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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.

Third Session of the Twenty-Sixth
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PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands
prorogued until Saturday, the Twentieth day
of February, instant;

AND WHEREAS I think fit further to
prorogue the said General Assembly until Wed-
nesday, the Third day of March, next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, fur-
ther prorogue the said General Assembly until
Wednesday, the Third day of March, next, as
aforesaid, then to meet for the despatch of busi-

ness, 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 Sixteenth day of February, A.D., 1926.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland

Third Session of the Twenty-Sixth General Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, 1926.

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

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 Honour-
able House of Assembly:**

Since last we met there has been universal sorrow throughout our Empire at the death of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra. The Queen Mother, by her exceptional qualities, her kindness of heart, and her untiring efforts for the alleviation of suffering, won the love and affection of all classes of the community both at Home and Overseas. The sincere sympathy of the people of Newfoundland went out to their Majesties the King and Queen, and to all the Members of the Royal Family.

The continued prosperity of the Colony since you were last in Session has been well maintained, and I congratulate you accordingly. Not since the Great War commenced have conditions generally been so satisfactory as they are at present, and have been during the last twelve months.

The Sealing and Cod-fishery industries in

1925 were more productive than in the previous year. Stimulated by the bounty for repairs a larger number of vessels engaged in cod-fishing on the Labrador, and the catch obtained was above the average. Good prices were paid locally for fish, and although foreign market conditions are not now good, exporters will probably realize their stocks without material loss. Improvement in the cure is essential if the Colony is to maintain its position in foreign markets.

The development of the Colony's forest resources during the last twenty years, and the growth of the pulp industry, have changed and improved the conditions of a large section of the working classes. There is reason to hope for a further early expansion of this industry, as well as that of mining, with a proportionately increased demand for labourers.

The construction of the Hotel in St. John's, legislation in connection with which was enacted last year, has proceeded apace, and there is no reason to doubt that the Hotel will be ready for occupation at the opening of the approaching tourist season. During last Summer the Highroads Commission constructed and reconditioned a considerable mileage of important roads. The quality of the work done was excellent, and the cost per mile was not excessive when fair allowance is made for the initial cost and local conditions.

The reconstruction, extension and improvement of the St. John's Dry Dock have proceeded rapidly, and the erection of a capacious fire-proof warehouse in connection therewith has been commenced recently. The utmost satisfaction is felt with the manner in which the

work has been done, and with the results that have been obtained.

The re-railing of a portion of the railway between St. John's and Clarenville has materially improved the road-bed, has afforded increased comfort to passengers, and has facilitated traffic. Ordinary depreciation in rolling stock and road-bed has been more than met by increased ballasting and other improvements, and, as a whole, the standard of the railway has been heightened.

In the month of August last certain Members of the Imperial Parliamentary Association came to Newfoundland and were the guests of the Government. This was the first occasion that any such delegation had visited the Colony and the Legislature and the Public were gratified to have the opportunity of meeting them. The exchange of views between the Parliamentarians of this country and those from the United Kingdom were alike helpful and profitable, and it is anticipated that much good will result.

In October last the S.S. "Caribou" took up the conveyance of mails and passengers between Port aux Basques and North Sydney, and has proved to be a most suitable boat for the service. With a large up-to-date Hotel in St. John's, improved and extended roads, a smoother railway road-bed, and a new, commodious and well-equipped steamer to connect with the adjoining Dominion, the Colony is rapidly being made ready for the increased tourist traffic which is confidently hoped for and expected. In this connection it is pleasant to note that three large new passenger steamers will this year be plying to and from St. John's, and that an excellent

steamship has been built for the trade between Montreal and Bay of Islands.

The award of the Pecuniary Claims Tribunal at Washington in November last, on claims by the United States of America arising out of the traffic in herring on the West Coast by American vessels, was in Newfoundland's favour. The principle on which the decision was based establishes the Colony's right to control traffic between its people and American vessels resorting to that coast to procure herring cargoes. The final pleadings in the Labrador Boundary case will be filed at the end of this month, and it is proposed to have a date in October of this year set for the hearing in London by the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council.

The geological surveys of the Colony which have been made in the past were carried out before the interior was opened up by the railway. It is not unreasonable to hope, and even to believe, that great mineral resources exist, and an effort ought to be made to discover them for development purposes. A proposal, therefore, will be laid before you for the employment of a competent and experienced geologist, with adequate provision for surveys.

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

The financial year 1924-25 resulted in a substantial surplus of ordinary Revenue over ordinary Expenditure, but the loss on the operations of the railway absorbed that surplus. Railway receipts did not equal those of the previous year owing chiefly to the decrease in the volume of freight, while railway expenditure during the year included the cost of improving the railway

road-bed and rolling stock beyond the wear and tear of the year. The Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the expired portion of 1925-26 conform closely to the estimate. It is not expected that a substantial surplus will be achieved on the year's operations as demands for increased expenditure continually arise, some of them automatically by reason of long standing legislation, such, for instance, as the Teachers' Augmentation Fund. The estimates for 1926-27 will be placed before you in due course.

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

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

The development of the industries of the Colony within recent years and the increasing number of our people engaged therein, make it desirable to provide the best possible protection to workmen and their dependents in case of accident. The amount of compensation to which workmen, in case of injury, and their dependents in case of death, are entitled under the existing law is not sufficient. Your consideration of this matter is invited for such action as may seem to you best calculated to safeguard the interests of workmen and industries alike.

