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By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most
Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal
Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its depen-
dencies.

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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 until Thursday, the 20th day of September instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTH day of NOVEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTH 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 19th day of September, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. A. SQUIRES,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM HENRY
HORWOOD, Knight, Chief Justice, Ad-
ministrator and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued un-
til Wednesday, the 7th day of November instant; and
whereas I think fit further prorogue the said General
Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the NINETEETH day of DECEM-
BER next;

I do, herefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the NINE-
TEENTH day of DECEMBER next, as aforesaid, of which all per-
sons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and
govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government
Hosue, St. John's, this 5th day of November,
A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. A. SQUIRES,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 19th day of December instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of JANUARY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the THIRTEENTH 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 18th day of December, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. A. SQUIRES,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 30th day of January instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, 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 29th day of January, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Thursday, the Twenty-eighth day of February instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST day of MARCH next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST 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 25th day of February, A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir CHARLES
ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight
Commander of the Most Dis-
tinguished Order of Saint
Michael and Saint George,
Companion of the Most Hon-
ourable Order of the Bath,
Commander of the Royal Vic-
torian Order, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief, in and
over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued un-
til Thursday, the Twenty-first day of March instant;
and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said
General Assembly until THURSDAY, the FOURTH day of APRIL
next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until THURSDAY, the FOURTH day
of APRIL next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are
hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves ac-
cordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government
House, St. John's, this 19th day of March,
A.D., 1917.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Thursday, the Fourth day of April instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until TUESDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of APRIL instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until TUESDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of APRIL instant, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 2nd day of April, A.D., 1918.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.
[L.S]

By His Excellency Sir CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-third day of April instant; and whereas I think fit to summon the said General Assembly to meet on the aforesaid TUESDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of APRIL instant;

I do, therefore, by this, my Proclamation, summon the said General Assembly to meet for the despatch of business, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of APRIL instant, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 12th day of April, A.D., 1918.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

Seventh Session of the 23rd General Assembly.

TUESDAY, ^{April} May 23rd, 1918.

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

The House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS.

At 12 o'clock p.m. the Honourable Sir Patrick T. McGrath, Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable Robert K. Bishop, the Honourable John Harvey, Members of the Legislative Council nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners having taken their seat the Honourable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod attendant on the Council to proceed to the Honourable House of Assembly and inform the members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desire their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber and they being come thereto the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:

COMMISSION.

By His Excellency Sir
CHARLIS ALEXANDER
HARRIS, *Knight Com-*
mander of the Most
Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint
George, Companion of
the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath,
Commander of the
Royal Victorian Order,
Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and
over the Island of New-
foundland and its De-
pendencies.

[L.S.]
C. ALEXANDER HARRIS.

W. F. LLOYD,
Attorney General.

*To the Honourable Sir
Patrick T. McGrath,
K.B.E., President of
the Legislative Council;
the Honourable Robert
K. Bishop and the Hon-
ourable John Harvey,
Members of the Legis-
lative Council.*

Whereas I have deemed it expedient that the Seventh Session of the Twenty-third General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on Tuesday the Twenty-third Day of this instant month whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the Twelfth day of April instant and

Whereas it is not convenient that the purpose for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared on the said day, until the members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you the said Honourable Sir Patrick T. McGrath, Honourable Robert K. Bishop, and Honourable John Harvey are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the Twenty-third Day of April instant that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some proper person on the said day for my approbation.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Government House, St. John's, this 22nd day of April, A.D., 1918.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. W. HALFYARD,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable Sir Patrick T. McGrath, K.B.E., President of the Legislative Council, addressing both Houses of the Legislature then said:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:*

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons of his calling this General Assembly on this day and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen. You Gentlemen of the House of Assembly repair to the place where you are to sit and there proceed to the appointment of some proper person to be your Speaker and present such person whom you shall so choose this day at three o'clock for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the

Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod through the Honourable President of the Legislative Council to let the House of Assembly know:

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

Who being come thereto, William J. Higgins, Esquire, a Member for the District of St. John’s East, having presented himself as Speaker-Elect and the choice approved, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to speak as follows:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

On this, the first occasion of meeting you in session, I believe that you would wish me to refer to the recent more complete recognition of the status of Newfoundland as one of His Majesty’s self-governing Doimnions. I on my part am anxious to assure you that the welfare of this oldest and most loyal dependency of the Crown will be the daily object of my thoughts and solicitude.

The fisheries of the country have been conducted with more than the ordinary measure of success during the past year, and, thanks to the exertions of the Tonnage Committee, and to improved

markets, the returns for the products exported have shown a marked improvement over past years.

This gratifying improvement has in turn resulted in an increase of imports so that the value of our total trade has increased from thirty-five million three hundred and ninety-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars to forty-three million seven hundred thousand and seventy-two dollars for the twelve months ending June 30th, 1917.

The Seal Fishery, which has just closed, was successful, and has proved especially remunerative to the men engaged therein.

The outlook for the coming Codfishery is most encouraging. Every energy will, however, have to be bent to the purpose of securing sufficient tonnage to market the catch and ensure that those engaged shall obtain the full fruits of their activities.

The prospect of an insufficient supply of salt for the fisheries is causing my Ministers serious concern. Both the material and the tonnage to carry it are difficult to obtain, but prospects appear to be improving and it is hoped that the conjoint efforts of the Salt Committee and the Ministry of Shipping will avert any serious shortage.

On Sunday, February the 24th last, the appalling disaster of the loss of the S.S. *Florizel* brought sorrow and desolation into many homes in the Dominion. Especially did the business section of the Capital City suffer the loss of some of the most prominent and successful members of the com-

mercial body. The tragedy was accentuated by the helplessness of the onlookers who, on the Sunday, could do nothing in the boiling seas to save life, but the heroic work of the rescuers on the following day formed a record of which Newfoundland can forever be proud. Of one-hundred and thirty-seven passengers and crew only forty-four were rescued. It is a comfort and consolation to the bereaved relatives that most of the bodies of the lost have been recovered from the sea and restored to their loved ones for Christian burial. The loss of the ship, moreover, in view of the great scarcity of tonnage, is a serious blow to the trade of the country. My Ministers, without delay, appointed a Marine Court which is instituting a most searching enquiry into the causes of the wreck.

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 Surplus resulting was largely applied to the War expenditure of the Dominion. Another large Surplus is anticipated for the fiscal year shortly to terminate.

The Estimates for the several departments of the Public Service will be laid before you in due course and will, I am sure, receive your most favourable consideration, as they have been framed with due regard to economy and the exigencies of the extra-ordinary situation with which we are now confronted.

Your consideration will also be invited to the question of devising means for the raising of a Loan locally for War purposes.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

Since the last session of the Legislature the titanic struggle raging in Europe, in which Great Britain and her Allies are engaged, has shown no sign of diminishing, but on the contrary has assumed even vaster proportions and more menacing aspects. The lamentable breakdown of Russia as an effective belligerent in the Entente cause, which enabled the enemy to release vast armies from the eastern front and hurl them against the Allied line in France, has brought about a crisis in the great struggle which cannot but cause the gravest anxiety. In this hour of destiny, fraught with the most momentous issues for the British Empire and the world, Newfoundland is called upon, in common with the Mother Country and the other overseas Dominions, to make further sacrifices in order to avert disaster. The Imperial War Council is calling on all portions of the Empire for additional men to aid in winning the War. "Men! Men! Men!" is the cry of the Prime Minister of the Home Land. This cry is echoed by the members of the Newfoundland Regiment, whose valour has won approbation from His Majesty the King in the bestowal of the honourable prefix "ROYAL" to the

Regiment. Confronted with these urgent appeals for assistance, Newfoundland must and will do her full duty.

Your immediate consideration will be asked to the need of enrolling men to replenish the ranks of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment by Selective Conscription, and a measure designed to accomplish that object will be laid before you without delay.

