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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-Sixth
General Assembly, 1925

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PROCLAMATION.

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

By His Excellency SIR
WILLIAM L A M O N D
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 Tuesday, the Third day of February, instant.

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday, the Eighteenth day of February, instant, 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 2nd day of February, A.D. 1925.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland

Second Session of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 1925.

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

The House met.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
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F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Hon. Sir Patrick McGrath rising in his place announced that a Commission under the Great Seal signed by His Excellency the Governor had been issued to him, appointing him to the Presidency of the Legislative Council in the room and place of the Hon. J. D. Ryan, resigned.

The Commission was then read by the Clerk and the President took the Chair of the House.

The President then informed the House that he had a communication from His Excellency the Governor informing him that he had appointed provisionally as Members of this House:

Honourables CHARLES PASCOE AYRE,
M.B.E.,

FREDERICK CHARLES
ALDERDICE,

JOHN ALEXANDER ROB-
INSON, M.B.E, L.L.D.

The Hon. the President announced that these gentlemen were in attendance waiting to take their seats, and they were accordingly introduced:

Hon. John Alexander Robinson, M.B.E., L.L.D., by the Hon. Mr. Morine and the Hon. Mr. Bishop.

Hon. Charles Pascoe Ayre, M.B.E., by the Hon. Mr. Morine and the Hon. Mr. Gibbs.

Hon. Frederick Charles Alderdice by the Hon. Mr. Morine and the Hon. Mr. Shea.

The Commissions appointing the Honourables John Alexander Robinson, M.B.E., L.L.D., Charles Pascoe Ayre, M.B.E., and Frederick Charles Alderdice were read by the Clerk, and the new Members were welcomed by the President and took their seats accordingly.

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, 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 Honourable
House of Assembly:**

We meet under more prosperous and gratifying conditions than existed in this Colony when the Legislature was prorogued.

The Codfishery of last year was prosecuted successfully and the products disposed of at the best prices known in the history of the Colony (exclusive of the abnormal war years). Those who engaged in this staple industry of the

country reaped a reward which renewed their faith and interest in it.

The construction of great works upon the Humber has proceeded with remarkable speed and success, many men are now engaged in cutting wood for manufacture into pulp and paper, and it is confidently expected that early in the approaching Spring, manufacturing will begin. Negotiations are proceeding, it is understood, for the promotion of a pulp and paper industry on the Gander River, and hope is fully entertained, that construction will commence before we meet again in Session.

Conditions in the Mining industry at Bell Island have not been satisfactory. Disagreements have occurred between the Company and its workmen. Before they arose my Government had felt constrained to make concessions to the Company concerning its contractual obligations in order to procure increased employment for labourers. Arrangements have been made to proceed with work on former conditions, pending a conference between the Company, the miners, and the Government.

My Government recently sent a delegation to Canada to discuss suggestions regarding a settlement, by negotiation, of what is popularly known as the "Labrador Boundary Question." They met representatives of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Quebec, and discussed with them the economic aspects of the matter, confidentially, frankly and fully, and without prejudice to either party, and the discussion has been continued by correspondence since the return of the delegates. No agreement

has been completed, and none may be, but until a tentative arrangement has been made, or the possibility of making one abandoned, it is not deemed expedient to inform you more fully of the proceedings. It is hardly necessary to add, I hope, that the Colony will not be committed by my Government to any settlement of this matter without the prior consent of the Legislature. The gratifying warmth of the reception given to the delegates in Canada testified to the extreme friendliness of Canadians to the people of this Colony.

Following upon the Hague Award, defining the liberty of the inhabitants of the United States to take fish on the Treaty Coast, so called, of Newfoundland, an agreement was made in 1910 for the settlement by arbitration of claims by the United States, based on alleged wrongful acts of the authorities of this Colony in respect of American fishing vessels. Statement and Answer were filed in 1914, but proceedings were interrupted by the Great War. A revised claim was filed on the first of August last, and a final Answer on the 31st January last. It is expected that a hearing by Arbitrators will take place in Washington this year.

A contract has been made for the construction of a steamer to ply on the Port-aux-Basques-North Sydney route. It was given to a Company incorporated in Holland, but partly owned and managed by British people. It would have been more agreeable if a contract could properly have been given for construction in a British shipyard, but the price asked, and the impossibility of getting guarantees for early completion, practically compelled the acceptance of the Contract which has been made.

Unemployment in the Colony has greatly decreased by comparison with all the years since the Great War ceased, and it is not now abnormal. There are many persons who for one reason or another are out of work and it has been suggested that public money should be expended to provide employment. Experience has shown that work at public expense cannot be productively engaged in at this season and my Government has decided therefore not to authorise it at present.

Very disturbing discoveries have been made by a Commission engaged in an enquiry concerning expenditures for charitable institutions and services. Laxness of administration, and imposition by the non-deserving, have been proven, and there is evidence that the homely virtues of self-reliance and self-respect have been diminishing. Public expenditure for the relief of the sick and afflicted is meant for the helpless poor, and the conduct of those who selfishly trade upon this charity is highly reprehensible. Stricter rules and closer observance must be insisted upon. Good results from the enquiry have already been observed.

