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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.

First Session of the Twenty-Sixth
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PROCLAMATION.

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

By His Excellency SIR
WILLIAM L A M O N D
ALLARDYCE, K n i g h t
Commander of the Most
Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint
George, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Colony of
Newfoundland.

WHEREAS, Royal Letters Patent of the 28th March, A.D., 1876, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, hath given and granted unto the said Governor full power and authority to summon and call together the General Assembly of the said Colony;

AND WHEREAS, Writs in due form have been issued for a General Election of Members of the General Assembly, under which Members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly;

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's in the said Colony, **for the despatch of business**, on Wednesday, the Ninth day of July, instant, of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 3rd day of July, A.D., 1924.

By His Excellency's Command.

ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council Newfoundland

First Session of the Twenty-Sixth General Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, July 9th, 1924

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

At Five minutes to Three o'clock the House met.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
S. MILLEY.
A. B. MORINE, K.C.
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.

At Three o'clock p.m. the Honourable J. D. Ryan, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable S. Milley, and the Honourable A. B. Morine, K.C., Members of the Legislative Council nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, 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 desired their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber, to hear the

Commission read, and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

<p>W. L. ALLARDYCE, Governor, (L.S.)</p>	<p>By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM L A M O N D ALLARDYCE, K n i g h t Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Newfoundland.</p>
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TO

<p>W. J. HIGGINS, Attorney General.</p>	<p>Honourable James D. Ryan, Honourable Samuel Milley, and Honourable Alfred B. Morine, K.C.,</p>
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Members of Our Legislative Council

GREETING:

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on Wednesday the Ninth day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the Third day of July 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, nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said Honourable James D. Ryan,

Honourable Samuel Milley, and Honourable Alfred B. Morine, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the Ninth day of this instant month, that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker, and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

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

By His Excellency's Command.

(Sgd.) J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable A. B. Morine, K.C., 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, here, to-morrow at three o'clock for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, July 10th, at three o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, July 10th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C. B. E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
S. K. BELL,
T. K. COOK,
D. A. RYAN,
GEO. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

At Three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, to let the House of Assembly know:

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

Who being come thereto—

Cyril James Fox, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Member for the District of St. John's East, having been presented by the Honourable the Prime Minister, Mr. Walter S. Monroe, as Speaker Elect, and the choice approved, and the usual privileges claimed and granted, 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 Honour-
able House of Assembly:**

I welcome you to this the first session of the twenty-sixth General Assembly. The circumstances under which you meet suggest that your deliberations need not be protracted, for my advisers have not been in office long enough to permit of that close investigation into public affairs which should precede legislation.

Since the last General Assembly was prorogued, three administrations have been appointed and two have resigned, and a General Election has resulted in a large majority for my present advisers. Of my Ministers who sought re-election, all except two were returned by acclamation, and the two who were opposed, obtained largely increased majorities. Many electors being absent at this season, at the fishery and elsewhere, from Bonavista District, the two members who sit for that Constituency will seek re-election at a later date this year.

The Seal Fishery this Spring was a successful one, and the Cod Fishery has commenced hopefully, with prospects of satisfactory markets. Unemployment has decreased, and upon the

whole, a new spirit of encouragement is manifested by the people of the Colony.

Field Marshal Earl Haig has recently honoured the Colony by his presence under the auspices of the Great War Veterans' Association, to unveil a beautiful National Memorial to the Colony's loyal sons who fell in the Great War, and the manner in which the occasion was marked, and the success which attended the efforts of those responsible will never be forgotten. The Field Marshal was accompanied by Lady Haig, and warships of Great Britain, France and the United States of America were present in the Port of St. John's, and officers and crews took part in the ceremony.

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

Estimates were provided by the preceding Government for the consideration of the last General Assembly. My present advisers have not had sufficient time for a complete consideration of those estimates. They have amended them in some particulars, only in the direction of greater economy and propose to submit them as amended, with a promise that such further economies shall be made as investigation may prove feasible.

The Enquiry by Auditors into the affairs of several Public Departments instituted by a recent Government, has been steadily pursued, but has not yet reached a stage which would justify an Enquiry on Oath. When such a stage has been reached, a Commissioner to hold the Enquiry will be obtained from England. In the meantime, investigations on even a wider scale than was proposed, will be commenced.

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

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

It is publicly recognized that the Prohibition Act has not been enforced, and that unlawful practices with reference to the importation, manufacture and sale of liquor, have become general. A measure designed towards more adequate control, and to decrease the many evils which result from law breaking, will be submitted to you.

