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By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM LAMOND ALLARDYCE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Colony of Newfoundland.

Second Session of the Twenty-Fifth
General Assembly, 1924

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PROCLAMATION.

W. L. ALLARDYCE,
Governor.
(L.S.)

By His Excellency SIR
WILLIAM LAMOND
ALLARDYCE, Knight
Commander of the Most
Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St.
George, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Colony of
Newfoundland.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands
prorogued until Wednesday, the Ninth day of
April, instant;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to pro-
rogate the said Assembly until Thursday, the
Twenty-fourth day of April, instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, fur-
ther prorogue the said General Assembly until
Thursday, the Twenty-fourth day of April, in-
stant, as aforesaid, then to meet for the despatch

of business, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the
Government House, St. John's, this 8th
day of April, A.D. 1924.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland

Second Session of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

THURSDAY, April 24th, 1924.

This being the day appointed for the meeting
of the Legislature.
The House met.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., LL.D.
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
S. K. BELL,
T. K. COOK,
G. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

At 3 o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor,
Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Com-
mander of the Most Distinguished Order of St.

Michael and St. George, having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, to let the House of Assembly know:

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

Who being come thereto with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:

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

**Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honour-
able House of Assembly:**

I am pleased to welcome you once more at the beginning of a new session. Since the Legislature last met there has been a decided improvement in the general business of the Colony; all, or practically all, our fish has been marketed, and as a result, the prospects for the coming fishery are distinctly encouraging. The Seal Fishery, which at first appeared to be a failure, now promises to be more than an average one, and the result will largely help to keep up the confidence in the future which has already been inspired. With a view to making the general fishery as remunerative as possible to all concerned, the Government have recently placed on the free list a number of articles used principally by fishermen. You will be asked to confirm this action.

In the Autumn of 1923 an Imperial Conference and an Imperial Economic Conference

were held in the capital of the Empire. They were attended by my Prime Minister. The result of these Conferences cannot fail to have a far-reaching and beneficial effect upon the relations of the various parts of the Empire with the Mother Country and with each other.

As a result of an undertaking given by the Government at the last session of the Legislature, a Royal Commission of Enquiry has been held which was presided over by Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C. The Report furnished by the Commissioner makes it the duty of the Government to institute further enquiries and to bring to trial those who have broken the law.

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

My Ministers, recognizing the need for retrenchment and actuated by a desire to reduce the cost of living and at the same time make the public Expenditure balance the public Revenue, will place before you largely reduced Estimates for the Civil Service. For these reasons, and in order to exercise the strictest economy, calls upon public monies for special public works must be deferred to a future date. The Commission appointed to take evidence and advise upon a revision of the Tariff has completed its work. The report will be laid before you and you will be asked to pass a new Revenue Act during the current Session.

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

**Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honour-
able House of Assembly:**

The progress of the work of construction on the West Coast is proceeding steadily. A demand for higher wages and other concessions was met and settled by the good sense and judgment of employers and employed. This great labour giving industry will provide work for numbers of people during the coming year without, I hope, detriment to the Codfishery.

It is estimated that the Railway, recently acquired by the Government, will, at the end of the fiscal year, have been operated at a very small loss compared with that incurred during recent years. It is hoped by the management that during the ensuing year no loss will be sustained. Negotiations have been opened for the future operation of the road by outside and independent contractors.

In order that more Home Industries may be brought into operation and in accordance with former precedents, two contracts will be submitted to you for ratification, namely, a contract between the Government and the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited, for the erection and continuous operation of a Flour Mill in St. John's, and a contract with Gander Valley Hydro-Electric Industries, Limited, for the development and utilization of the water powers of the Gander River in the manufacture of paper and other products.

I am glad to be able to inform you that Field

Marshal the Earl Haig has accepted the invitation of the Government to unveil the Newfoundland National War Memorial on Tuesday, 1st July, and that the Field Marshal will be accompanied by Lady Haig.

I now command your deliberations to the Guidance of Almighty God and trust they will promote the best interests of Newfoundland and its people.

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

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

On motion of Hon. M. P. Gibbs, seconded by Hon. G. Shea, the following Resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED,—That the Legislative Council hereby records its deep regret for the death of the late Honourable George Knowling, an event which has deprived this Body of an amiable and experienced Member who was of great service to the Council.

RESOLVED,—That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mrs. Knowling expressing the sympathy of the Council with her and family in the bereavement they have sustained.

On motion of the Hon. J. J. Murphy, seconded by the Hon. F. H. Steer—

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 Honourable Messrs. F. H. Steer, J. J. Murphy, F. McNamara, M. P. Gibbs and Sir P. T. McGrath be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communications had been received from Government House:—

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
4 January, 1924.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he has granted leave of absence to the Hon. D. A. Ryan from his duties in the Legislative Council during the coming session of the Legislature.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. G. STEWART GOODFELLOW,
Capt., Private Secretary.

Hon. J. D. Ryan,
President Legislative Council.
Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
3rd April, 1924.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he has granted leave of absence to the Honourable John Davey from his duties in the Legislative Council during the coming session of the Legislature.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. STEWART GOODFELLOW,
Capt., Private Secretary.

The Hon. J. D. Ryan,
President Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned till
Tuesday, 4.30 o'clock p.m.

PROCLAMATION.

W. L. ALLARDYCE,
Governor,
(L.S.)

GEORGE THE FIFTH by
the Grace of God, of the
United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Ire-
land, and of the British
Dominions beyond the
Seas, King, Defender of
the Faith, Emperor of
India.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

GREETING:

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

Know ye, that we do, for this purpose, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do, by these presents, dissolve the said General Assembly, and We do hereby discharge the members of Our Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly of the said Colony from further attendance in the said General Assembly:

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

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of

Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Colony of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in Our said Colony, this 25th day of April, A.D. 1924, and in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,
Colonial Secretary.