Varied and perplexing problems having arisen in connection with the social, commercial and industrial activities of the country as a result of the extraordinary conditions brought about by the operations of War, a union of political parties was arranged in July last, in order that the undivided strength of the community might be devoted to grappling with these difficulties and carrying on the public affairs. Committees to deal with the matters of procuring Tonnage and Salt were appointed, and also a Board of Food Control. These problems are becoming daily more pressing and accentuated and there is urgent need for united effort, undistracted by political turmoil, in order to cope with them. To ensure this aim a measure to extend the term of the present General Assembly will be submitted for your consideration.

The undying gratitude of the country is due to those who have given their loved ones to the cause of Empire in the great crusade now being waged against the hosts of tyranny and oppression. Our condolences go out to those whose sons have made

the Supreme Sacrifice in defending their Empire and their native land, those "Martyrs in the cause of Liberty" who have died that others might live, and the memory of whose deeds will form an imperishable page in the history of this country for all time. To these men we all owe it that they shall not be found to have died in vain.

Our sympathy is also with those who have fought the good fight valiantly and well and who have returned to their homes unfit for further active service, bearing honourable scars sustained in action, mute testimonies to their courage and devotion to duty.

The Government recognizes the duty of the community to see that these men are enabled in their future life to overcome as far as possible the disabilities which their bravery and self-sacrifice have inflicted upon them and they are already actively considering the matter.

Despite the trials and tribulations engendered by the Great War, Newfoundland has been especially blessed by Divine Providence. To the God of Battles I commend your efforts and sacrifices, I pray that He may inspire you with a high sense of duty in your deliberations, and protect our beloved country and our common Empire through the perilous ways through which we are now passing, till we arrive at a complete and enduring peace.

The House then withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor then retired.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved: That this House desires to record its sense of the loss sustained by it through the decease of the Honourable James Ryan who for the past few years occupied a seat in this Council and was a valuable acquisition to the Chamber because of his wide knowledge of the Country's affairs.

Resolved: Further that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be sent to Mrs. Ryan with an expression of the sympathy of the Council with her and the family of their late brother Member on the loss they have sustained.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Bishop, the following Resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved: That this House records its pleasure and hereby tenders its heartiest congratulations to its President The Hon. Sir. P. T. McGrath upon the well deserved honour recently conferred upon him by our Most Gracious Sovereign through his appointment to the rank of Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

The Honourable the President replied.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Mews, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McNamara,

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.

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Mews, McNamara, Anderson, Cook and Bell 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 with regard to the Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night" and amendments and all things incidental thereto.

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government:

(1) What negotiations took place between the Italian Government and the British Government or representatives of the Italian and the British Governments on the one hand and the Governor of Newfoundland or the Executive Council of this Dominion or any member or Committee thereof on the other hand in relation to the export of codfish

from this Dominion to Italy during the autumn of 1917.

(2) Whether the steamer *Rutenjfel* under charter at that time to take fish for "The Charterers Limited" from this country to Italy was upon the advice of the Tonnage Committee of the Executive Council commandeered by the Government to take codfish to Italy.

(3) If codfish was purchased in this country for the Italian Government, directly or indirectly or through agents during the autumn of 1917, or at any time during the year 1917, if so by whom and in what quantity.

(4) What price did the Italian Government agree to pay for such codfish and what price was actually paid?

(5) If any codfish was purchased during the year 1917 on account of or for the Italian Government in this country? If so what was the price paid therefor?

(6) To lay upon the Table of the House copies of all telegrams, correspondence or other documents relating to all or any of the above matters.

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House all correspondence or documents in relation to the request of the British Government that the produce of the

seal fishery of 1918 or any portion thereof be reserved for the use of the British Government.

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government whether any negotiations have been carried on in the United States, Canada or elsewhere since January 1st, 1918, in relation to the raising of a loan on the credit of the Dominion, whether any loan has been raised, the amount, terms and conditions of same.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, April 25th, at four o'clock p.m.



THURSDAY, April 25th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
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.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS.

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

The Honourable Mr. Mews from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governore.

reported a draft of the same which was received and read a first time (short) and

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

The Honourable Mr. Mews moved "That the said Address do now pass."

After a short debate

Ordered,—That the said motion stand adjourned until the next sitting day of this House.

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 Notice and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson

Ordered—That the 33rd Rule of this House with regard to the Bill "Respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night," and all amendments and all things incidental thereto" be 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 without amendment.

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 said 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.

Pursuant to Notice the Hon. Mr. Gibbs asked the Honourable Leader of the Government:

(1) What negotiations took place between the Italian Government and the British Government or representatives of the Italian and British Governments on the one hand and the Governor of Newfoundland or the Executive Council of this Dominion or any member of Committee thereof on the other hand in relation to the export of codfish from this Dominion to Italy during the autumn of 1917.

(2) Whether the steamer *Rutenjfel* under charter at that time to take fish for “The Charterers Limited” from this country to Italy was upon the advice of the Tonnage Committee of the Executive

Council commandeered by the Government to take codfish to Italy.

(3) If codfish was purchased in this country for the Italian Government, directly or indirectly or through agents during the autumn of 1917, or at any time during the year 1917, if so by whom and in what quantity?

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(6) To lay upon the Table of the House copies of all telegrams, correspondence or other documents relating to all or any of the above matters.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis replied.

Pursuant to Notice the Hon. Mr. Gibbs asked the Honourable Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House all correspondence or documents in relation to the request of the British Government that the produce of the seal fishery of 1918 or any portion thereof be reserved for the use of the British Government.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis laid on the Table of the House the correspondence asked for.

Pursuant to Notice the Hon. Mr. Gibbs asked the Honourable Leader of the Government whether any negotiations have been carried on in the United States, Canada or elsewhere since January 1st, 1918, in relation to the raising of a loan on the credit of this Dominion, whether any loan has been raised, if so the amount, terms, and conditions of same.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis replied.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, April 29th, at half past four o'clock p.m.



MONDAY, April 29th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.

President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 25th, were read.

The Honourable the President informed the House that a Commission had issued to Daniel A. Ryan, Esquire, appointing him a Member of the Legislative Council provisionally.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The Honourable Daniel A. Ryan then took his seat.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary informing him that His Excellency the Governor had granted six weeks leave of absence to the Honourable J. D. Ryan during the present Session of the Legislature.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor which was read by the Clerk:

The Governor has the honour to communicate to the Honourable Legislative Council the appointment of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of the Statute 61, Victoria Cap. I., as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved by the Governor on the 23rd instant.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.

25 April, 1918.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 23rd April, 1918.

22nd April, 1918.

Under the provisions of Section 4 of the Internal Economy Act 61, Vic. Cap. I., the following to be the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, viz.:

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E., L.L.D.

Hon. R. K. Bishop.

Hon. W. J. Ellis.

His Honour the Speaker.

Hon. W. F. Lloyd, K.C., D.C.L.

Hon. J. C. Crosbie.

Hon. W. F. Coaker.

Certified True Copy,

ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

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

Ordered,—That the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor 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.

To His Excellency SIR CHARLES ALEXANDER HARRIS, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, 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.

We congratulate Your Excellency on your appointment to the Governorship of the Dominion of Newfoundland; and we anticipate the advantages that must accrue to the Ancient Colony from Your Excellency's recognized ability, experience and mature judgment in the administration of all affairs affecting Colonial interests.

P. T. McGRATH,
President.

Council Chamber,
29 April, 1918.

The Honourable 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 Bill sent down entitled "An Act Respecting Certain

Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night," without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 29th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act Respecting Military Service" and "An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 27th, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Respecting Military Service," was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature," was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Ellis, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the Table the following Document:

Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The Honourable the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech to-morrow, April 30th, at four o'clock.

