Salvation Army.'"

The Hon. Mr. Harvey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,---That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act Further

to Amend 56 Vic. (1893), Cap. 11, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company,' " and "An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," were severally read a second time, and

*Ordered,--*To be severally committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

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

*Ordered,--*That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop,

*Ordered,--*That the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend 'The St. John's Municipal Act, 1902,' " be deferred until 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, “ An Act Further to Amend the Law Relating to the Exportation of Timber,” without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 21st, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act Respecting the Control of Trading in the Necessaries of Life,” “ An Act to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature,” “ An Act Respecting the Newfoundland Knitting Mills, Limited,” and “ An Act Respecting the Riverside Woollen Mills, Limited,” in which they they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 21st, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the following Bills, entitled, respectively, “ An Act Respecting the Control of Trading in the Necessaries of Life,” and “ An Act to Extend the Term of the

Present Legislature," were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act Respecting the Newfoundland Knitting Mills, Limited," and "An Act Respecting the Riverside Woollen Mills, Limited," were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd and all other Rules of the House with respect to all Bills, Amendments, Adresses, Petitions and all other matters now before, or to come before this House, for the remainder of this Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 24th, at four o'clock, p.m.



TUESDAY, July 24th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Friday, July 23rd, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," was deferred until later in the day.

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 Further to Amend 56 Vic. (1893), Cap. 11, entitled, 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company.'"

The Hon. Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,---That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

The Hon. Mr. Goodridge in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1902," was read a second time, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed presently with the unanimous consent of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Power 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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 4, Subsection (e), 3rd line after the word "limits" strike out the words, "not exceeding one thousand dollars in value of," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the value of which does not exceed one thousand dollars."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Control of Trading in Necessaries of Life," was read a second time, and

*Ordered,--*To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop,

*Ordered,--*That the remaining Orders of the Day be deferred until to-morrow.

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

*Ordered,--*That the 33rd Rule, and all other Rules of the House with regard to all Bills, Amendments, Addresses, Petitions, and all other matters now before the House, or to come before the House for the remainder of this Session, be suspended.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled "An Act to Provide Pensions for Members of the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony, and for Their Widows and Children and Other

Dependents," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 24th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Provide Pensions for Members of the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony, and for Their Widows and Children and Other Dependents," was read a first time, and

*Ordered,---*To be read a second time tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, July 26th, at three o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY, July 26th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

The Hon. Mr. Milley moved "That the Report be received."

Whereupon the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved in amendment "That the Report of the Committee be amended by the elimination therefrom of Section 8 of the Bill, the subject matter of their Report."

And the question on the amendment having been put, there appeared:

Content (6)	Non-Contents (6)
Hons. Messrs. Col. Sec.,	Hons. Messrs. Gibbs,
Bishop	Harvey
Knowling	Ryan
Skelton	Goodridge
Anderson	Power
Milley	Ellis

And the votes being equal The Hon. the President gave his casting vote against the amendment.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question of the original motion having been put it passed in the affirmative and

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

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 Acts relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

The Hon. Mr. Goodridge 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 1. In the last line but one after the words "Governor-in-Council" insert the words "by Proclamation."

Insert as Section 4 the following :

4. In the Prohibition Act (Plebiscite Act) 1915, and in the Act 6, George V., (1916) Chapter nine entitled: An Act to Prohibit the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors into and in Newfoundland after the first day of January, 1917," the words "importation" and "import" shall be construed so as not to include:—

(a) The bringing into this Colony in bond of intoxicating liquors in transit from some place outside of this Colony to some other place outside of this Colony.

(b) The bringing into a port in this Colony of intoxicating liquors forming part of ship's stores where the same are warehoused or sealed up as provided by the Customs Act, 1898, and Acts in amendment thereof.

