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PAPERS.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND
1924.



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 Seventeenth day of October instant;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Twenty-eighth day of November next;

I do, therefore, by this, my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Twenty-eighth 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 15th day of October, A. D. 1923.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.

**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 January, instant, next;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Twentieth day of February;

I do, therefore, by this, my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the Twentieth 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 8th day of January, 1924.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Com-
mander 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 Wednes-
day, the Twentieth day of February, instant;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General
Assembly until Wednesday, the Twelfth day of March, next; ..

I do, therefore, by this, my Proclamation, further prorogue the said
General Assembly until Wednesday, the Twelfth 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 19th day of February, 1924.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.

**PROCLAMATION.**

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

*By His Excellency Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Com-
mander 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 Wednes-
day, the Twelfth day of March, instant.

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General As-
sembly until Wednesday, the Twenty-sixth day of March, instant.

I do, therefore, by this, my Proclamation, ufrther prorogue the said
General Assembly until Wednesday, the Twenty-sixth day of March, in-
stant, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required
to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, St. John's,
this 11th day of March, A.D. 1924.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



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 Twenty-sixth day of March, instant.

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Ninth day of April, next.

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, St. John's, this 25th day of March, A.D 1924.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Com-
mander 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 Wednes-
day, the Ninth-day of April, instant;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to prorogue the said General As-
sembly until Thursday, the Twenty-fourth day of April, instant;

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

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Journal and Proceedings

OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of Newfoundland

Begun and holden at St. John's in the said Island on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of April, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four, being in the Fourteenth 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.

THURSDAY, April 24th, 1924.

His Excellency having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at three of the clock in the afternoon of this Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of April instant, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Room at a quarter to three of the clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

At three of the clock a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber. Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Gracious Speech to both Branches of the Legislature, a copy of which for greater accuracy he had obtained, and then read to the House as follows:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable 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 relation 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 moneys 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 Honourable 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 Cod-fishery.

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

It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Scammell 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.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cramm, and seconded by Mr. Calpin

“That all words after the word ‘that’ be stricken out and the following be substituted therefor: ‘This House is of the opinion that the present Ministry has neither the confidence of the electorate of Newfoundland nor of a majority of the Members of this House.’”

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favour of the amendment: Mr. Higgins, Sir M. P. Cashin, Mr. Harris, Mr. Sinnott, Mr. Vinnicombe, Mr. J. Moore, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Woodford, Mr.

P. Moore, Mr. Walsh, Sir R. A. Squires, Mr. Cramm, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Calpin, Mr. Jones, (16); and against it, Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Minister of Posts, Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Mines, Hon. Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Foote, Hon. Sir W. F. Coaker, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Randell, Mr. Hibbs, Mr. Brown, Mr. Scammell, (15); so it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Sullivan gave notice of question.

Sir M. P. Cashin gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday next, 29th inst., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.