The excessive cost of public printing and stationery have induced my Ministers to prepare for your consideration, a Bill designed to place the matter under the control of the Colonial Secretary, with a special official in charge as King's Printer. The work of printing, and the supply of stationery it is proposed to submit to tender and contract.

Contracts concerning an enterprise on the Gander River, and a Flour Mill at St. John's, are being reconsidered by my present advisers, and if and when satisfactory to them, will be submitted for your consideration.

My Ministers are giving earnest attention to plans for the development of natural resources to give greater employment, and stimulate the trade of the Colony, and when these have been completed, your approval will be asked.

I commend your deliberations to the guidance of the Almighty for the promotion of the best interests of the people.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Minutes of yesterday, the 9th day of July, were read.

The Honourable the president reported His Excellency's Speech and the same was read by the clerk.

On motion of the Honourable S. Milley, seconded by the Honourable D. A. Ryan—

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 S. Milley, D. A. Ryan, Sir P. T. McGrath, John Anderson and S. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from Government House:—

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland.
30th June, 1924.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has had such pleasure in granting leave of absence to the Hon. F. McNamara from his duties in the Legislative Council during the coming session.

Yours faithfully,

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

Hon. J. D. Ryan,

President Legislative Council.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table the Annual Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for the year 1923.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 14th day of July instant, at 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY, July 14th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable J. D. Ryan, President.
The Honourables SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
W. J. ELLIS,
S. K. BELL,
D. A. RYAN,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,

The Minutes of Thursday, July 10th, were read.

The Honourable Mr. Milley from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, reported a draft of the same, which was received and read a first time (short) and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Milley, and with the unanimous consent of the House the said Address was read a second time (at length)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Milley, and with the unanimous consent of the House—

Ordered—That the Address in Reply 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
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.**

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.

(Sgd.) J. D. RYAN,
President.

Council Chamber,
July 14th, 1924.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, July 21st, at 4.30 p.m.

MONDAY, July 21st, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
T. K. COOK,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Monday, July 14th, were read and confirmed.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 86 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 18th, 1924.

On motion of Honourable A. B. Morine the

Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace'" was read a first time, and

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

The Honourable M. P. Gibbs gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of 11 George V., entitled 'An Act to authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland.'"

The Honourable A. B. Morine laid on the Table of the House the following documents:—

Census of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1921; Tables 1 and 2.

Annual Report of the Department of Education, 1922-1923.

Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year ended December 31, 1923.

Newfoundland Customs' Returns for the year 1922-1923.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 24th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., LL.D.
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
S. K. BELL,
T. K. COOK,
D. A. RYAN,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Monday, the 21st inst., were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from Government House:

“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 Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the

Honourable Executive Council approved by the Governor on the 7th inst.”

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

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.
22 July, 1924.

July 5th, 1924.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), “Of the Internal Economy of the Legislature,” the following to be the Commission of Internal Economy, namely:

The President of the Legislative Council,
Honourable A. B. Morine, K.C.,
Honourable S. Milley,
The Speaker of the House of Assembly,
The Prime Minister,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General.

At 4.15 p.m. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At 4.45 p.m. the House having returned the Honourable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and return an answer thereto in the following words:—

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

I thank you for your Address in Reply to the Speech with which your present Session was opened.

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

Government House,
24th July, 1924.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Honourable M. P. Gibbs, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of II. George V., entitled "An Act to authorize The Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland," was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable A. B. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,' " was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable D. A. Ryan gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask the Honourable the Leader of the Government in the House, Mr. Morine—

1. If Dr. Mooney had completed the building of his Pulp Mill at Harbour Deep, or when would it be completed, or what had been done up to date,

2. If Mr. H. J. Crowe had completed the erection of his Pulp Mill at Hampden (White Bay), or what had been done in accordance with the terms of his Contract.
3. What amount had been paid to Mr. K. Brown, M.H.A., monthly as Inspector of the Logging Camps, Winter 1923 and 1924.
4. What amount had been paid to each person of the Committee appointed by the Government to pay back the Export Tax of ten cents per quintal on Fish shipped from the Labrador Coast, year 1922; the name of, and the amount paid to each person.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 29th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., LL.D.
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
S. K. BELL,
D. A. RYAN,
GEO. SHEA,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 24th inst., were read and confirmed.