The Honourable Mr. Gibbs gives Notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Honourable the Leader of the Government to lay on the Table of this House copies of all telegrams, letters, papers and documents relating to or in any way connected with proposals made by the Reid Newfoundland Company, Sir William D. Reid, Mr. H. D. Reid, Mr. R. H. Reid or any other person or Company in connection with the Establishment of Cold Storage of Cod and other fish in this Colony during the years 1916, 1917 and 1918.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, April 30th, at a quarter to four o'clock p.m.



TUESDAY, April 30th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
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.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

At 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 past four 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 I opened the present Session.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
Governor.

30 April, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the following Resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved,—That this House has learnt with deep regret of the death at Wandsworth Hospital on Saturday last of wounds sustained while fighting bravely on the battle line in France, of Private William Cook, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, son of our respected brother member—Hon. Tasker Cook—and that this House desires to place on record the expression of its sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Cook and their family in the loss they have sustained through the death of their gallant boy.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Respecting Military Service," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis moved that the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature," be now read a second time,

After some debate,

Ordered,—That the said motion be adjourned until the "Military Service Act 1918" Bill had passed through Committee in the House.

Pursuant to Notice the Hon. Mr. Gibbs asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government to lay on the Table of this House copies of all telegrams, letters, papers and documents relating to or in any way connected with proposals made by the Reid Newfoundland Company, Sir William D. Reid, Mr. H. D. Reid, Mr. R. G. Reid, or any other person or company in connection with the Establishment of Cold Storage of Cod and other fish in this Colony during the years 1916, 1917 and 1918.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis replied that the information asked for was in course of preparation.

The Honourable Mr. Gibbs gives Notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Honourable the Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing the quantity of land expropriated in connection with the building of a Spur Line of railway to Port Union, the names of the parties to whom the land belonged and the amount paid therefor.

Also to lay upon the Table of this House copy of the Government Engineer's report in relation to building of sidings and railway station at Port Union and estimated cost of same.

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 Chapter One Hundred and Nine of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled "Of Patents," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Nine of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled "Of Patents," was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following letter from Mrs. Ryan in reply to the Resolutions of Condolence

passed by the Council on the death of the late Hon. James Ryan:

Rennie's Mill Rd.,
St. John's,
April 29th, '18.

HON. SIR P. T. McGRATH, D.C.L.,
President Legislative Council.

DEAR SIR :

On behalf of myself and family I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks copy of Resolutions of Condolence so kindly passed by the Legislative Council on the death of my late husband.

It will I feel sure be a cause of pride and pleasure to my sons to know that their father had been so esteemed by his fellow Councillors.

Very sincerely yours,

KATHERINE G. RYAN.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 1st, at four o'clock p.m.



WEDNESDAY, May 1st, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 30th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Respecting Military Service."

The Honourable 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

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

Pursuant to Notice the Honourable Mr. Gibbs asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing the quantity of land expropriated in connection with the building of a Spur Line of Railway to Port Union, the names of the parties to whom the land belonged and the amounts paid therefor; also to lay upon the Table of this House copy of the Government Engineer's report in relation to building of sidings and railway station at Port Union and the estimated cost of same.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis laid on the table the information asked for.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 2nd, at four o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, May 2nd, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 1st, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Military Service."

The Honourable Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the Bill sent up entitled, “Act Respecting Military Service,” and

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Ellis, Bishop, Gibbs, Squires, Harvey, Milley, Goodridge, Anderson, and the President be a Committee for that purpose, and

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the appointment of the said Select Committee and requesting them to appoint a Select Committee of their Body to co-operate with the Committee of the Council on the subject of the said Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be deferred until tomorrow.

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 Bills entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend the Education Act 1916"; "An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1915) Chapter 17 entitled "An Act respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled "Of the Keeping of Dogs"; and "An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916"; in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 30th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners"; "An Act respecting the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes, Third Series"; "An Act respecting a Department of Shipping"; "An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the Termination of the Present War Certain Powers in relation to Exports and Imports"; and "An Act to Amend the Act 3 Edward VII. (1908) Chapter Five entitled "An Act with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries Suffered in the Course of their Employment," in

which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 1st, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the following Bills sent up entitled respectively:—

“An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series)”;

“An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the Termination of the Present War Certain Powers in relation to Imports and Exports”;

“An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners”;

“An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 8 Edward VII. (1908) Chapter 5 entitled “An Act with Respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries suffered in the Course of their Employment”;

“Act Act to Amend the Education Act 1916”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1915) Chapter 17 entitled “An Act respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund”;

“An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916”;

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled “Of the Keeping of Dogs”;

Were severally read a first time, and—

Ordered,—To be severally read a second 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 in response to its request they have appointed in connection with the Bill Respecting Military Service the following Select Committee to co-operate with the Committee of the Council on the said Bill, namely, Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. Minister of Finance, Acting Minister of Militia, Acting Colonial Secretary, Acting Minister of Shipping, Mr. Goodison, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Moore, Mr. Currie.

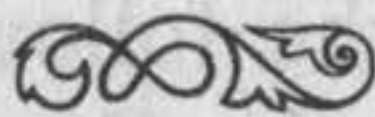
W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 2nd, 1918.

The Honourable the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the

Governor to give His assent to the Bill entitled, "An Act respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night," on to-morrow, Friday, May 3rd, at three o'clock p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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



FRIDAY, May 3rd, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, 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 Bill entitled, “An Act respecting Certain Changes in the Hours of the Day and Night.”

The House of Assembly then retired.

His Excellency withdrew.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Military Service” be deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Extend the Term of the present Legislature” be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“Act Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Nine of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled “Of Patents”;

“An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series”;

“An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the Termination of the Present War Certain Powers in Relation to Imports and Exports”;

“An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners”;

“An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 8 Edward VII. (1908) Chapter 5 entitled “An Act with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries Suffered in the Course of their Employment”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1910) Chapter 17 entitled “An Act respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund”;

Were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis ordered that the consideration of the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act to amend “The Education Act 1916”;

“An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916”;

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) “Of the Keeping of Dogs”;

Be deferred until to-morrow.

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



MONDAY, May 6th, 1918.

The Hosue met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
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WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

The Minutes of Friday, May 3rd, 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 respecting the Identification of Criminals"; and "An Act to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain Non-Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores"; in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 4th, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the following Bills entitled respectively:

"An Act respecting the Identification of Criminals," and

"An Act to Restrict Temporarily the Persons who may engage in business connected with Certain Non-Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores,"

Were read a first time and

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

The Hon. Mr. Ellis from the Joint Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled "An Act respecting Military Service" presented the following Report which was received and read, and

Ordered,—To lie on the Table.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to consider and report upon the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Military Service" beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred and they recommend that the said Bill with certain amendments (hereto annexed) be adopted by the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. LLOYD,

Chairman.

P. T. McGRATH

WM. J. ELLIS

JOHN ANDERSON

S. MILLEY

M. P. GIBBS

JOHN HARVEY

A. F. GOODRIDGE

R. K. BISHOP

R. A. SQUIRES.

M. P. CASHIN

W. W. HALFYARD

EDWARD PARSONS

JOHN S. CURRIE

JOHN C. CROSBIE

P. F. MOORE

JOHN R. GOODISON

J. R. BENNETT

Committee Room,

Legislative Council,

6 May, 1918.

A BILL.

AN ACT RESPECTING MILITARY SERVICE.

WHEREAS to maintain and support the Royal Newfoundland Regiment now engaged in active service overseas for the defence and security of Newfoundland, the preservation of the Empire and of human liberty, it is necessary to provide reinforcements for the Regiment;

AND WHEREAS enough men do not volunteer to provide such reinforcements;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to secure the men by Selective Draft

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, as follows :—

1.—This Act may be cited as the “Military Service Act, 1918.”

2.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“Certificate” means a certificate of exemption from military service under this Act;

“The Army Act” means the ARMY ACT for the time being in force in the United Kingdom and all regulations and orders made under the authority thereof;

“Regulations” means regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the authority of this Act and directions made under such regulations.