The services of a Postal Service expert, with great experience in Canada, have been obtained, to aid in a reform in the Postal Service of the Colony, in which conditions have existed of a nature very injurious to public interests. The Service is over-manned and under-worked, and much greater efficiency must be obtained at less cost. It is not possible to reform a Service so demoralized in a short time, but drastic reforms have been proposed, and will be insisted on.

Agricultural interests are having the atten-

tion of my Government and it is hoped that a Committee of practical Farmers, now in conference with the Minister, may suggest some wise legislation for the promotion of this important industry.

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

The finances of the Colony are in a highly satisfactory condition. Revenue has increased, and expenditure has decreased, and there will be a surplus of ordinary Revenue over Expenditure on current account in the financial year 1924-5. Tenders for a Loan of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000), part of what was authorized last year, have recently been received, and the rates quoted have been most satisfactory. Part of this Loan will be expended in Great Britain for the purchase of rails, and the Imperial Trade Facilities Board has undertaken to pay part of the interest for five years on the amount so expended, with the stipulation that the Loan be raised in England.

The expenditures for many years past have so exceeded the votes made for them as to show that great carelessness, at least, has been displayed by those who prepared the Estimates. The provision you will be asked to make for the coming year will be calculated with great care, and will in due course be laid before you.

Just prior to the coming into office of my present Government an irregular order was issued purporting to remove Customs duties from gasoline, flour, beef, pork and molasses. My present Government, prudently desiring to

amply provide for the Colony's needs, did not feel able to legalize all the reductions which had been announced, but struck off the duty on gasoline and flour. It is pleasant, therefore, to be able now to announce that you will be asked to repeal the duties on beef and pork, and kerosene oil, a most timely reduction when the prices of these articles are increasing.

Owing to the increased cost of shipbuilding, the bounty offered by the Government has not induced the construction of many new vessels, and as a large proportion of our present fishing fleet are in need of repairs, a measure providing a bounty for the encouragement of such repairs will be submitted for your approval.

The taxation of Banks doing business in Newfoundland has been excessive and unfair. You will be asked to reduce it. The successful prosecution of the trade of the Colony depends very largely upon the continuance of adequate banking facilities and the splendid banking institutions in our midst must be fairly treated.

An examination of the Dry Dock in this Port, made by an expert engineer, has revealed the need of extensive repairs, and of partial rebuilding, and the cost will be large. Proposals will be made for your consideration.

War time demands led to the enactment of the Business Profits Tax, 1917, and the Income Tax Act, 1918; the former has been repealed, and the latter amended. Both laws worked great hardships, and have been unsatisfactory in practice. Income Tax returns have not been made by many, under pressure only by others, and payments of assessments have been evaded,

delayed or refused in so many cases that unfairness has resulted to the honest observers of the law. It is a form of taxation unsuited to this country. It restrains investment of capital in business, and though apparently paid by the so-called well-to-do, it is passed on to the consumer, when paid by those successful in business, while hampering severely, and sometimes destructively, those who have not prospered. Profits on the business of last year often come to be added to the losses of this. Simplicity of taxation is much to be desired in this Colony in order to get back as far as possible to the good old days of comfort for our people, and therefore a Bill to suspend Income Tax as and from the commencement of 1925 will be introduced. An endeavour will be made to meet the loss to the revenue by the practice of honesty and economy in public expenditure.

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

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

There has been no Redistribution of seats in the Assembly for many years. The constituencies marked out in 1832, upon the grant of representative institutions, have undergone minor changes only. The Census of 1921 revealed inequalities and unfairness, the population of some electoral districts being shown to be half as many for two members as others had for one. A Redistribution Bill has therefore been prepared for your consideration and will be introduced at an early date, so that a measure may be enacted at this Session to go into effect upon the dissolution of this Assembly. It has been

very carefully prepared and will, I believe, be generally acceptable. It divides the Island into thirty four districts privileged to return one representative each, and three districts to return two men each, and so arranged as to maintain representation of the various interests as formerly. It would be difficult to exaggerate the good results which may be expected to flow from this measure.

You provided generously in your last Session for the construction of roads intended especially to promote tourist traffic and generally to develop the Colony, affording local accommodation incidentally. It was not possible to commence construction last year, but some surveying has been done, a plan for work this year has been made, and construction will be vigorously undertaken as soon as the weather will permit. A Bill will be introduced for the creation of a Highroads Commission, charged with the construction and maintenance of roads considered to be of first importance, designated from time to time for that purpose by the Government, and the Chairmanship of this Commission will be conferred on the Government Engineer, with the object that the methods adopted in road-building will no longer be haphazard and inefficient.

It is obvious that if tourist traffic is to come to this country, revision in Motor Traffic laws is essential, bringing them into harmony with those of the United States and Canada, from which such traffic must come. The need of stricter and fuller laws in this relation has long been evident, and a Bill for this purpose, based upon the latest and completest laws of adjoining countries, will be introduced. It will

confer authority over the Motor Traffic upon the Highroads Commission, upon the ground that as that Commission is to control the construction and maintenance of highroads, it must necessarily control motor traffic over them.

