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PROCLAMATION

W. H. HORWOOD
ADMINISTRATOR
[L. S.]

By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM HENRY HORWOOD, Knight, Chief Justice, Administrator and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 15th day of April instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the 13th day of May next;

I do, therefore, by this Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the 13th day of May next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House,
St. John's, this 14th day of April, A. D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM HENRY HORWOOD, Knight, Chief Justice, Administrator and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

W. H. HORWOOD
ADMINISTRATOR
[L. S.]

WHEREAS, the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 13th day of May instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the 10th day of June next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the 10th day of June 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 12th day of May, A.D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

W. E. DAVIDSON
GOVERNOR
[L. S.]

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 10th day of June instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Eighth day of July next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Eighth day of July next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House,
St. John's, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

W. E. DAVIDSON
GOVERNOR
[L. S.]

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

WHEREAS, the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 8th day of July instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Fifth day of August next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Fifth day of August next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House,
St. John's, this 4th day of July, A. D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

W. E. DAVIDSON
GOVERNOR
[L. S.]

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

WHEREAS, the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 5th day of August instant; and whereas I think fit to futher prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Second day of September next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Second day of September next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House,
St. John's, this 4th day of August, A. D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

W. E. DAVIDSON
GOVERNOR
[L. S.]

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

WHEREAS, the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 2nd day of September next; and whereas I think it well to convene the said General Assembly for the despatch of business on the said Wednesday, the Second day of September next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and to meet at the town of St. John's, *for the despatch of business*, on Wednesday, the Second day of September next, 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 20th day of August, A.D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

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Begun and holden at St. John's in the said Island on Wednesday, the Second day of September, Anno Domini Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen, being in the Fifth year of the reign of His Majesty Our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Wednesday, September 2nd, 1914.

The General Assembly having, by several Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, which Proclamations are hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day, the members thereof met in the Assembly Room.

At three of the clock in the afternoon a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attention of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Then Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber:

And, being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance on His Excellency in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both branches of the Legislature, of which, for greater accuracy, he had procured a copy, which he read to the House.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

You are called together today under circumstances of an unparalleled character. The European war, in which the Mother Country found herself compelled to engage, has occasioned such conditions that all the Oversea Dominions have felt it a pride and a privilege to tender her their moral and material support. My Ministers promptly made undertakings on behalf of this Colony for which you will be invited to provide. Other measures designed to cope with exceptional circumstances, which may arise during the course of the war, will be submitted to your consideration.

Since last we met the Colony has suffered from an appalling catastrophe, whereby some two hundred and fifty of our people lost their lives the past spring at the seal fishery. The disaster, almost unexampled in our annals, brought sorrow and desolation to many a fishing hamlet and deprived scores of homes of their breadwinners. While deploring this tragic incident, we have, however, cause for gratitude. Thanks to the magnificent generosity of our own people and sympathetic friends abroad, the funds for the relief of the sufferers reached so substantial a figure as to assure all, for many years to come, of very liberal assistance.

My Ministers avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by this extraordinary Session to submit to you a measure providing for the creation of a tribunal to enquire into the circumstances surrounding this loss of life and to suggest such remedial measures as may be deemed desirable. A Bill will also be submitted to you requiring that every steamer prosecuting the seal fishery henceforth shall be provided with a sufficient equipment of wireless telegraphy.

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

Proposals will be laid before you in relation to expenditures arising out of the undertakings already given to the Mother Country in respect to the present war.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

Britons in the Mother Country and Oversea Dominions must thrill with pride at the evidence of Imperial solidarity which this crisis has evoked. The world has seen no more magnificent spectacle

than that which is presented just now of the far-flung possessions of the Crown rallying to the support of the Mother Land in this emergency. It is a special pleasure to me, representing His Majesty the King in this, the oldest Colony, to know that in loyalty, patriotism and self-sacrifice Newfoundland is prepared to do its part, as shown by the ready response of our people to the call of the Mother Land.