“Minister” means Minister of Justice.

“Tribunal” means the Tribunal constituted under this Act.

“Unmarried Men” shall include any man married after April 10th, 1918, and any widower with no child.

“Regiment” means the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

(1) Every unmarried male British subject who comes within one of the classes described in section three of this Act, and who:

- (a) Is ordinarily resident in Newfoundland, or
- (b) has been at any time since the fourth day of August, 1914, resident in Newfoundland,

shall be liable to be called out as hereinafter provided on active service in the Regiment, either in or beyond Newfoundland, unless he:—

- (a) Comes within the exceptions set out in the schedule, or
- (b) Reaches the age of forty before the class or sub-class to which he belongs, as described in section three is called out.

Such service shall be for the duration of the present war and of demobilization after the conclusion of the war.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall prevent any man from voluntarily enlisting in the Regiment so long as voluntary enlistment in such Regiment is authorized; or in the Royal Naval Reserve.

3.—(1) The men who are liable to be called out shall consist of four classes as follows:—

Class 1: Those who have attained the age of nineteen years and were born not earlier than the year 1894.

Class 2: Those who were born in the years 1889 to 1893 both inclusive.

Class 3: Those who were born in the years 1884 to 1888 both inclusive.

Class 4: Those who were born in the years 1879 to 1883 both inclusive.

(2) Any class, except Class 1, shall include men who are transferred thereto from another class as hereinafter provided, and men who have come within Class 1 since the previous class was called out.

(3) The order in which the classes are described in this section shall be the order in which they may be called out on active service, provided the Governor-in-Council may divide any class into subclasses, in which case the subclasses shall be called out in order of age beginning with the youngest.

4.—(1) The Governor-in-Council may from time to time by proclamation call out on active service as aforesaid, either in Newfoundland or beyond Newfoundland, any class or subclass of men described in section three, and all men within the class or subclass so called out shall, from the date of such proclamation, be deemed to be soldiers en-

listed in the Military Forces of Newfoundland and subject to military law for the duration of the present war, and of demobilization thereafter, save as hereinafter provided.

(2) Men so called out shall report, and shall be placed on active service in the Regiment as may be set out in such proclamation or in regulations, but until so placed on active service shall be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay.

(3) Any man by or in respect of whom an application for exemption is made as hereinafter provided, shall so long as such application is pending and during the currency of any exemption granted him, be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay.

(4) Any man who is called out and who without reasonable excuse fails to report as aforesaid, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding five years with hard labor.

5.—(1) A Tribunal shall be established to hear and determine all applications for exemption from service and all other questions or matters arising out of or in connection with the enforcement and operation of this Act and of the provisions and schedule thereof.

(2) The Tribunal shall be a Court of Record and shall be composed of the Chief Justice and the other two Judges of the Supreme Court—herein called members.

(3) The Tribunal may be held by one or more member, or members who may exercise all or any part of the powers, functions and jurisdiction by this Act vested in the Tribunal. In all such cases a member so sitting shall be deemed to constitute the Tribunal and any two or more members may sit separately as such Tribunal at the same time, and the rising or adjournment of any one or more of them shall not affect the sitting of the other or others. The Tribunal shall be held to be constituted notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.

(4) In case of urgency arising from the absence, illness or a vacancy in the office of any member, it shall be lawful for another member to sit either alone or with a second member for the first named member and to hear and dispose of any application for exemption, matter or question by the first named member partly heard and to use the evidence which may have been taken by or before the first named member.

(5) All applications for exemption questions and matters shall be heard in public unless the Tribunal in any particular case, due regard being given to the interests of the parties and any other person concerned therein, consider an application matter or question or any part of the proceedings should be heard in private.

(6) The Tribunal shall have all the same powers as to the summoning and compelling the attendance and examination of witnesses and also as

to process and punishment for contempt as the Supreme Court now has.

(7) Every determination of a member sitting apart may be reviewed, varied or set aside by the Tribunal constituted by any two, or by the three members, subject in cases in which two only sitting differ in opinion to rehearing and determination before the three members.

(8) The determination of the Tribunal when constituted of more than one member shall be that of the majority and shall be pronounced by one member only, and such determination shall be final and binding for all purposes whatsoever except that the Tribunal may, upon being satisfied that there are sufficient reasons for doing so rehear and review the same.

(9) The Tribunal or any two of its members may make rules with respect to its sittings and procedure and define the duties of the Clerk.

(10) For the purpose of ascertaining the facts relevant to its decision of any application matter or question the Tribunal may hear such witnesses and admit such evidence as it may in its discretion think fit.

(11) In cases in which it is inconvenient to take evidence before the Tribunal it may in its discretion appoint a commissioner at any place to examine witnesses upon oath, and such commissioner shall have power to summon and compel the at-

tendance before him of such witnesses to find upon any question of fact submitted to him by the Tribunal. The examination of witnesses before any such commissioner shall be taken in public. The Commissioner shall report to the Tribunal the evidence so taken before him and his findings upon any question of fact submitted to him.

(12) In so far as provision is not otherwise made the procedure of the Tribunal shall be such as is determined by the Tribunal.

6.—(1) No member of the Tribunal shall be responsible at law for anything done by him in good faith in the performance of his duties under this Act, and no action shall be taken against any member of the Tribunal in respect to the performance or non-performance of his duties under this Act.

(2) No proceeding authorized or pending before the Tribunal, and no decision of the Tribunal, shall by means of injunction, prohibition, mandamus, certiorari, habeas corpus, or other process, whether of the like kind or otherwise issuing out of any court, be enjoined, restrained, stayed, removed or subjected to review or consideration upon any ground whether arising out of alleged absence of jurisdiction in the Tribunal, nullity, defect or irregularity of proceedings, or any cause whatsoever nor shall any such decision or proceeding be questioned, reviewed or considered collaterally in any action or proceeding, civil or criminal.

(7) A Clerk of the Tribunal may be appointed by the Governor-in-Council, and it shall be his duty, regularly and without delay, to transmit to the Registrar a copy of the records.

EXEMPTIONS.

8.—(1) At any time before a date to be fixed in the proclamation mentioned in section four, or within such further time, if any, as may be permitted by the Tribunal, an application may be made by or in respect of any man in the class or subclass called out by such Proclamation, to the Tribunal for a certificate of exemption, on any of the following grounds:—

- (a) That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged otherwise.
- (b) That he has one or two brothers, and one of them is serving, or has served in His Majesty's Naval or Military forces during the present war.
- (c) That he has three or more brothers, and two of them are serving or have served in His Majesty's Naval or Military forces during the present war.
- (d) That he has persons mainly dependent upon him for support, such as parents, brothers or sisters.
- (e) Ill health or infirmity.

And if any of the grounds of such application be established, a certificate of exemption shall be granted to such man.

(2)—(a) A certificate may be conditional as to time or otherwise.

(b) A certificate may transfer a man to the class next in numerical order.

(c) When a conditional certificate is granted the conditions shall be stated on the certificate.

(d) It shall be the duty of any man holding a conditional certificate within three days after the conditions stated therein cease to exist, or after his exemption terminates, to give notice in writing of such fact to the Registrar; and if he fails without reasonable excuse to do so, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

(3) Subject to such conditions as to application and notice as may be provided by regulations, a certificate may, during the currency thereof, be renewed, varied or withdrawn by the Tribunal.

(4) Any person who, for the purpose of obtaining a certificate or a condition in a certificate for himself or for any other person, or for the pur-

pose of obtaining the renewal, variation or withdrawal of a certificate, makes any false statement or representation, shall be guilty of an offence under the Act 61, Victoria, (1898) Chapter 40, entitled "An Act Respecting Perjury."