It has been usual in newly discovered countries for Government to expand upwards, from Settlement, Village and Town, to State and national organization, and for the practice of the control of local affairs to train the people for participation in the management of matters of concern. Here, it has been otherwise, participation in administration having been but slowly conceded by central authority, and a consequence has been that the general government of the Colony is expected to provide, control and pay for public services which should be instituted, managed and paid for locally. It is proposed, therefore, to ask your consideration of a wide general measure for the incorporation of municipalities, which can from time to time be made applicable to suitable areas by proclamation of the Governor in Council, and thus the feasibility of self government in such areas will be given a trial under favourable conditions. The residents of the incorporated places will thereby be able to vie with others in making their hometowns desirable and attractive.

I commend the duties of the Session to your assiduous care and pray that the guidance of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Clerk read his Commission and the Hon. the President administered the oath of office.

The Hon. the President reported His Excellency's speech and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morine and by consent of the House the reading of the same by the Clerk was dispensed with, and the Speech was taken as read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill entitled "An Act concerning Oaths" was read a first time, and,

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Hon. Dr. Robinson moved the appointment of a Committee to draft an Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

The Hon. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Morine moved that the debate on this motion be adjourned until the next sitting.

On motion put it was ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government—

1. What amount of subsidy is now being paid by the Dominion of Canada in respect of the steamship service maintained by the Government of Newfoundland between Sydney and Port-aux-Basques.

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2. To lay on the Table of the House copies of all correspondence which have taken place between the Government of the Republic of the United States of America and the Government of Newfoundland in relation to claims made by the Government of the Republic of the United States of America for licenses and other fees collected by the Government of Newfoundland from fishing vessels of the United States.
 3. To lay on the Table of the House a statement showing (a) the number of persons receiving able-pauper relief in St. John's (b) the weekly or other amount which is paid (c) the weekly expenditure and (d) the amount expended to date.

On motion made the House adjourned until 4.00 p.m. Friday the 20th. of February instant.

FRIDAY, February 20th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
GEORGE SHEA,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Wednesday, February 18th,
were read.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Gibbs asked
the Honourable the Leader of the Government—

1. What amount of subsidy is now being
paid by the Dominion of Canada in re-
spect of the Steamship service maintained
by the Government of Newfoundland be-
tween Sydney and Port-aux-Basques.

2. To lay on the Table of the House copies of all correspondence which have taken place between the Government of the Republic of the United States of America and the Government of Newfoundland in relation to claims made by the Government of the Republic of the United States of America for licenses and other fees collected by the Government of Newfoundland from fishing vessels of the United States.
- (3) To lay on the Table of the House a statement showing (a) the number of persons receiving able-pauper relief in St. John's, (b) the weekly expenditure or other amount which is paid, (c) the weekly expenditure, and (d) the amount expended to date.

The Honourable the Leader of the Government, Mr. Morine, replied, and laid on the Table:

1. Memorial of the United States—American and British Claims Arbitration—Fishing Claims.
11. Answer of Great Britain—American and British Claims Arbitration — Fishing Claims—Newfoundland.

The Honourable Mr. Morine moved that the Bill entitled "An Act Concerning Oaths" be discharged from the Order Paper.

On motion put it was ordered accordingly.

After long debate on the motion that a 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.

It was ordered on motion put "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, and

Ordered—That the Honourables Dr. Robinson, Messrs. Ellis, Anderson, Davey and Ayre be a Committee for that purpose."

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th of February instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 24th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, February 20th., were read.

The Honourable Dr. Robinson, 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 Dr. Robinson, and with the unanimous consent of the House,

the said Address was read a second time (at length).

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson, 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.) P. T. McGRATH,
President.

Council Chamber,
February 24th, 1925.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Act 15, George V., Chapter XX, entitled '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.

Assembly Room,
Feb. 23rd, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter XX., 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. Anderson 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 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 26th of February instant, at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, February 26th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
P. TEMPLEMAN,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following Message 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 respecting the Seal Fishery During the Present Year," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
February 26th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Seal Fishery During the Present Year" 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. Templeman 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 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.

At 4.55 p.m. the Honourable the President left the Chair.

At 5.00 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 that 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:

“An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V, Chapter XX, entitled “An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes.”

“An Act respecting the Seal Fishery During the Present Year.”

The House of Assembly then retired.

His Excellency withdrew.

At 5.15 p.m. the Honourable the President resumed the Chair.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 3rd, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 26th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to his Speech, at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, at half past four o'clock p.m. this day.

At 4.30 p.m. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At 4.50 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,
3 March, 1925.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, the 5th of March instant, at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 5th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
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A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 3rd instant, 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 Bills entitled respectively "An Act Further to Amend the Act 61 Victoria, Cap. 47, entitled 'An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court, and the Acts in Amendment thereof,'" and "An Act to Amend 11 George V. Cap. XLV,

entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes;' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 4th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Act 61 Victoria, Cap. 47, entitled "An Act Relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court' and the Acts in Amendment thereof" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 11 Geo. V. Cap. XLV., entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

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 Bills entitled respectively "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber,

Mines and Minerals;’ ” “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 Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Operation of Saw Mills;’ ” and “An Act to Amend the Act 15 Geo. V. Cap. XXI, entitled ‘An Act respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland;’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 5th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals’ ” was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

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 first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third

Series) entitled 'Of the Operation of Saw Mills' " was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 Geo. V. Cap. XXI., entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland' " was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday next, the 6th of March instant, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 6th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 5th instant, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the following Bills entitled respectively:

“An Act Further to Amend the Act 61 Victoria, Cap. 47, entitled ‘An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court, and Acts in Amendment thereof.’”