In answer to the Questions on the Order Paper and of which notice was given by the Honourable D. A. Ryan to the Honourable the Leader of the Government in the House on Thursday, the 24th inst., the Honourable the Leader of the Government in the House, Mr. Morine, laid on the table of the House copies of correspondence, account and other data:

1. Substance of agreement between the Government and Dr. M. J. Mooney, dated August 9th, 1923, Statement regarding Orange Bay Timber Limit, Copy of Minute of Council dated July 24th, 1924, Copy of Letter from J. F. Downey, ex-Minister

- of Agriculture & Mines to W. W. Halfyard, ex-Colonial Secretary, and dated April 17th, 1924, and Copy of Letter dated April 16th, 1924, from J. T. Meaney to J. F. Downey, ex-Minister of Agriculture & Mines.
2. Substance of agreement between the Government and H. J. Crowe dated August 9th, 1923, and of ratifying Act; and correspondence in relation thereto between W. R. Warren, K.C., ex-Prime Minister, and H. J. Crowe.
 3. Statements of amounts paid Mr. K. Brown, M.H.A., as Inspector of Logging Camps during the winter of 1923-24.
 4. Export Tax Refund Account.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable M. P. Gibbs, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of II. George V., entitled 'An Act to authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland,' " was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.' "

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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following messages had been received 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 14 Geo. V., Cap. 7, entitled 'An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding,'" "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of payment of Certain Fees and Charges by Stamps,'" and "An Act to further and protect the Activities and Interests of the Boy Scout Association in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July, 1924.

Mr. President:—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled “An Act to confirm an Agreement with the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 24th, 1924.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled “An Act respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 25th, 1924.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, “An Act to amend 12 and 13 Geo. V., Cap. 20, entitled ‘An Act respecting War Pensions,’ and ‘An Act respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board,’ ” in which they re-

quest the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
July 28th, 1924.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up, namely, "An Act to amend 14 Geo. V., Cap. 7, entitled 'An Act for the Encouragement of Ship Building,'" "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled 'Of payment of Certain Fees and Charges by Stamps,'" "An Act to further and protect the Activities and Interests of the Boy Scout Association in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies," "An Act to confirm an Agreement with the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited," "An Act respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery," "An Act to amend 12 and 13 Geo. V., Cap. 20, entitled 'An Act respecting War Pensions,'" and "An Act respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board," were read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bills were read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 31st inst., at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 31st, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., LL.D.
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July the 29th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, but after the attention of the House had been called to the fact that the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of 11 Geo. V., entitled 'An Act to authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland,'" was a private Bill and that all the formalities in relation to the introduction of the same may not have been observed,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs, after motion made for the waiver by the House of the requirement of the said formalities, the House unanimously consenting went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend 14 George V., Chapter 7, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of Ship Building.’ ”

Honourable Mr. Gibbs in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of payment of certain Fees and Charges by stamps.’ ”

Honourable Sir M. G. Winter in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to further and Protect the Activities and Interests of the Boy Scout Association in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.”

Honourable Sir E. Bowring in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to confirm an Agreement with the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited.”

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery."

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine—

Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day namely, Committee on Bill entitled "An Act to amend 12 and 13 George V., Chapter 20, entitled 'An Act respecting War Pensions' " be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board."

Honourable Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After sometime the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 1st day of August, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 1st, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,

S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
D. A. RYAN,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,

The Minutes of Thursday, July 31st, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table

- (1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Revenue and Appropriation Accounts for the Fiscal year ending June 30th, 1923.
- (2) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General under Section 33 (b) of the Audit Act, for the period ending the 28th of February, 1924.
- (3) Supplementary Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General under Section 33 (b) of the Audit Act.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs, the Bill en-

titled "An Act to amend Chapter 3 of 11 George V., entitled 'An Act to authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland'" was read a third time, and passed, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same and requesting the concurrence of the House of Assembly therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 14 George V., Chapter 7, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Ship Building" was read a third time, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Payment of certain Fees and Charges by Stamps'" was read a third time, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

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

tion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to further and protect the Activities and Interests of the Boy Scout Association in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies" was read a third time, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery" was read a third time, as amended, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with some amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board" was read a third time, as amended, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with some amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to confirm an Agreement with the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited."

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, as amended, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with some amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 12 and 13 George V., Chapter 20, entitled 'An Act respecting War Pensions.'"

Sir M. G. Winter in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 5th inst., at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 5th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President.
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Friday, the 1st inst., were read and confirmed.

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 Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act Respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board" without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 5th, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Salaries of Civil

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

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 1st, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have appointed the following Committee consisting of Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. Hickman, Hon. the Minister of Justice, Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Warren, Hon. Mr. Cramm, Mr. Duff, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Grimes, to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors," and request the Legislative Council to appoint a similar Committee to consider jointly the said Bill.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 5th, 1924.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Salaries of Civil Servants," was read a first time.