(5) Any person who alters or tampers with a certificate; or for the purpose of evading this Act, falsely represents himself to be a person to whom a certificate has been granted; or, if granted a certificate, allows, for like purposes, any other person to have possession thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

(6) When a certificate is lost, destroyed or defaced, the Tribunal shall, upon the application of the man to whom it was granted, and upon payment of a fee of fifty cents, issue to him a duplicate of such certificate.

REGULATIONS.

9.—The Governor-in-Council may make regulations to secure the full, effective and expeditious operation and enforcement of this Act, and, in particular, but not to limit the generality of the foregoing, may:—

(1)—(a) Appoint a Registrar under this Act and define his duties and fix his remuneration.

- (b) Authorize officers and the Tribunal to give directions not inconsistent with this Act.
- (c) Prescribe for the keeping and transmission of records.
- (d) Appoint such peace officers or other officers and give them such powers and impose on them such duties as may be deemed necessary.
- (e) Make provision for expenses and remuneration for services.
- (f) Prescribe penalties for peace officers or other officers appointed under the authority of this Act, who are convicted of neglect or refusal to perform duty without reasonable excuse.

(2) All proclamations and regulations shall be published forthwith in the ROYAL GAZETTE and in such other manner, if any, as the Governor-in-Council may think necessary to ensure knowledge thereof by all persons concerned, and shall forthwith be laid before the Legislature if then in session, and if not in session, within ten days after the next meeting thereof.

(3) All regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they formed part of this Act.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

10.—(1) The Volunteer Acts 1914-17, the Militia Act 1917, the Army Act and the King's Regulations and Orders for the Army, shall, so far as not inconsistent herewith, apply to and form part of this Act.

(2) Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to limit or affect the punishment provided by any Act or law for the offence of assisting the enemy or the powers of the Governor-in-Council under the War Measures Acts 1914-16.

11.—If in any prosecution under this Act any question shall arise in respect of the matters hereinafter mentioned, the burden of proof shall be upon the person charged to establish by satisfactory evidence:—

- (a) That he does not come within any specified class called out;
- (b) That he has duly reported in accordance with section four;
- (c) That he comes within any of the exceptions set out in the schedule hereto;
- (d) That he has been duly exempted under section eight. And in the absence of such evidence the contrary shall be conclusively presumed.

12.—(1) Every man within the classes described in section three shall, after his class or sub-

class is required to report, as provided in section four, whenever required by a peace officer or by any person who has authority for the purpose, produce his certificate if he has one, and shall answer truthfully all enquiries bearing on the question of his compliance or non-compliance with any provisions of this Act.

(2) Any such man who fails to comply with this section shall, in respect of each failure, be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

13.—(1) Any person who comes within any of the classes set out in section three, and who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or of regulations for which contravention no other penalty is herein provided, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who by means of any written or printed communication, publication or article, or by any oral communication, or by any public speech or utterance:

(a) Advises or urges that men described in section three shall contravene this Act or regulations; or

(b) Wilfully resists or impedes, or attempts wilfully to resist or impede, or persuades or induces or attempts to persuade or induce any person or class of persons to resist or impede the operation or enforcement of this Act; or

(c) For the purpose of resisting or impeding the enforcement or operation of this Act, persuades or induces or attempts to persuade or induce any person or class of persons to refrain from making applications for Certificates of Exemption or submitting evidence in respect thereof; shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable upon indictment or upon summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not less than one year nor more than five years.

(3) Any newspaper, book, periodical, pamphlet or printed publication containing matter prohibited by sub-section two of this section may, whether the printer or publisher thereof be previously convicted or not, be summarily suppressed and further printing or publication thereof and of any further issue of a newspaper or periodical which has contained such matter may be prohibited for any term not exceeding the duration of the present war. Provided no action shall be taken under this sub-section or under sub-section two of this section without the approval of the Minister.

(4) No conviction in a court of criminal jurisdiction for an offence against this Act, or the regulations made thereunder, shall be had, unless the prosecution has been consented to or approved by the Minister.

14.—All expenditure under or for the purpose of this Act shall be paid out of such moneys as may be raised for the purposes of the war.

SCHEDULE.

EXCEPTIONS.

1.—Men who hold a certificate granted under this Act and in force.

2.—Members of His Majesty's regular, or reserve, or auxiliary forces, as defined by the Army Act.

3.—Members of the Military forces raised by the Governments of any of His Majesty's other Dominions, or by the Government of India.

4.—Men serving in ROYAL NAVY, or in the ROYAL MARINES, or in the NEWFOUNDLAND ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE, and members of the ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

5.—Men who have, since August 4th, 1914, served in the military or naval forces of Great Britain or her Allies in any theatre of actual war and have been honourably discharged therefrom.

6.—Clergy, including members of any recognized order of an exclusively religious character, and ministers of all religious denominations existing in Newfoundland at the date of the passing of this Act.

AMENDMENTS

made by the Legislative Council in and upon a Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled "An Act Respecting Military Service."

Section Three, Sub-section One.

In the description of Class 1 substitute "1893" for "1894."

In the description of Class 2 substitute "1888 to 1892" for "1889 to 1893."

In the description of Class 3 substitute "1883 to 1887" for "1884 to 1888."

In the description of Class 4 substitute "1882" for "1883."

Section Four, Sub-section One.

Add the following words at the end of this sub-section:

"The Proclamation calling out Class 1 shall be issued forthwith upon the passing of this Act, and shall require all men so called out to report not later than the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and the date when

such men shall be placed on active service shall be fixed by the Military Service Board hereinafter mentioned."

Section Four, Sub-section Two.

Insert before the words "men so called out shall report" the following words:—

"Except as hereinafter provided."

Section Four, Sub-section Three.

Delete this sub-section.

Section Four, Sub-section Four.

Renumber this sub-section as Three.

Section Five, Sub-section One.

Strike out the words "shall be" and substitute the words "is hereby."

Section Five, Sub-section Three.

Strike out the words "two or more members" and substitute the words "one or more member or members."

Section Five, Sub-section Eleven.

Strike out the whole sub-section and substitute the following:—

(11)—(a) The Tribunal may in any case in which it thinks fit appoint a Commissioner at any

place to examine witnesses upon oath and such Commissioner shall have power to summon and compel the attendance before him of such witnesses and to find upon any question of fact submitted to him by the Tribunal. The examination of witnesses before any such Commissioner shall be taken in public.

(b) In any case in which the Commissioner is satisfied upon the evidence taken before him that the applicant is clearly entitled to exemption on any of the grounds (b), (c) or (d) mentioned in section eight of this Act or that he is obviously so infirm as to be unfit for military service, the Commissioner may, subject to any rules made or directions given by the Tribunal grant to such applicant a conditional certificate of exemption.

(c) Forthwith upon the completion of such examination the Commissioner shall report to the Tribunal the evidence so taken before him, and his findings upon any question of fact submitted to him, and if he has granted a conditional certificate of exemption, the grounds upon which he has done so.

(d) The Tribunal shall consider the report of the Commissioner and may confirm or vary the report or remit it to the same or another Commissioner for further inquiry, or may itself receive further evidence upon the questions of fact arising in the case, and may confirm, vary, cancel, or otherwise deal with any conditional certificate of exemption granted by the Commissioner as to it seems just.

Section Nine, Sub-section One.

Strike out paragraph (d) of this sub-section and substitute the following:—

(d) Appoint a Board to be known as the Military Service Board consisting of three or more persons and appoint such peace officers and other officers as may be deemed necessary, and give to the said Board and officers respectively such powers and impose on them respectively such duties as may be deemed necessary.

Schedule: Sixth Exemption:

Add at the end the following words:

“And ecclesiastical students who are undergoing or have completed their course of study for the ministry at some college recognized by the head in Newfoundland of their religious denomination.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting Military Service.”

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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 the Honourable Mr. Ellis moved:

“That the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Extend the Term of the present Legislature” be now read a second time.”