“An Act to Amend 11 George V., Cap. XLV., entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Women’s Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes.’”

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals.’”

“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 Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Operation of Saw Mills.’”

Were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend Chap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled ‘Of Light Dues’” was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, the 9th of March instant, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, March 9th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, the 6th instant, 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 Further to Amend the Act 61 Victoria, Cap. 47, entitled 'An Act relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court, and Acts in Amendment thereof.'"

The Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time 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 11 Geo. V, Cap. XLV., entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes.'"

The Honourable Mr. Gibbs in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on 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 Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals.'"

The Honourable Sir M. G. Winter in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and recommended that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the Honourables Messrs. Morine, Bishop, Dr. Robinson, Messrs. Gibbs, Ellis, Alderdice and McNamara be a Select Committee for that purpose.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine that the Bills sent up, namely:

“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 Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Operation of Saw Mills’ ” be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered—That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, and

Ordered—That the Select Committee appointed to consider the above mentioned Bill entitled “An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals be also a Select Committee for this purpose.’ ”

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine—

Ordered—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled

'Of Light Dues' " be deferred until tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine—

Ordered—That the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V. Cap. 21 entitled 'An Act respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland'" be discharged from the Order Paper.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 11th day of March instant.

WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Monday, the 9th instant, 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. VII, Consoli-

dated Statutes (3rd Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved by the Governor on the 3rd instant.

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

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
6th March, 1925.

February 27th, 1925.

Under the provisions of Section 4 of Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series), it was ordered that the following gentlemen shall be the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, namely:

The President, Legislative Council,

Honourable A. B. Morine, K.C.,

Honourable S. Milley,

The Speaker, House of Assembly,

The Prime Minister,

The Colonial Secretary, and

The Attorney General.

Certified true copy.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable Mr. Morine tabled the following Report of the Select Committee appoint-

ed to consider the Bills sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals,'" "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 Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Operation of Saw Mills.'"

Mr. President:

The Select Committee appointed to consider the following Bills, namely: "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled 'Of Payment of Certain Fees and Charges by Stamps;'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 134 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Operation of Saw Mills,'" beg to report that they have considered the said Bills and having taken some evidence concerning the same are unable to recommend that they be further proceeded with.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) ALFRED B. MORINE,
R. K. BISHOP,
J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
M. P. GIBBS,
WM. J. ELLIS,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
F. McNAMARA.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the said Bills be discharged from the Order Paper.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court” 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 amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend 11 George V, Cap. XLV., entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Women’s Patriotic Trust Fund, and for other purposes’ ” be deferred until tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled ‘Of Light Dues’ ” was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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 Bill entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 9th, 1925.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1922," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 10th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time tomorrow, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the second reading of the said Bill stand first on the Order Paper.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act, 1922" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, March 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 12th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 11th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs,

Ordered—That the debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand adjourned until tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the consideration of the

Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 11 George V., Cap. XLV., entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund, and for other Purposes'" be deferred until tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues'" be deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act 1922" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 the Lobster Fishery," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX;
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 11th, 1925.

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

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the second reading of the said Bill stand first on the Order Paper.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, March 16th, at 3.30 p.m.

MONDAY, March 16th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 12th instant, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine.

Ordered—That the Debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand adjourned until tomorrow, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the second reading of the said Bill stand first on the Order Paper.

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 11 George V, Cap. X.L.V., entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Women’s Patriotic Trust Fund, and for other Purposes.’”

The Honourable Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be read a third time 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 Cap. 25 of the Con-

solidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues.' ”

The Honourable Dr. Campbell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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 to Amend the War Pensions Act, (1922”)

The Honourable Mr. Power in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting the Lobster Fishery” was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 18th day of March instant.

WEDNESDAY, March 18th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Monday, the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the Debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 11 George V, Cap. XLV., entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes'" was 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act 1922" was 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly.'" "

The Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs,

Ordered—That the Debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads" stand adjourned until tomorrow, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the second reading of the said Bill stand first on the Order Paper.

On motion made the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 19th day of March instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, March 19th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 18th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand for the present deferred.

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson,

Ordered—That the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly’ ” stand for the present deferred.

The Honourable Mr. Gibbs moved that the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads be read six months hence.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand adjourned until tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be deferred.

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 Amendments sent down, in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend the Act 61 Victoria, Cap. 47, entitled ‘An Act Relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court’ and the

Acts in Amendment thereof" without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 18th, 1925.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively: "An Act Relating to Firearms and other Weapons," and "An Act to Amend Cap. 52, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 18th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Firearms and other Weapons" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 52, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 20th day of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 20th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 19th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine.