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

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, that the House concur in the request of the House of Assembly that this House appoint a Committee to consider jointly with the Commit-

tee appointed by that House the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors"—

Ordered—That the Honourables S. Milley, F. H. Steer, W. J. Ellis, Sir P. T. McGrath and A. B. Morine be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 8th inst., at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 8th, 1924.

PRESENT:

The Honourable J. D. RYAN, President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, August 11th, 1924.

PRESENT:

The Honourable J. D. RYAN, President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, August 12th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
T. K. COOK,
D. A. RYAN,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Tuesday, August 5th, Friday, August 8th and Monday, August 11th, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received the following communication from Government House:—

August 5th, 1924.

DEAR SIR,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has had much pleasure in granting leave of absence to the Honourable S. K. Bell from his duties in the Legislative Council during the remainder of the Session.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communications had been received from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 5th, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland," "An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905," and "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Agriculture," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 11th, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act respecting certain Expenditures

to be made under The Loan Act, 1923," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 5th, 1924.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Salaries of Civil Servants."

The Honourable Mr. Cook in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine that this House concur in the amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by this House in and upon

the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery"

Ordered—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing it of the Council's concurrence in the said amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Gibbs in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Agriculture" was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting certain Expenditures to be made under The Loan Act, 1923" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 14th inst., at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 14th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
SIR E. BOWRING, Kt.,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
GEO. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Tuesday, August 12th, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communication had been received 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 Alcoholic Liquors," "An Act to Amend 3 George V., Chapter 14, entitled, 'An Act Respecting the Construction of a Railway through Labrador,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Disembarking of Paupers,' in which they re-

quest the concurrence of the Legislative Council.”

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 12th, 1924.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors,” was read a first time.

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

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 15th inst, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 15th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
GEO. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Thursday, August 14th, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1923.

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

Honourable Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After a long time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, as amended, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with some amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend 3 George V., Chapter 14, entitled, “An Act respecting the Construction of a Railway through Labrador,” was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Disembarking of Paupers’ ” was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this

House had passed the same without amendment.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communications had been received from the House of Assembly:

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Department of Finance and Customs," "An Act Respecting certain Retiring Allowances," and "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for Defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial years ending respectively the 30th day of June, 1924, and the 30th day of June, 1925, and for other Purposes relating to the Public Service," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 14th, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and The Gander Valley Power and Paper Company, Limited," in

which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 14th, 1924.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill sent down entitled "An Act to Authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland," without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 15th, 1924.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled of the Departments of Finance and Customs" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, as amended, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with some amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting certain Retiring Allowances" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, 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, 1924, and the 30th day of June, 1925, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service” was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Gander Valley Power and Paper Company, Limited,” was read a first time.

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

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday the 18th inst., at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, August 18th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
W. J. ELLIS,
T. K. COOK,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Friday, the 15th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and The Gander Valley Power and Paper Company, Limited."

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House,

the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communication had been received 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 Bills sent up entitled “An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors,” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Departments of Finance and Customs,’” without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
August 18th, 1924.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY, August 19th, 1924.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables J. D. RYAN, President,
 S. MILLEY,
 M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
 SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
 C.B.E.,
 SIR P. T. McGRATH,
 K.B.E., L.L.D.,
 W. J. ELLIS,
 J. J. MURPHY,
 T. K. COOK,
 F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
 JOHN DAVEY,
 A. B. MORINE, K.C.

The Minutes of Monday, the 18th inst., were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following communication had been received 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 Revenue Act 1905 and Amendments thereto, Schedule E., Export Duties," "An Act Respecting the United Towns Electric Company, Limited," and "An Act for the raising of a sum of money on the credit of the Colony for certain Public Purposes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
 Speaker.

House of Assembly,
 August 19th, 1924.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1905, and Amendments thereto, Schedule E., Export Duties" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill, without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the United Towns Electric Company, Limited" was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the raising of a sum of money on the credit of the Colony for certain Public Purposes" was read a first time.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the said Bill.

Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Lamond Allardyce, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, to let the Honourable House of Assembly know:—

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

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

“An Act Respecting the United Towns Electric Company, Limited.”

“An Act to Amend 12 and 13 George V., Cap. 20, entitled ‘An Act Respecting War Pensions.’”

“An Act to Confirm an Agreement with the Newfoundland Milling Company, Limited.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of XI George V. entitled ‘An Act to Authorize the Montreal Trust Company to do business in the Colony of Newfoundland.’”

“An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Agriculture.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Disembarking of Paupers.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 86 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stipendiary Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.’”

“An Act to Amend 14 Geo. V., Cap. 7, entitled ‘An Act for the encouragement of Ship Building.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Payment of Certain Fees and Charges by Stamps.’”