After a short debate,

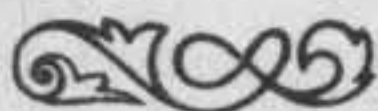
On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the said motion stand adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 7th, at half past three o'clock p.m.



TUESDAY, May 7th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
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RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Military Service" 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 some amendments and requesting their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows:—

AMENDMENTS

made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled “AN ACT RESPECTING MILITARY SERVICE.”

Section Three, Sub-section One.

In the description of Class 1, substitute “1888 to 1892” for “1889 to 1893.”

In the description of Class 3, substitute “1883 to 1887” for “1884 to 1888.”

In the description of Class 4, substitute “1882” for “1883.”

Section Four, Sub-section One.

Add the following words at the end of this sub-section: “The Proclamation calling out Class 1 shall be issued forthwith upon the passing of this Act and shall require all men so called out to report not later than the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and the date when such men shall be placed on active service shall be fixed by the Military Service Board hereinafter mentioned.”

Section Four, Sub-section Two.

Insert before the words "men so called out shall report" the following words: "Except as hereinbefore provided."

Section Four, Sub-section Three.

Delete this sub-section.

Section Four, Sub-section Four.

Renumber this sub-section as Three.

Section Five, Sub-section One.

Strike out the words "shall be" and substitute the words "is hereby."

Section Five, Sub-section Three.

Strike out the word "such" before the word "cases."

Strike out the words "two or more members" and substitute the words "one or more member or members."

Section Five, Sub-section Eleven.

Strike out the whole sub-section and substitute the following:—

(11)—(a) The Tribunal may in any case in which it thinks fit appoint a Commissioner at any place to examine witnesses upon oath and such Commissioner shall have power to summon and

compel the attendance before him of such witnesses and to find upon any question of fact submitted to him by the Tribunal. The examination of witnesses before any such Commissioner shall be taken in public.

(b) In any case in which the Commissioner is satisfied upon the evidence taken before him that the applicant is clearly entitled to exemption upon any of the grounds (b), (c), or (d) mentioned in section eight of this Act or that he is obviously so infirm as to be unfit for military service, the Commissioner may subject to any rules made or directions given by the Tribunal grant to such applicant a conditional certificate of exemption.

(c) Forthwith upon the completion of such examination the Commissioner shall report to the Tribunal the evidence so taken before him and his findings upon any question of fact submitted to him, and, if he has granted a conditional certificate of exemption, the grounds upon which he has done so.

(d) The Tribunal shall consider the report of the Commissioner and may confirm or vary the report or remit it to the same or another Commissioner for further enquiry or may itself receive further evidence upon the questions of fact arising in the case, and may confirm, vary, cancel or otherwise deal with any conditional certificate of exemption granted by the Commissioner as to it seems just.

(e) Every Commissioner so appointed by the Tribunal shall unless relieved in writing by the Tri-

bunal, perform his duties as such Commissioner, and any Commissioner who without reasonable excuse fails to do so, shall be guilty of any offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

Section Nine, Sub-section One.

Strike out paragraph (d) of this sub-section and substitute the following:—“(d) Appoint a Board to be known as the Military Service Board, consisting of three or more persons and appoint such peace officers and other officers as may be deemed necessary and give to the said Board and officers respectively such powers and impose on them such duties as may be deemed necessary. The said Board shall be appointed forthwith upon the passing of this Act.”

Section Thirteen, Sub-section One.

Strike out the words “of not less than ten dollars nor more than” and substitute the words “not exceeding.”

Section Thirteen, Sub-section Two.

In paragraph (c) strike out all words after “conviction” and substitute the following: “to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both fine and imprisonment.”

Schedule:

Add at the end the following words: “And ecclesiastical students who are undergoing or have

completed their course of study for the ministry at some college recognized by the head in Newfoundland of their religious denomination.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Ellis moved “That the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature” be now read a second time.”

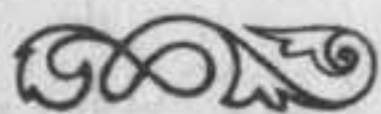
After considerable debate,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis,

Ordered,—That the Debate upon the said motion be adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Milley gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if Baron Morris is at the present time a member for the District of St. John’s West.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 8th, at half past four o’clock p.m.



WEDNESDAY, May 8th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.

President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
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RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS.
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned motion "That the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Extend for a Further Period the Term of the Present Legislature" be now read a second time."

The Debate was resumed.

After long Debate—

The question was put.

The House divided:

CONTENTS (12).

NON-CONTENTS (7).

Hons. Messrs. Ellis

Hon. Messrs. Goodridge

Anderson

Milley

Harvey

Gibbs

Winter

Squires

Templeman

Knowling

Power

Bishop

McNamara

Skelton

Bell

Cook

Mews

Ryan

Murphy.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Nine of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled "Of Patents."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop 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 Honourable Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That that consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series)” be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the Termination of the present War certain Powers in relation to Imports and Exports.”

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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners."

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping" be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Act 8, Edward VII. (1908), Chapter 5, entitled "An Act with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment."

The Hon. Mr. McNamara 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. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Education Act 1916” 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1915) Chapter 17 entitled “An Act respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund.”

The Hon. Mr. Mews 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. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916” be deferred until to-morrow.

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

titled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled "Of the Keeping of Dogs" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Milley asked the Honourable Leader of the Government if Baron Morris is at the present moment a Member for the District of St. John's West.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis replied.

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 entitled "An Act to Amend the "Fire Patrol Act, Cap. 16, 1 George V. (1911)," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 7th, 1918.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 1, George V., 1911, Chapter 16, entitled "An Act respecting a Fire Patrol," was read a first time, and

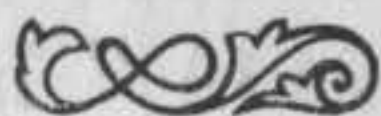
Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis laid upon the Table the following Reports:

Report of the Newfoundland Agricultural Board for the Term ended December 31st, 1917.

Report of the Postmaster General on the Postal Telegraph Service for the Year ended 30th June, 1917.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 9th, at four o'clock p.m.



THURSDAY, May 9th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
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WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act to Amend Chapter 109 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled “Of Patents.”

“An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the Termination of the present War Certain Powers in relation to Imports and Exports.”

“An Act to Amend the Act 8, Edward VII., (1908) Chapter 5, entitled “An Act with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment”; and

“An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V., (1915) Chapter 17, entitled “An Act respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund.”

Were severally read a third time and passed, and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature.”

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the remaining Orders of the Day be deferred until 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 Extend and Amend the Act 3, George V., (1913) Chapter Twenty-six, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers”; “An Act to Authorize the Raising of a sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes,” and “An Act for the More Effectual Transfer of certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 8th, 1918.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act for the More Effectual Transfer of Certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland”;

“An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for Naval and Military Purposes,” and

“An Act to Extend and Amend the Act 3, George V., (1913) Chap. 26, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers,”

Were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, May 10th, at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.



FRIDAY, MAY 10th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
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SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into

Committee of the Whole on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature."

The Honourable Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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 for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series)."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop 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. Gibbs the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners."

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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 be read a third time to-morrow, as amended.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping,” be deferred until to-morrow.

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 to Amend the Education Act 1916.”

The Hon. 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 to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916” be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled “Of the Keeping of Dogs.”

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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Identification of Criminals” 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. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Restrict Temporarily the Persons who may engage in Business connected with cer-

tain Non Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores” 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. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act I., George V. (1911), Chap. 16, entitled “An Act Respecting a Fire Patrol,” 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. Gibbs the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for the More Effectual Transfer of Certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature.”

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.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House with regard to the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature" and all amendments relating thereto.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, May 11th, at three o'clock p.m.