Ordered—That the debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Construction and Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads” stand for the present deferred.

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson, that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly'" be recommitted.

The House unanimously consenting went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an additional amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Robinson, 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 their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the Debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads" stand adjourned until tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 23rd of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

MONDAY, March 23rd, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, the 20th instant, were read and confirmed.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the motion of the Honourable Mr. Gibbs, that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads" be read six months hence, was withdrawn.

The motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine

that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads" be read a second time, having been put, the said Bill with the unanimous consent of the House was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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 Cap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues.'"

The Honourable Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion made the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Chapter 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled

‘Of Banks and Banking,’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 20th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Banks and Banking’ ” was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, March the 24th, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 24th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Monday, the 23rd instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the table:

- (1) Report of the Post and Telegraph Department for the year ended June 30th, 1924.

- (2) Fifty-Fourth Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues'" 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 their 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 Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads.'"

The Honourable Mr. Cook in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion made the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 25th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 24th instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 to Amend Chapter 3 of the

Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly,' " without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 23rd, 1925.

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 Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of High Roads."

The Honourable Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After some 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill, as amended, 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, with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the consideration of the Committee stage of the

Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Lobster Fishery" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Firearms and other Weapons" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 52 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Banks and Banking'" was read a second time, and

Ordered to be committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 26th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 26th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 25th instant, 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 Respecting the Lobster Fishery."

The Honourable Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, 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 Relating to Firearms and other Weapons."

The Honourable Mr. Shea in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

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 Cap. 52 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings.'"

The Honourable Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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 to Amend Chapter 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Banks and Banking.'"

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be read a third time on tomorrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 26th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways, and the Speed Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon" was read a first time, and

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

Ordered to be committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 27th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 27th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 26th instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table the Annual Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings Bank (1924).

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Lobster Fishery" 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 their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Relating to Firearms and other Weapons” 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 amendments, and requesting their concurrence 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 Chapter 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Banks and Banking’ ” was 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 Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled

“An Act to Amend Chap. 52 Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled ‘Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings’” was deferred.

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 Regulate Travel on Highways, and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon.”

The Honourable Mr. Templeman in the Chair.

After some 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill, as amended, was 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 with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

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 amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 26th, 1925.

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 to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads," with some amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 27th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, and with the unanimous consent of the House
Ordered—That the Amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads" do pass.

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

The Honourable Mr. Dawe gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask the Honourable the leader of the Government in the House

To lay on the Table (1) Copy of the Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding, with amendments to date, and

(11) Statement showing amounts paid and names of persons receiving bounty during the years 1923-1924.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 30th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

MONDAY, March 30th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, the 27th instant, 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 to Amend Cap. 52, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings.'"

The Honourable Mr. Alderdice in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Relating to the St. John's Dry Dock," and "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 28th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the St. John's Dry Dock" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 31st instant, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 31st, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Monday, the 30th instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table: Statement of bounties paid and the names of the persons to whom paid during the year 1923-1924.

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 to Amend Cap. 52 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings.'"

The Honourable Mr. Alderdice in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the St. John's Dry Dock" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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 Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up

entitled "An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 31st, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon" was passed, and

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 an Act entitled 'Of the House of Assembly,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 31st, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend an Act entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was read a first time.

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

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow, and

On motion of Honourable Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the said Bill stand first on the Order Paper.

The Honourable Dr. Robinson gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask the Honourable the Leader of the Government in the House: Whether any proposals had been made or negotiations entered into either by the present Government, the preceding one, or the Railway Commission, by or with the engineering firm of Vickers, Ltd., of England and Canada, either directly, through their representative, Colonel Peel, or indirectly, relating to the purchase, lease or operation of the Dry Dock; and if so to state the nature of such proposal, if any, and to lay on the Table of the House any correspondence or proposed agreement relating to such proposals or arising out of such negotiations.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 1st of April, at 3.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 1st, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 31st instant, 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 to Amend an Act entitled 'Of the House of Assembly.'"

The Honourable Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be read a third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 52 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings,’ ” 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 their 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 Relating to the St. John’s’ Dry Dock.”

The Honourable Dr. Robinson in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion made the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding" was deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd instant, at 3.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 2nd, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 1st instant, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend an Act entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was 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.

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 Relating to the St. John’s Dry Dock.”

The Honourable Dr. Robinson 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, with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was 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 consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding” was deferred.

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 Amendments sent down in and upon the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Relating to Firearms and other Weapons," and "An Act Respecting the Lobster Fishery," without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 31st, 1925.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively "An Act to Amend the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act, 1920," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 31st, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act, 1920" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the

Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 3rd instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 3rd, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 2nd instant, were read and confirmed.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 4 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:

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:

“An Act Relating to the Constitution of the Supreme Court.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 209 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Banks and Banking.’”

“An Act to Amend 11 George V Cap. XLV. entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Women’s Patriotic Trust Fund and for other Purposes.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the election of Members to the House of Assembly.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Light Dues.’”

“An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads.’”

“An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways, and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon.’”

“An Act to Amend the War Pensions Act 1922.”

“An Act respecting the Lobster Fishery.”