(c) The bringing into this Colony in bond of wines for the purpose of being matured and re-exported. Re-number Section 4 as Section 5.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act respecting the Control of Trading in the Necessaries of Life," was deferred until later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled: "An Act to extend the Term of the Present Legislature," was read a second time, and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Murphy 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. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act respecting the Newfoundland Knitting Mills, Limited," 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 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. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act respecting the Riverside Woolen Mills, Limited," was read a second time and ordered to be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Bishop, the Bills sent up entitled: "An Act to Provide Pensions for Members of the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony and for their Widows and Children and other Dependents," 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled: "An Act further to Amend "The St. John's Municipal Act, 1902," without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

July 26th, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively : An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1916." " An Act respecting the Department of Militia," and " An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916;" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 25th, 1917.

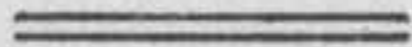
On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bills sent up entitled respectively :

" An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1916."

" An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916," and " An Act respecting the Department of Militia," were severally read a first and second time, and--

*Ordered,--*To be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at 3 o'clock p.m.



FRIDAY, July 27th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

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

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Bill Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited, having been read,

The Hon. Mr. Harvey moved that the said

Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House, and

*Ordered,---*Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with a further 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 some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows :

Section 1, sixth line, after the words "Energy for," strike out the words, "all purposes for which electrical energy may now or may hereafter be used," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the production of light, heat and power."

Section 2, third line, after the words "Energy for," strike out the words, "all purposes for which electrical energy may now or may hereafter be used," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the production of light, heat and power."

Same section, sixth line, after the word "side," insert the following words, "as far as, but not including, the town of."

Insert as new Section 3 the following :

3. Whenever any losses, damages or injuries shall be caused by the Company, its officers, agents, servants or contractors, in building, operating or maintaining works contemplated hereunder to the property of any of the aforesaid towns, the Company shall be liable to make good the same, or in default thereof the Company may be sued as for an ordinary tort in any Court of competent jurisdiction in Newfoundland, and the amount of such damage, together with costs, may be recovered against the said corporation in any such suit.

Re-number Section 3 as Section 4.

Section 4, as re-numbered at the end thereof, insert the following words: "Provided that nothing in this Section shall authorize the Company to enter upon or appropriate any lands which belonged to or were occupied by the United Towns Electric Company on the first day of July, 1917."

Re-number Sections 4 and 5 as Sections 5 and 6, respectively.

Strike out Section 6 of the Bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following Section re-numbered as Section 7 :

7. All plant, machinery implements, ap-

paratus, tools, utensils and materials necessary for the original construction of the said Company's Electric System and Extensions thereof, shall be admitted into the Colony free of duty.

Insert the following Section as Section 8 :

8. Nothing in this Act contained shall effect the exclusive rights now held by the United Towns Electrical Company for the lighting by electricity of the streets and highways in, to and from the towns of Harbour Grace, Carbonear and Heart's Content, and the buildings in said towns.

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 the Control of Trading in the Necessaries of Life."

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan 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 their concurrence therein.

The amendment is as follows:

Section 1, third line, strike out the words, "two of whom shall be a quorum."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Riverside Woollen Mills, Limited."

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Provide Pensions for Members of the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony, and for their Widows and Children and other Dependents."

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1916."

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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 their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows :

Insert as Section 1 of the Bill the following :

1. Section 19 of "The Education Act, 1916," is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor :

19. There shall be established in St. John's for Higher Education a Church of England College, a Roman Catholic College, a Methodist College and a Presbyterian College.

Re-number Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Bill as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively.

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 Shipbuilding Act, 1916.'"

The Hon. Mr. Goodridge 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 House went into

Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Department of Militia."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

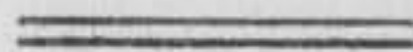
The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*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.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 30th, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



MONDAY, July 30th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Friday, July 27th, were read.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amend-

ments sent down in and upon the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Prohibition of the Importation, Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," "An Act Respecting the Control of Trading in the Necessaries of Life," and "An Act to Amend 'The Education Act, 1916,'" without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

July 30th, 1917.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 31st, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



TUESDAY, July 31st, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
JOHN J. MURHHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

The Minutes of Monday, July 30th, were read.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter

52 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled, 'Of the Central and Harbor Grace District Courts,' " "An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, 1904," and "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 Seventeen, and the 30th day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen, and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 30th, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary 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 Seventeen, and the 30th day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen, and for Other Purposes," was read a first and second time and

Ordered—To be now committed.