SATURDAY, May 11th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANCIS M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

The Minutes of Friday, May 10th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series)”;

“An Act to Amend “The Education Act, 1916,” and

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled “Of the Keeping of Dogs,”

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 Messages that this House had passed the said Bills without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled:

“An Act respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners,” 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 and requesting their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows:

Section One.

Strike out the whole section and substitute the following:—

1. The master of every vessel engaged in the trade of Newfoundland, when detained in any port other than her home port in this Colony, by stress of weather or by any other cause, or compelled to take refuge in any port at any time for a period exceeding forty-eight hours, shall proceed to the nearest telegraph station, provided a telegraph station is within a distance not exceeding three miles, and shall telegraph to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at the expense of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, giving his own name, the name of his vessel, her present position, her port of departure, and her destination.

Section Two.

Strike out the word "twenty" and substitute the words "not exceeding fifty."

Section Three.

Strike out the word "schooner" and substitute the word "vessel."

Section Four.

Strike out the word "schooners" and substitute the word "vessels."

Title.

Strike out the word "schooners" and substitute the word "vessels."

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

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of the House with regard to the Legislature (Extension) 1918 Bill and all amendments relating thereto be suspended.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Extend the Term of the Present Legislature.”

The Hon. Mr. Knowling 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:—

Section One.

Strike out all the words of this section after "until" and substitute therefor the words "the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen."

Section Two.

Strike out the words "any session" and substitute the words "the term."

Add at the end of the section the following words: "except the Legislature (Extension) Act, 1917: Provided, however, that any member of the present House of Assembly who at the present time holds any office of profit under the Crown other than that of Minister of Justice, Colonial Secretary, Minister of Finance and Customs, Solicitor-General, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, Speaker or Deputy Speaker or Chairman of Committees of the House of Assembly, Minister of Public Works, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Minister of Militia, Minister of Shipping, Prime Minister, or any other office of profit included in the said Chapter, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat on the passing of this Act: and that any such member who shall hereafter accept any such office shall by reason of his acceptance thereof vacate his seat."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Departmental (Shipping) Bill 1918 be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act 1916" 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Identification of Criminals."

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, 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. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Restrict Temporarily the Persons who may engage in business connected with certain Non Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores."

The Hon. Mr. Templeman 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 1, George V. (1911), Chap. 16, entitled "An Act respecting a Fire Patrol."

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the More Effectual Transfer of certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland."

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

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

“An Act to Extend and Amend the Act 3, George V. (1913), Chap. 26, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers.”

Were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively: “An Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1916,” and “An Act to Amend

the Soldiers and Sailors Wills Act, 1917," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 9th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 6th, 1918.

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

"An Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act 1916";

"An Act to Amend the Soldiers and Sailors Wills Act 1917," and

"An Act respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland,"

Were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Ellis, a Member of the Executive Council, informed the President that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to assent to the Military Service Bill and the Legislature Extension Bill this evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis laid on the Table the following Report of the Internal Economy of the Legislature:

The Commission of Internal Economy beg to report as follows:

The vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Robert Avery and Reuben Edgecomb, deceased messengers, have not been filled.

Masters Walter Craniford and William Ryall have been appointed pages, in place of Albert Craniford and Leo Griffen, resigned.

Mr. Leslie R. Curtis has been transferred to the Legislative Council Reporters Staff, and Mr. Wm. J. Crotty has been appointed to the House of Assembly staff.

Publication of Debates has been assigned to the Herald and Advocate newspapers; and publication of the Synopsis has been assigned to the Weekly Advocate, Trade Review, and Workman, St. John's; and the Sun, Twillingate; Guardian, Bay Roberts; Western Star, Curling; Enterprise, Trinity; and Miner, Bell Island.

Printing of the Journal and Sessional papers of the House of Assembly has been assigned to The Evening Herald; and printing of the Journal and Sessional papers of the Legislative Council has been assigned to The Advocate.

The printing and publishing of the Hansard has been assigned to The Advocate.

W. F. LLOYD,
Chairman.

May 7th, 1918.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

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 respecting Military Service" without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 11th, 1918.

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 Extend the Term of the Present Legislature," without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 11th, 1918.

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 Reporting of Missing Schooners," without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 11th, 1918.

At half past seven o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, 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 respecting Military Service” and

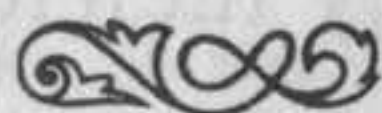
“An Act Further to Extend the Term of the present Legislature.”

The House of Assembly then retired.

His Excellency withdrew.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis gives Notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd Rule and all other Rules of this House with regard to all Bills, Addresses, Petitions and all other matters now before or to come before this House for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, May 13th, at four o’clock p.m.



MONDAY, May 13th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

The Hon. Mr. Ellis laid upon the Table information asked for by the Hon. Mr. Gibbs.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Identification of Criminals” 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 a Message that this House had passed the said Bill with an amendment in which they request their concurrence.

The amendment is as follows:—Sec. 5, line 1. Before the word “custody” insert the word “lawful.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act to Restrict Temporarily the Persons who may engage in Business connected with Certain Non Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 1, George V. (1911), Chapter 16, entitled “An Act respecting a Fire Patrol,” and

“An Act for the more Effectual Transfer of Certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland,”

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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping."

The Hon. Mr. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act, 1916."

The Hon. Mr. Cook 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 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 in the said amendment.

The amendment is as follows:

Section 1.—At the end thereof insert the following words: “Provided that if the specific gravity exceeds eight pounds and five hundredths of a pound the package containing it shall be legibly branded with the specific gravity and the words “motor kerosene.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis 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 Military and Naval Purposes.”

The Hon. Mr. Bell 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Extend and Amend the Act 3, Geo. V. (1913), Chap. 26, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers."

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. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1918," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Winter 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. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Soldiers and Sailors Wills Act, 1917," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

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 of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping."

The Hon. Mr. 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 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:

Throughout the Bill and Title where the word "Ministry" occurs strike out the word "Ministry" and insert therefor the word "Department."

Section One. At the end thereof insert the following words: "The work of the said Depart-

ment shall be conducted by a Board consisting of not less than two members additional to the Minister which Board shall be appointed by the Governor-in-Council."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland."

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.

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 Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 13th, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes" was read a first time and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 14th, at three o'clock p.m.



TUESDAY, May 14th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,
JOHN J. MURPHY,
MICHAEL F. POWER,
RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
FRANK M. McNAMARA,
SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The amendment is as follows:

Section 7. At the end thereof insert the following words:—

“Except that no man shall be subject to any corporal punishment other than imprisonment or death for any contravention of such laws and regulations.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton 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 Honourable 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 Bills entitled respectively: "An Act Further to Amend the Act 3, Edward VII. (1903), Chapter six, entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals"; "An Act to Amend the Act 4, George V. (1914), Chapter Seventeen, entitled "An Act respecting the Operation of Saw Mills," and "An Act for the Encouragement of Cattle Raising," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 14th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively: "An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes"; "An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916"; "An Act to Amend the Act 5, Edward VII. (1906), Chapter Seven, entitled "An Act to Increase the

Revenue by Imposing Taxes on Business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony"; "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, 1918, and the 30th day of June, 1919, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service"; "An Act to Amend the Act 5, George V. (1914), Chapter Ten, entitled "An Act respecting Stamp Duties"; "An Act further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905"; "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1917"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 36 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled "Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations"; "An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances"; "An Act respecting the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's."

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 13th, 1918.

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 respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland" without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 14th, 1918.

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 respecting the Ministry of Shipping" with some amendment in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 14th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments sent down in and upon the Bills sent up entitled respectively:—"An Act respecting the Identification of Criminals" and "An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act, 1916."

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 13th, 1918.