“An Act relating to Firearms and other Weapons.”

“An Act to Amend an Act entitled ‘Of the House of Assembly.’”

“An Act relating to the St. John’s Dry Dock.”

His Excellency then retired.

The Honourable the President resumed the Chair.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table:

- (i) Newfoundland Customs Returns for the year 1923-1924.
- (ii) Report of the Examinations conducted by the Council of Higher Education, Newfoundland, 1924, (two copies).

The Honourable Dr. Robinson informed the House that he had received the following letter from The Women’s Franchise League:

Honourable J. A. Robinson, L.L.D.,

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Women’s Franchise League wishes to express its great appreciation to you for having presented, and for having so ably supported, the Bill for Woman Suffrage.

Now that the struggle is over, and our objective attained, we extend our sincere gratitude to you and to all the other Members of the Legislative Council, through whose efforts the women of Newfoundland have at last been enfranchised.

Hoping to justify the responsibilities that we have assumed,—on behalf of the Women's Franchise League.—

Yours very faithfully

President.

(Sgd.) 1st Vice P. Antonia Hutton,
2nd Vice P. Emilie G. S. Fraser,
3rd Vice P. Janet Murray,
Hon. Sec. Fannie McNeil,
Hon. Treas. Mary Kennedy,
Ass. Hon. Treas., Margaret Burke

The Hon. Dr. Robinson then tabled the said letter.

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 Encouragement of Shipbuilding."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act 1920" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 6th instant at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 6th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, the 3rd instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding" was deferred.

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 the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act 1920."

The Honourable Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels'" was deferred.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 to Amend Cap. 52, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 6th, 1925.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 13th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 13th, 1925.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, the 14th instant, at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, April 14th, 1925.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, April 15th, 1925.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, the 16th instant, at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, April 16th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
S. MILLEY,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Monday, April 6th., Monday, April 13th, Tuesday, April 14th, and of Wednesday, April 15th, were read and confirmed.

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

April 14th, 1925.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has been pleased to grant leave of absence to the Honourable J. A.

Robinson from his duties in the Legislative Council during the remainder of the Session.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd. A. G. STEWART-GOODFELLOW,
Captain,
Private Secretary.

The Honourable,

Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,
President, Legislative Council.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act 1920" was read a third time, as unamended, 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.

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 Encouragement of Shipbuilding."

The Honourable Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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 to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels.’”

The Honourable Mr. Power in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 the Records of ‘Pure Bred Animals,’” “An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Old Age Pensions,’” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 15th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the following Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act Respecting the Records of ‘Pure Bred Animals,’ ”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Old Age Pensions,’ ” and

“An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof,”
were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 17th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 17th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
S. MILLEY,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

The Honourable Mr. Power in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels’ ” was deferred.

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

“An Act Respecting the Records of ‘Pure Bred Animals’ ”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Old Age Pensions’ ”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof” ”
were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 20th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 20th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Friday, the 17th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine—

Ordered—That the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding,” and the consideration of the Committee Stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels’ ” stand for the present deferred.

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 Records of 'Pure Bred Animals.' "

The Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding" 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 amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels.' "

The Honourable Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

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 to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Old Age Pensions.’”

The Honourable Mr. Alderdice in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof” was deferred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Repeal 174 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Passenger Accommodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels’” was read a first time, and

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

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 3.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 21st, 1925.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 3.00 p.m., for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Monday, the 20th instant, and Tuesday, the 21st instant, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Records of 'Pure Bred Animals'" 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 amendments 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 Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels'"

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Repeal Chapter 174, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Passenger Accommodation on board Steamers and Sailing Vessels.'" "

The Honourable 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, and

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions.'"

The Honourable Mr. Cook in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Supreme Court and Procedure Therein' and Acts in Amendment thereof.'"

The Honourable Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 for the Confirmation of an

Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 22nd, 1925.

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 Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 24th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 24th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
W. J. ELLIS,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 22nd instant, were read and confirmed.

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

Ordered—That the order of the 17th instant for the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding” be expunged from the Minutes.

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

Ordered—That the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Survey

of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels' ” and the Bill entitled “An Act to Repeal Chapter 174 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Passenger Accommodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels’ ” be discharged from the Order Paper.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Old Age Pensions’ ” 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 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 consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Supreme Court and Procedure therein’ and Acts in Amendment thereof.” was deferred.

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 Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited” was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly request the return of the Bills sent up to the Legislative Council entitled respectively "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels.'"

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 24th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 172 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Survey of Foreign Going and Labrador Vessels'" be returned to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had concurred in their request for the return of the said Bills.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 27th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 27th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Friday, the 24th instant, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916, (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof" was deferred.

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 Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited.' ”

The Honourable Mr. Cook in the Chair.

After some 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill 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 amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly,’ ” “An Act respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes” and “An Act respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland,” in which they

request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 27th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly,'" and

"An Act Respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes," and

"An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland" were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 28th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 28th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Monday, April 27th, instant, 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 to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof."