In conclusion I would say that I trust Divine Providence may guide us all to wide measures in the interests of the country and the Empire, and I feel sure that in the time of trial and anxiety through which we have to pass, the people of this country will maintain that aspect of calmness and dignity which, in previous periods of tribulation, has characterized them. It is essentially a time when mutual forbearance on the one hand, and a generous spirit of co-operation on the other, will do very much to mitigate the difficulties which must incidentally follow from a prolonged continuance of hostilities, and to buoy us up with hope for better things when peace is again proclaimed.

When Mr. Speaker had finished reading the Speech, the members rose in their places and sang the National Anthem.

It was moved by Mr. R. J. Devereaux, and seconded by Mr. Thomas LeFeuvre, that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor in reply to the gracious speech with which he had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft such Address in Reply.

The following Committee was appointed to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, namely: Mr. Devereaux, Mr. LeFeuvre, Mr. Clift, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Moore, Mr. M.J. Kennedy.

Rt. Hon. the Premier laid on the table a copy of the correspondence respecting the European crisis.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister laid on the table of the House a copy of certain correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, and by unanimous consent of the House, the Rules of the House were suspended for the present Session.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the organization of a Volunteer Force in Newfoundland.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Public Enquiries Act to enable the Governor-in-Council to enquire into matters relating to the Fisheries.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of wireless telegraphy on steamers, and other measures for the safety of crews engaged in the prosecution of the Seal Fishery.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for a Moratorium.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "The War Measures Act."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill dealing with the control of the price of foodstuffs during the continuance of the war.

Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the raising of a sum of \$250,000.

Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for a temporary loan on the credit of the Colony of \$250,000.

Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce Resolutions to amend the Revenue Act.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow at three of the clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, September 3rd, 1914.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Devereaux on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a Reply to His Excellency's Speech, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:—

To His Excellency Walter Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

May it Please Your Excellency:—

We the Commons of Newfoundland in Legislative Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the gracious speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature: R. J. Devereaux, Thos. LeFeuvre, M. J. Kennedy, P. F. Moore, John Dwyer, J. A. Clift.

On motion of Mr. Devereaux, seconded by Mr. LeFeuvre, the Report of the Select Committee to draft an Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, was received and adopted.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council" was introduced and read a first time and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council" was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance" was introduced and read a first time and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance" was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair:

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments.

It was moved and seconded that this Report be received and adopted, and that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Volunteer Force in this Colony" was introduced and read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Volunteer Force in this Colony" was read a second time, and it was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Volunteer Force in this Colony."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and adopted, and that the Committee have leave to sit again.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister read to the House the following letter from His Excellency the Governor.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
September 3rd, 1914.

To the Prime Minister,
Right Hon. Sir E. P. Morris,
P.C., K.C.M.G., LL.D.

Mr. Harcourt has telegraphed me officially:

(1)—The Russians have smashed four Austrian Army Corps at Lemberg, in Austrian Galicia, and taken 150 guns.

(2)—The Russians are investing the fortress of Königsberg in East Prussia.

(3)—Continuous fighting in Northern France, where the British cavalry has greatly distinguished itself and taken 10 guns.

(4)—The French continue to advance in Lorraine and are invading German soil.

I have replied in fitting terms and have said that the Newfoundland Regiment is now 800 strong and going under canvas. Contingent of 500 will be ready to start on the 1st October.

W. E. DAVIDSON.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council during the existence of a state of war, to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld," was introduced and read a first time and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council,

during the existence of a state of war, to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld," was read a second time and was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council, during the existence of a state of war, to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with an amendment.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and adopted, and that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council, during the existence of a state of war, to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony" was introduced and read a first time and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony" was read a second time, and it was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the Bill without amendment.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and adopted, and that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

The remaining orders of the day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until tomorrow, Friday, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Friday, September 4th, 1914.