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

"An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905";

"An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1917";

“An Act to Amend the Act 5, Edward VII. (1906), Chap. 7, entitled “An Act to Increase the Revenue by Imposing Taxes on Business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony”;

“An Act to Amend Chap. 36 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series) entitled “Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations”;

“An Act further to Amend the Act 4, George V. (1914), Chapter 17, entitled “An Act respecting the Operation of Saw Mills”;

“An Act to Amend the Act 5, George V. (1914), Chapter 10, entitled “An Act respecting Stamp Duties”;

“An Act further to Amend the Act 3, Edward VII. (1903), Chapter 6, entitled “An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals”;

“An Act for the Encouragement of Cattle Raising.”

Were severally read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s” was read a first time and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for Defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively the 30th day of June, 1918, and the 30th day of June, 1919, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," 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 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. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," was read a first and second time and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Winter 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. Mr. Bishop the House went into Committee on the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Ministry of Shipping."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy 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 informing it of the Council's concurrence in the said amendments.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 15th, at three o'clock p.m.



WEDNESDAY, May 15th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.

President.

The Honourables GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
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ALEXANDER W. MEWS.
DANIEL A. RYAN.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis—

Ordered,—That the consideration of the Income War Tax Bill, 1918, be deferred until later in the evening.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis laid on the Table the following Reports:

Report of the Marine Disasters Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1917;

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund for the year 1917.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905."

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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1917."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to Amend the Act 3, Ed. VII. (1903), Chap. 6, entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals."

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:

Strike out Section 3 of the Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 5, George V. (1914), Cap. 10, entitled "An Act respecting Stamp Duties."

The Hon. Mr. Templeman 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. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to Amend the Act 4, George V. (1914), Cap. 17, entitled "An Act respecting the Operation of Saw Mills."

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs 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, Line 2, after the word "lumber" insert the words "or caused to be sawn or otherwise manufactured into lumber."

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

And the question being put the House divided: Contents, 8; Non Contents, 9.

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Bishop
Winter
Goodridge
Ryan
Knowling
Squires
Milley

NON CONTENTS (9)

Hon. Messrs. Ellis
Harvey
Bell
Mews
McNamara
Murphy
Anderson
Cook
Templeman.

So it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying amendment upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes," and request that the same may be inserted in the Bill now before the Legislative Council.

EDWARD PARSONS,
Deputy Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 15th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act respecting Salaries," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

EDWARD PARSONS,
Deputy Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 15th, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Salaries" was read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time later in the evening.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 36 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled "Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations."

The Hon. Mr. Winter in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The 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. Mr. Harvey laid on the Table a letter from the Commercial Cable Company with reference to the "Telegraph Companies (Taxation) Bill, 1918."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 5, Edward VII. (1906), Cap. 7, entitled "An Act to Increase the Revenue by Imposing Taxes upon Business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony."

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. Ellis the House went into

Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Cattle Raising."

The Hon. Mr. McNamara 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. Mr. Ellis the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes."

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 and that they had inserted the amendments requested by the Hon. House of Assembly of this day's date.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's," was read a second time and ordered to be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Ryan 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. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Mews 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. Mr. Ellis the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Salaries" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be now committed.

The Hon. Mr. Bell 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. Mr. Ellis laid on the Table the following Reports:

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Church of England Boards for the year ending 30th June, 1917.

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Roman Catholic Boards for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

The Hon. the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Thursday, May 16th, at three o'clock p.m.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 16th, at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.



THURSDAY, May 16th, 1918.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR PATRICK T. MCGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE KNOWLING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY,
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SAMUEL K. BELL,
TASKER K. COOK,
ALEXANDER W. MEWS,
DANIEL A. RYAN.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 15th, were read.

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 Act 4, George V. (1914), Chapter 17, entitled "An Act respecting the Operation of Saw Mills," without amendment.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 16th, 1918.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that the House of Assembly does not concur in the Council's amendments to the Act respecting Crown Lands, Mines and Timber.

W. J. HIGGINS,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 16th, 1918.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Ellis,

Ordered,—That this House recede from their amendments on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals," and

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly to this effect.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Alexander Harris, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, 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 to amend the Act 1 George V. (1911) Chapter Sixteen, entitled “An Act Respecting a Fire Patrol.”

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

An Act to Authorize the Levying of a War Tax on Certain Incomes.

An Act to Amend the Shipbuilding Act, 1916.

An Act to Amend the Act 5 Edward VII.

(1906) Chapter Seven, entitled "An Act to Increase the Revenue by Imposing Taxes upon Business Transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in Transit through the Colony."

An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1918, and the 30th day of June, 1919, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service."

"An Act to Amend the Act 5 George V. (1914) Chapter Ten, entitled "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties."

An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905.

An Act Respecting Salaries.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Nine of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled "Of Patents."

An Act to Amend the Education Act, 1916.

An Act to Amend the Act 6 George V. (1915) Chapter 17, entitled "An Act Respecting the Establishment of a Permanent Marine Disasters Fund."

An Act to Further Amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, Second Series, entitled "Of the Keeping of Dogs."

An Act to Amend the Inflammable Substances Act, 1916.

An Act Respecting the Reporting of Missing Schooners.

An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series).

An Act Respecting the Ministry of Shipping.

An Act to Continue for a Period of Five Years after the termination of the Present War Certain Powers in Relation to Imports and Exports.

An Act to Amend the Act 8 Edward VII. (1908) Chapter Five, entitled "An Act with Respect to Compensation to Workmen for Injuries Suffered in the Course of their Employment."

An Act Respecting the Identification of Criminals.

An Act to Restrict Temporarily the Persons who may Engage in Business Connected with Certain Non-Ferrous Metals and Metallic Ores.

An Act for the more Effectual Transfer of Certain Properties to the Congregational Home Missionary Society of Newfoundland.

An Act to Extend and Amend the Act 3 George V. (1913) Chapter Twenty-six, entitled "An Act Respecting the Preservation of Beavers."

An Act to Amend the Soldiers and Sailors Wills Act, 1917.

An Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, 1916.

An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1917.

An Act to Amend Chapter Thirty-six of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Second Series), entitled "Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations."

An Act Respecting the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's.

An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act further to Amend the Act 3 Edward VII. (1903) Chapter six, entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals."

An Act further to Amend the Act 4 George V. (1914) Chapter Seventeen, entitled "An Act respecting the Operation of Saw Mills."

An Act for the Encouragement of Cattle Raising.

An Act Respecting the Military Forces of Newfoundland.

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 is a pleasure to me to be able to relieve you thus early from the duties which your attendance at this Session has involved. Having regard to the number and importance of the measures which have formed the subject of your deliberations, it is gratifying that you have been able to dispose of them with such despatch, and so clear the way for what will be to most of you a very busy season.

The measures which you have taken for dealing with the Revenue are, I trust, such as will amply provide for the increasing needs of the Public Service, and the growing pressure of those war burdens which you have shouldered in common with the rest of the Empire. Guided as you have been, in their enactment by the underlying principles of justice and equity, I believe they will be regarded as eminently fair and reasonable.

Your prompt and patriotic action in providing for the enrolment of men in order to keep at full strength the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and ensure the maintenance of the splendid record which has been achieved by our forces, will meet with universal commendation, and form another evidence of that loyalty which has ever been the proud boast of this Oldest Colony.

The provision which you have made for the raising of a loan locally for war purposes, displays a confidence in the practical patriotism of our people which I am certain will be fully justified.

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

I thank you for the liberal nature of the supplies which you have provided for the Public Service. The appropriations will be expended with due regard to obtaining the fullest returns to the public.

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

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

I sincerely trust that the fishery operations of our people, in which they are now about to engage, will be attended with the fullest measure of success, and that it will be found possible to arrange for the profitable marketing of the catch.

In taking leave of you I would express the hope that Divine Providence may bless and prosper you and our common country, and that the terrible struggle in which we, in common with the Mother Country and her Allies, are participating may be brought to an early and victorious conclusion.

The Honourable the President then said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Monday, the 30th day of September 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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