The Honourable Mr. Power in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

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 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly’” was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes” was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and 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 second time, and

Ordered—To be committed tomorrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, with the unanimous consent of the House, the previous order for the reference of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly,’” to Committee of the Whole on tomorrow, was deleted and the House immediately went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and recommended that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the said Bill, and

Ordered—That the Honourables Messrs. Morine, Bishop, Dr. Campbell, Mr. McNamara, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Ellis and the President, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

The previous order for the reference of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes" to Committee of the Whole on tomorrow was deleted, and the House immediately went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

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

The previous order for the reference of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland" to Committee of the Whole on tomorrow, was deleted and the House immediately went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable 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, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be read a third time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 29th instant, at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 29th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 28th, instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine tabled the following Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.' "

Mr. President:

The Select Committee appointed to consider

the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'" beg to report that they have considered the same, made some amendments, and recommend the Bill as hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) ALFRED B. MORINE,
R. K. BISHOP,
A. CAMPBELL,
F. McNAMARA,
H. M. MOSDELL,
WM. J. ELLIS,
P. T. McGRATH.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chap. 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (3rd Series) and Acts in amendment thereof" was deferred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the House unanimously consenting, went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'" "

The Honourable Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After some 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill, as amended, 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, with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes” was read a third time, and passed, and

The Hon. 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 a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland” was 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 message 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 for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited," and "An Act Respecting the Records of Pure Bred Animals," without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 28th, 1925.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 1st of May, at 3.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 1st, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT

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

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 29th, 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 to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof."

The Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on tomorrow.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they are unable to accept the Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions,'" for the reason that the said Amendment infringes the privilege of the House of Assembly, and they consider it unnecessary on their part to offer any other reason, hoping that the reason given may be deemed sufficient.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 29th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That this House recede from their Amendments on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions,'" and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 4th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, May 4th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. POWER,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

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

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

The Honourable Mr. Morine gave notice that he would on tomorrow move for a suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to the passage of Bills now before the House, or to come before it, during this Session.

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 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment Thereof."

The Honourable Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After some 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, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill, as amended, was 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 with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1919'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 1st, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 'The Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1919'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 5th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 5th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
T. K. COOK,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Monday, the 4th instant, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 'The Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1919'" was read a second time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Murphy 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 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 message 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 Relating to the Guarantee of Debentures of the Western Marine Railway, Limited," "An Act entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships,'" and "An Act to Repeal Chapter 174 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Passenger Accommodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels,'" in which

they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 4th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Guarantee of Debentures of the Western Marine Railway, Limited," was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House then went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Alderdice 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 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 entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships'" was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House then went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Cook 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 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 Repeal Chapter 174 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Passenger Accommodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels'" was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House then went into Committee on the said Bill.

The 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 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 Mr. Anderson laid on the Table the Report of the Dominion Co-operative Building Association, Limited.

On motion made the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th, 1925.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
W. J. ELLIS,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 5th instant, were read and confirmed.

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 agreed to the Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1916 (Third Series), and Acts in Amendment thereof."

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 5th, 1925.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly request the return of the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act Further to Amend 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Mines and Minerals,'" "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 Amend Chapter 34 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled 'Of the Operation of Saw Mills.'"

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 5th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

Ordered—That the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act further to Amend 129 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Mines and Minerals,'" "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 Amend Chapter 34 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled 'Of the Operation of Saw Mills'" be returned to the House of Assembly.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legis-

lative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively: "An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," and "An Act Respecting the Avalon Telephone Company, Limited," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 5th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies" was read a first time .

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time .

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Shea 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, 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 Retiring Allowances” was read a first time,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and

The Hon. 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 Avalon Telephone Company, Limited" was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

The Hon. Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 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, 1925, and the 30th day of June, 1926, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,"

in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 5th, 1925.

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, 1925, and the 30th day of June, 1926, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop 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, the said Bill was 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 message 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 81 Consolidated Statutes (Third-Series) entitled 'Of Education,'" and "An Act Respecting the St. John's Street Railway," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 81 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Education'" was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

The Honourable 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, the said Bill was 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 St. John’s Street Railway” was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House then went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Anderson 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, the said Bill was 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 message 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 Confirm the Titles to certain Lands at Corner Brook," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Confirm the Titles to certain Lands at Corner Brook" was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House then went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Murphy 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, the said Bill was 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 message 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 Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding" was read a first time, and

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Power 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,

The said Bill was 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Avalon Telephone Company, Limited."

The Honourable Dr. Mosdell 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.

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 message had been received from the House of Assembly:

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council they agree with Amendment numbered (1) sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

That they agree with Amendment numbered (2) sent down in and upon the said Bill, with some amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

That they regret they are unable to agree

with amendments numbered respectively 3, 4 and 5, sent down in and upon the said Bill.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX ,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1925.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine,

The House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Ellis in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported a further amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 7th instant, at 3.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 7th, 1925.

The House met at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT:

The Honourables SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.
B.E., L.L.D., President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,
F. C. ALDERDICE.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 6th., were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message 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 Amendments sent up in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of

Seats in the House of Assembly,'” without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 7th, 1925.

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:

1. “An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes 1916 (Third Series) and Acts in Amendment thereof.”

2. “An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.”

3. “An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.”

4. "An Act respecting the Avalon Telephone Company, Limited."