The House met at four of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the intimation received from His Excellency the Governor, the House had presented the Address of Thanks at three-thirty of the clock today, and that His Excellency had received the Address of Thanks and had been pleased to thank the House for the same.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance;" and "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council during the existence of a State of War to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld" without amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House reresolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill "An Act Respecting Volunteer Force in this Colony."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Volunteer Force in this Colony" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill "An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be

sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers engaged in the Trade of the Colony," with an amendment, in which they requested the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

On motion the amendment was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Upon the motion to read the amendment a second time, it was moved in amendment that the said amendment be amended as follows: By adding at the end of said amendment the following, "And any other vessel carrying passengers from or within this Colony when named by the Governor-in-Council in a Proclamation to be published in the Royal Gazette." Which amendment passed, and it was so ordered.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill respecting the exportation of Timber was introduced and read a first time, and was ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber" was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for raising a sum of money by loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the Resolutions and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

On motion it was ordered that this report be received and adopted, and that the Bill be read a first time presently.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Volunter Force in this Colony" without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers engaged in the Trade of the Colony" without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council" without amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill "An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to raise a temporary loan in certain cases" was introduced and read a first time and was ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to raise a temporary Loan in certain cases" was read a second time and was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to raise a temporary Loan in certain cases."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to raise a Temporary Loan in certain cases," was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the maintenance and equipment of a Volunteer Force" was introduced and read a first time, and was ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act for Raising a sum of Money by Loan for the maintenance and equipment of a Volunteer Force" was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and equipment of a Volunteer Force."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by loan for the maintenance and equipment of a Volunteer Force" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the Resolutions and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a first time presently.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill "An Act Further to amend the Revenue Act 1905" was introduced and read a first time, and was ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Revenue Act 1905" was read a second time and was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act further to amend the Revenue Act 1905."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Revenue Act, 1905" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered

that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourns until tomorrow afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Saturday, September 5th, 1914.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill to provide for a Moratorium was introduced and read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony" was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and

that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill without some amendments.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of certain duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons" was introduced and read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of deceased persons" was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with an amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties" was introduced and read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties" was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Monday, September the 7th, at twelve of the clock, noon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Monday, September 7th, 1914.

The House met at twelve of the clock, noon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905," "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons," "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber," and "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony," without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to Raise a Temporary Loan in Certain Cases," without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force," without amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Parsons took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the Bill with some amendments.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that it be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a Message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until five of the clock.

Mr. Speaker on resuming the Chair, informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that they had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties," without amendment.

At six of the clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod appeared at the Bar of the House with a message from His Excellency the Governor commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

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

Mr. Speaker, at the Bar of the Council Chamber, addressed His Excellency as follows:—

May it Please Your Excellency:

The House of Assembly have voted certain supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

In the name of the House of Assembly, I present the following Bills for Your Excellency's assent:—

An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance.

An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council, during the Existence of a State of War, to take possession of food-stuffs unreasonably withheld.

An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers engaged in the Trade of the Colony.

An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council.

An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony.

An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber.

An Act to Authorize the Governor-in-Council to Raise a Temporary Loan in certain cases.

An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force.

An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons.

An Act Further to Amend the Revenue, 1905.

An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony.

An Act Respecting Stamp Duties.

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

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

“ I thank you for the speedy and effective manner in which you
 “ have dealt with the various matters submitted to you. I earnestly
 “ trust the duration of the war may be so brief as to render it un-
 “ necessary to invoke the aid of some of these wise measures, though
 “ they have been all framed with a view to stabilitate the country
 “ and the Empire of which we are a part. It has been a special
 “ gratification to me to observe the splendid unanimity existing
 “ among your members. The example thus set cannot but be of
 “ great value, not alone for our own people in the period of trial
 “ which confronts us, but to the whole Empire, as further evidence
 “ of the unity of the British Dominions.”

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

“ I thank you for the appropriations you have made, not alone
 “ to cover our defence contribution, but for the maintenance of the
 “ Public Service, as the impairment of the provision previously as-
 “ sured is so seriously threatened by the war.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

“ In relieving you from further attendance upon a session
 “ which, though short, must at this season have greatly inconven-
 “ ienced many of you, I fervently trust that Divine Providence may
 “ ever guide you and all upon whom rests the responsibility of di-
 “ recting the affairs of our Empire, and ensuring the peace and hap-
 “ piness of those who dwell therein. I further hope that, before we
 “ meet again, victory will crown the arms of Great Britain and
 “ her Allies.”

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

Gentlemen,—It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the 7th day of October then and here to be holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

H. Y. MOTT,

Clerk.

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