The Hon. Sir Edgar Bowring 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.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled, "Of the Central and Harbor Grace District Courts," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered,--*To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Power 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 Assem-

bly with message that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, 1904," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

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.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V. (1915), Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act for

the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,' ” and “ An Act to Amend the Act 10 Edward VII. (1910), Cap. 31, entitled, ‘ An Act Respecting Cold Storage, ’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

July 31st, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, “ An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V. (1915), Cap. 4, entitled, ‘ An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited, ’ ” was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, “ An Act to Amend the Act 10 Edward VII. (1910), Cap. 31, entitled, ‘ An Act Respecting Cold Storage, ’ ” was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time tomorrow.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amend-

ments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Public Service Electric Company, Limited," without amendment; noting in the Minutes of the House of Assembly, by direction of the Speaker, that they accept the amendment dealing with Customs Duties as being merely verbal.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 31st, 1917.

On motion made the House adjourned until
Thursday next, August 2nd, at three o'clock, p.m.

THURSDAY, August 2nd, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 31st, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V., 1915, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary moved that the said Bill be now read a third time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Harvey moved in amendment "That the said Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House," and

*Ordered,---*Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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 their concurrence therein.

The amendment is as follows :

Section 1, sixth line after the words "and the," strike out the words, "date on which His Majesty shall cause to be issued a proclamation or proclamations declaring that a State of War no longer exists between His Majesty and the countries with which hostilities are at present pending," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "sixteenth day of April, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 10 Edward VII. (1910), Chapter 31, entitled, 'An Act Respecting Cold Storage,' was read a second time, and

*Ordered,--*To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Amend 6 George V., Chapter

15, entitled, 'The Saw Mills Act,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 2nd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend George V., Chapter 15, entitled, 'The Saw Mills Act,' " was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,---To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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 their concurrence therein.

The amendment is as follows :

After the words "pit props" strike out the remaining words of the Section.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills, entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905," and "An Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 2nd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend 'The Revenue Act, 1905,'" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered;—*To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits," was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time tomorrow.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V., 1915, Cap. 4, entitled, 'An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,'" with an amendment in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 2nd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled,

“An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1915), Cap. 4, entitled, ‘An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,” was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—That the said amendment do now pass, and

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, concurring in the said amendment.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, August 3rd, at three o'clock, p.m.

FRIDAY, August 3rd, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Thursday, August 2nd, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 10 Edward VII. (1910), Chapter 31, entitled, 'An Act Respecting Cold Storage,'" was deferred until later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits," be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved in amendment "That the further discussion of the said Bill be postponed until the next sitting day of the House."

*Ordered,---*That the further debate on the said Bill be postponed until the next sitting day of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 10 Ed. VII. (1910), Chapter 31, entitled, 'An Act Respecting Cold Storage.'"

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table:

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Roman Catholic Boards for the Year ended 31st December, 1916.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, August 6th, at 4 o'clock p.m.

MONDAY, August 6th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
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JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Friday, August 3rd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend the Act 10 Edward VII.

(1910), Chapter 31, entitled, 'An Act Respecting Cold Storage.' "

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan 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:

1. The Act 10 Edward VII. (1910), Chapter 31, entitled, "An Act Respecting Cold Storage," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words in Section 1 of the said Act, 11th line, after the word "dollars," to stand as Section 1 of the Bill, "and shall be limited to a total amount of payment in any one year not exceeding five per cent. upon the capital actually paid up in cash." Renumber Section 1 of the Bill as Section 2.