“An Act Respecting the Game and Inland Fisheries Board.”

“An Act Respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery.”

‘An Act to Further and Protect the Activi-

ties and Interests of the Boy Scout Association in the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.”

“An Act to Amend 3 Geo. V., Cap. 14, entitled ‘An Act respecting the Construction of a Railway through Labrador.’ ”

“An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors.”

“An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Gander Valley Power and Paper Company, Limited.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Department of Finance and Customs.’ ”

“An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.”

“An Act Respecting Certain Expenditures to be made under ‘The Loan Act, 1923.’ ”

“An Act for the raising of a sum of money on the credit of the Colony for certain Public Purposes.”

“An Act further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905.”

“An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland.”

“An Act Respecting the Salaries of Civil Servants.”

“An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1905 and Amendments thereto, Schedule E. Export Duties.”

“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 Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.”

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 Honour-
able House of Assembly:**

You have given close attention to your legislative duties, at a season so pleasant out of doors that the performance of indoor tasks must have been more onerous than usual, and I am glad to be able to relieve you of them.

Short though the Session now about to close has been, the legislation enacted has been of more than ordinary importance, and will, I am confident, be of enduring advantage.

For a period of more than ten years, the finances of the Colony have been disturbed by alternate expansion and contraction, but conditions have this year become almost normal, and there is reason to hope that disturbing financial conditions will cease to recur. My Ministers will endeavour to enforce economy in expenditure wisely, and to aid the prosperity of the Colony by stimulating the development of its resources. Lavish expenditure by preceding Governments, imposing upon my present advisers

the hard necessity of providing for the payments of debts contracted by others, has made it quite impossible for the present Government to decrease as largely as they desired the burden of taxation, but the abolition of import duties upon flour and gasolene, and export duty on codoil and whaleoil, is due to their courage and resourcefulness, and they hope to be enabled to still further decrease the burden of taxation, through reforms they purpose to carry out.

It is apparent that economy alone will not sufficiently meet the public needs, and that development of the Colony's resources must be vigorously undertaken. The attractions to tourists offered by the unexcelled summer climate, the beautiful scenery and the unequalled salmon and trout fisheries of the Island, are the assets which can be most speedily turned into cash, and realizing that desirable tourists cannot be expected to come to us in great and growing numbers unless good hotels and highways are provided, and the inland fisheries protected and replenished, my Ministers have decided to embark upon a forward movement in these respects, incidentally and immediately providing labour for the unemployed, and ultimately adding greatly to the comfort and prosperity of the people.

Years ago a crude measure to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage was enacted, the enforcement of which became difficult, and was soon neglected, and later practically abandoned, so that at last its existence became a mockery, and its almost universal evasion a scandal, with resulting lawlessness in many affairs, and to an alarming degree. In his Manifesto to the people, upon the eve of the last Gen-

eral Election, my present Prime Minister promised a repeal of the Prohibition Act, and the introduction into the Legislature of an alternative measure, and this, I am glad to say, has now become law, and in due course will be put into force. I anticipate that great good will result.

The work of construction upon the Humber has progressed with unexpected and gratifying rapidity. Paper-making at Bay of Islands is expected to begin next Spring. A Contract has been entered into by my Ministers to secure development in the Gander River Valley, and soon a great addition to the labour-giving industries of the Colony may be expected. The merits of the proposition are so great in the opinion of its promoters that they have not thought it necessary to ask for any guarantee by the Colony, or other financial assistance. The great industry at Grand Falls continues its prosperous operations, and an expansion of its paper-making plant, or a completion of the Sulphite Pulp plant at Alexander Bay, providing for the development of the Terra Nova and Gambo regions, is expected. Upon the whole, the outlook for steady and profitable employment of labour was never so good in our midst.

Your provision for the acquisition of a suitable Steamer to connect with the railway at Port-aux-Basques, for the re-railing of a portion of the track, and for increased rolling stock, are timely recognitions of the fact that both passenger and freight traffic are rapidly increasing, and are bound to increase, and an indication of the not distant day, I hope, when the railway will be self-sustaining. Your provision for the improvement of the Dry Dock cannot fail to add

to the attractiveness of the Port of St. John's for ships. Its situation and its facilities should make it the most popular Port on the Atlantic for ships needing speedy repair.

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

In His Majesty's name, I thank you for your provision for the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

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

I join with you in devout thanks to God for the prosperity and happiness He has granted to our people.

The Honourable the President then said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Tuesday, the 30th day of September next, then and here to be holden and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,
Clerk Legislative Council.

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