5. "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, 1925, and the 30th day of June, 1926, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service."

6. "An Act to Amend Chapter 81 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Education.'"

7. "An Act Respecting the St. John's Street Railway."

8. "An Act to Confirm the Titles to Certain Lands at Corner Brook."

9. "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding."

10. "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

11. "An Act to Amend Chapter 52 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Egress from Churches, Theatres and other Buildings.'"

12. "An Act to Amend the Terra Nova Sulphite Company Act, 1920."

13. "An Act Respecting the Records of Pure Bred Animals."

14. "An Act entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships.'"

15. "An Act to Repeal Chapter 174 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Passenger Accommodation on Board Steamers and Sailing Vessels.'"

16. "An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions.'"

17. "An Act Respecting a Tax on Certain Incomes."

18. "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland."

19. "An Act Relating to the Guarantee of Debentures of the Western Marine Railway, Limited."

20. "An Act to Amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1919."

21. "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Limited."

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:**

At the close of a busy and profitable Session, I am pleased to be able to relieve you of your Legislative duties, and more particularly so at a Season when your private affairs urgently demand your attention. The summoning of the

Legislature at an earlier date than usual has been clearly justified, so much so that it may be both expedient and convenient to convene you in future at an even earlier date.

The measure providing for the Redistribution of Seats in the House of Assembly is of supreme importance, and the unanimity with which it was considered attests to your conviction that it is not only fair in principle and correct in detail; but also is bound to have far reaching consequences.

Equal in importance is the enactment bestowing upon women of twenty five years and upwards the right to vote and be voted for, as representatives in the Assembly. The high standard of intelligence of the women of this Colony is adequate assurance that good will accrue to this endowment of equality.

The provision for the creation of a Highroads Commission, the enactment of the Motor Traffic Act, and the confirmation of the contract for the erection of a Hotel in St. John's are steps in a Tourist policy to capitalize the scenic and kindred attractions of this Colony, for the pleasure of the world at large, and for the profit of our people. If the prosperity of Newfoundland is to be increased it is essential that the means for easy and rapid transportation be provided.

In August last, at the close of the midsummer Session of this Assembly, I expressed the hope that our finances would shortly return to the normal. Progress in that respect has been slower than was hoped for. Debts and obligations inherited by my Government have had to

be discharged, and the abnormal conditions of past years have proved exceedingly difficult to adjust. The old Custom Tariff required drastic reformation because the classification was antiquated and unscientific. Additional confusion was caused by taxation having been imposed by various amendments which have proved to be unsuitable to present conditions. A new classification has now been adopted based on the report of a Tariff Commission appointed by a preceding Government. Its operation will be carefully watched, and as the result of experience gained you will be invited to correct any anomalies that may be shown to exist.

Last year, as you will remember, my Government placed flour and gasolene on the free list, and you have now abolished the duties on beef, pork and kerosene oil, and reduced the sales tax by half. The Income Tax has also been repealed. Its incidence, although ostensibly paid on profits, was found to be harmful to trade and enterprise, and therefore injurious to fishermen, labourers, and other wage earners who depend on the free exploitation of capital for employment.

The Dry Dock in St. John's was shown on examination to require far more extensive repairs and alterations than had been anticipated, and on expert Canadian advice it has been decided to rebuild and extend it. The work will shortly be begun, but its completion and final equipment will be a matter of many months. Additional public works include the re-railing of the Southern end of the Railway from St. John's to Clarendville, the construction and reconditioning of certain important roads, and in addition the projected erection of the Hotel and a Flour Mill in St. John's.

The outlook for the steady employment of labour is further enhanced by the commencement at an early date of the manufacture of paper at the large Mills on the Humber, and by the increase and output at the Anglo Newfoundland Development Company's works at Grand Falls. It is hoped that the need for able bodied relief will disappear entirely. These various activities should result in the return to Newfoundland of many of her sons who have been compelled through the stringencies of recent years to seek employment far away from their native land.

By the Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding, my Government has recognized the special needs of the fisherman. During the war years the fishing fleet fell into considerable disrepair; later the great cost of material and labour coupled with the poor prices obtained for fish in the seasons previous to last year, discouraged the fishermen to such an extent that many abandoned the industry. The promise that a bounty would be provided stimulated rebuilding last Winter, and the measure fulfilling that promise has now become law. More vessels are about to prosecute the main industry of the Colony than have sailed for some time past. The safety of those who travel by sea has been immeasurably increased by your enactment for the annual survey of sealing steamers and all manner of passenger carrying vessels.

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

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have granted. It has been, and will be the

constant effort of my Government to reduce expenditure to the lowest possible point at which the efficiency of the Administration can be maintained.

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

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

I desire both to thank you for your labours, and to congratulate you upon the many important measures to which this Session has given birth. I can but wish you, in return, abundant success and prosperity in your personal affairs.

When we review the events which go to make up the history of Newfoundland for this year, we see before us the signs of re-awakening prosperity and we can but feel strengthened in our faith in the recuperative powers of the Empire's Oldest Colony.

The Honourable President then said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Thursday, the 18th day of June next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,
Clerk, Legislative Council.

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