Section 19 (g). Expunge all the words of the sub-section, and insert the following words in renumbered Section 2 in lieu thereof:

9 (a). For the purpose of assisting in the creation of a market demand for our less well-known fishes, such as turbot, caplin and plaice, it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to contract with any person, firm, or company (hereinafter in this Act called the "Company,") engaged in the business of the cold storage and other business connected with the fisheries and bait supply of the Colony for the granting to the Company of a bonus not exceeding one per cent. per pound on all fresh or frozen fish, other than codfish, halibut and herring exported by this Company from its cold storage warehouses or plants, in good condition, in any one year of such term, not to exceed ten years in all, as may be fixed by such contract.

Sub-section (b). Expunge the words of the sub-sections (b) up to and including the word "either," in the 3rd line, and insert in lieu thereof the following words: (b) The maximum amount of the bonus payable on all fresh or frozen fish, other than codfish, halibut and herring, to the Company under the last preceding sub-section in any one year of the said term, shall not exceed \$75,000, and shall be calculated which ever is greater. (Expunge sub-section (1) and insert in lieu thereof the following words): (1) According to the capacity of the cold storage plants or warehouses erected by the Company in compliance with the conditions of such contract, in which case it shall not exceed four hundred dollars for a cold storage capacity of one hundred thousand pounds of fish, and so on in proportion to the cold storage capacity of said plants or warehouses, provided that the

total amount receivable by the Company under this sub-section, for any one year shall, under no circumstances, exceed the equivalent of one cent per pound upon fish, other than codfish, halibut and herring, exported fresh or frozen during the said year.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved

“That the Bill sent up, entitled, “An Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits,” be now read a second time.

And the question on the motion having been put, there appeared :

Content (7)	Non-Content (7)
Hons. Messrs. Col. Sec.,	Hons. Messrs. Knowling
Harvey	Anderson
Gibbs	Milley
Winter	J. D. Ryan
Power	Goodridge
Ellis	Jas. Ryan
Blandford	Skelton

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 now committed.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary---

Ordered,---That the Chairman of the Committee do now leave the Chair until 8 o'clock, p.m.

At eight o'clock, p.m., the Chairman took the Chair of Committee.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,---That the Report be received.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Confirm a Contract on the Subject of Steam Service Between Port-aux-Basques and Bay of Islands," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 3rd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Confirm a Contract on the Subject of Steam Service Between Port-aux-Basques and Bay of Islands," was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,---To be committed to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 6 George V., Chapter 15, entitled, 'The Saw Mills Act,' " with an amendment in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 3rd, 1917.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Amend 6 George V., Chapter 15, entitled, 'The Saw Mills Act,'" was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,---That the said amendment do not pass, and

Ordered,---That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said amendment.

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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, " An Act to Amend the Act 10, Edward VII., entitled, ' An Act Respecting Cold Storage, ' " without amendment.

J. R. GOODISON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 6th, 1917.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table the following documents :

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland, under Church of England Boards, for year ended June 30th, 1916.

Report of the Newfoundland Agricultural Board for the year ended December 31st, 1916.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, August 7th, at four o'clock, p.m.

TUESDAY, August 7th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
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MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

The Minutes of Monday, August 6th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary the consideration of the Bill sent up, entitled, "An

Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits," was deferred until later in the day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Confirm a Contract on the Subject of Steam Service Between Port-aux-Basques and Bay of Islands.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the Table the following document :

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Methodist Boards for the year ended December 31st, 1916.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Levy a Tax on Business Profits."

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor would prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Wednesday, August 8th, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock, p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 8th, 1917.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable PATRICK T. McGRATH,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
SIR EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
JAMES RYAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
Colonial Secretary.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,

At three o'clock, p.m., His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Edward Davidson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 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 Honourable House of Assembly know:

“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House ;”

Who, being come thereto with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, entitled, respectively :

An Act ratifying a Contract for Steam Service on Bay of Islands.

An Act respecting the Currency.

An Act to Amend the Death Duties Acts, 1914 to 1916.

An Act respecting Bonds issued under “The Loan Act, 1916.”

An Act to Authorize the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes.

An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act to Provide Pensions for Members of the Military and Naval Forces of the Colony, and for Their Widows and Children and Other Dependents.

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, 1917, and the 30th day of June, 1918, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

An Act to Amend the Act 10, Edward VII.

(1910), Chapter 31, Entitled: "An Act respecting Cold Storage."

An Act to Confirm a Contract on the Subject of Steam Service between Port-aux-Basques and Bay of Islands.

An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905.

An Act respecting Discipline on Ships Controlled by the Admiralty.

An Act to Restrict the Transfer and Mortgage of British Ships.

An Act to Facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments, Orders and Awards in Newfoundland and other parts of His Majesty's Dominions.

An Act to Amend the Act relating to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's.

An Act to Amend the Trustees Act, 1898.

An Act respecting Returns of Losses by Fire Insurance Companies.

An Act respecting Copyright.

An Act respecting the District of St. George's.

An Act to Amend and Continue in Force for a Further Period The Act 5, George V., Session 1, Cap. 4, Entitled: "An Act respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony."

An Act to Amend Chapter 122 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), Entitled: "Of Wreck and Salvage."

An Act respecting the Wills and Estates of Members of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Newfoundland Branch of the Royal Naval Reserve and other Volunteers.

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

An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1916), Cap. 2, Entitled: "An Act to Incorporate the Salvation Army."

An Act Further to Amend the Law relating to the Importation of Timber.

An Act Further to Amend 56 Vic. (1893), Cap. 11, Entitled: "An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company."

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An Act to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature.

An Act Respecting the Riverside Woolen Mills, Limited.

An Act to Amend The Shipbuilding Act, 1916.

An Act respecting the Department of Militia.

An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1902.

An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1916.

An Act respecting the Control of Trading in Necessaries of Life.

An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, 1904.

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An Act to Amend Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, Entitled: "Of the Central and Harbour Grace District Courts."

An Act respecting the Public Service Electric Company.

An Act to Amend 6, George V., Chap 15, Entitled: "The Saw Mills Act."

An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V., 1915, Cap. 4, Entitled: "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited."

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 :

It affords me much satisfaction to be able to relieve you from the arduous duties which have devolved on you during a somewhat protracted session, at this period of the year, and I desire to express my appreciation of the zeal and assiduity with which you have devoted yourselves to the discharge of your legislative labours.

I rejoice that it has been found possible, during the session, to constitute a National Ministry, with the object of ensuring the co-operation of all parties in the working out of the very serious domestic and imperial problems in which the war is giving rise, and the equally serious problems with which we seem destined to be confronted in the reconstruction period which will follow after the war. I sincerely trust that the expectations entertained with regard to the results to flow from this union of parties will be fully realized.

Many of the measures which have engaged your attention may be regarded as of outstanding importance to the future of the Colony. The War Pensions Bill is a measure of justice for our representatives in the navy and army of the Empire, which will, I feel sure, commend itself to everybody. The Food Control Bill will provide the machinery for coping with what may prove a serious situation during the ensuing stages of the war.

The liberal provision you have made for Education should be warmly received, not alone by the teachers, but by the general public, as the stimulus it will impart to the teaching organization cannot but be reflected in increased efficiency. The equally generous addition made for marine and public works ought to be materially helpful in the betterment of these agencies, which count for so much in the industrial life of the Colony.

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

I thank you for the appropriations which you have made for the several departments of the public service, and I assure you they will be expended with due regard to efficiency and economy.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

In now relieving you from your sessional duties I am glad to be able to note that the industrial operations of the Colony contain an assurance of continued prosperity for it, and I assure you of my sincere desire for your well-being and advancement.

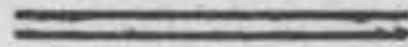
The Honourable the President then said :

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly stand pro-

rogued until Thursday, the sixteenth day of August next, then and here to be holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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