Although self-government in purely local affairs seems to be desirable and practicable in certain localities, either by single or associated settlements, the powers and responsibilities of Municipal Government ought to be sought by the electors of progressive areas rather than imposed upon them by authority. A measure was drafted last Session which was general in its terms as to the election and powers of Councils in incorporated areas, with provision for its

adoption where suitable on the petition of electors and subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. That draft was deferred for more mature consideration and a Bill will be presented to you during the present Session.

The status of Civil Servants is undefined by law both as to their appointment and retirement. Salaries are seldom large enough to permit of saving for old age or infirmity, or for the protection of dependents, and, consequently, some officials have remained in office when their efficiency has ceased, while the death of others has reduced their dependents to want and entailed upon the Colony at times almost irresistible claims for gratuities. A Bill will therefore be introduced regulating superannuation or retiring allowances, and for other purposes.

The legal position of the railway and its operations; the method of collecting its revenue and disbursing its expenditure; the making of its contracts, and its responsibility for accidents are susceptible of improvement, and a tentative measure will be introduced not in order to make any drastic alteration in present conditions and practices, but to legalize the control and operation in the manner followed since the railway was taken over from the contractors.

When the Board of Liquor Control came into power in the early part of last year, the conditions it had to deal with were chaotic. Under its administration, however, smuggling and moonshining have decreased, and there has been a gratifying diminution of offences, many of which were the outcome of breaches of the Prohibition Act. The pecuniary results have exceeded the estimate. Conditions under the existing law have not however been free from

objection, ascribable, in some degree, to the open practice of bad habits previously pursued with greater secrecy and partly from the greater circulation of money through increased employment. It is confidently anticipated that there will be a continuous improvement in results. Some amendments in the Liquor Act, to facilitate its enforcement, seem desirable, and, incidentally, the fines for certain offences will be reduced, so as to make them more suitable for conditions here, but no radical change in methods will be proposed. A Bill for these purposes will be placed before you.

The statute permitting the landing and transshipment of spirituous liquors hampers the enforcement of the law in adjoining countries, and thus, possibly, tends to create international friction. Both good conscience and prudence alike suggest its repeal, and a Bill for that purpose will be introduced.

A new contract, subject to your confirmation, has been made between the Government and the Companies operating at Bell Island. Working conditions on the Island call for improvement. The creating of a market for ore within the British Empire is almost essential. The contract has been made, therefore, for a long term, and contains a provision as to export duty designed to give a preference to consumption within the Empire. The contract provides for improved housing conditions and limits the price of coal for household consumption both to workmen and others within the Colony. A safeguard is instituted against any reasonably avoidable closing of the mines at any time. I invite your serious consideration to the terms of this important contract.

Proposals will be laid before you for the better control of the harbour of St. John's by the institution of a Port Authority. The opening of the new Dry Dock, and the increase of shipping which it is anticipated will result, make such a measure necessary.

The agreement entered into by the Government with the Montreal Trust Company in relation to an issue of bonds for the Hotel now under construction in St. John's will be submitted to you for confirmation.

I invoke the Divine blessing on your labours, and leave you to your deliberations with confidence that they will be inspired by the desire to serve your country well.

Then the House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

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

3 March, 1926.

Sir,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has this day granted leave of absence for two months to the Honourable C. P. Ayre from his duties in the Legislative Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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

The Honourable,
The President,
Legislative Council.

20th November, 1925.

Sir,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has been pleased to grant three months leave of absence to the Honourable W. J. Ellis from his duties in the Legislative Council.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

18 January, 1926.

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 Daniel A. Ryan during the coming Session of the Legislature.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

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 following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, — That the Legislative Council records with deep regret the death of the Honourable James D. Ryan, late Member and ex-President of this House.

As a Member for many years he displayed eminent ability and unvarying courtesy.

Whilst occupying the Chair, he enjoyed the respect and esteem of this House for impartiality and dignity in the discharge of his duties.

RESOLVED,—That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the family of the deceased gentleman, expressing the sympathy of the Council with them in their great bereavement.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McNamara, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Alderdice:

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in Reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, and

Ordered — That the Honourables Messrs. McNamara, Alderdice, Davey, Power and Anderson, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, March 8th, at four o'clock p.m.

MONDAY, March 8th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 3rd, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received:

Queen's Road,
March 5th, 1926.

Dear Sir,—

May I ask you, please, to convey to the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council my

sincere thanks for the unanimous expressions of sympathy so kindly extended at the first Session occurring after the demise of my husband, Honourable James D. Ryan, their late Member and ex-President.

(Sgd.) ANNA M. RYAN.

Mr. R. A. Parsons.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McNamara, the said Address was read a second time (at length).

A Debate on the Address in Reply took place.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the debate on the Address in Reply was adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 11th day of March inst., at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 11th, 1926.

PRESENT:

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

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

FRIDAY, March 12th, 1926.

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,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Monday, the 8th, and of Thursday, the 11th of March instant, were read and confirmed.

The Commission appointing Samuel K. Bell, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Council, provisionally, was read by the Clerk.

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. Consolidated 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 8th instant.

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

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
10th March, 1926.

March 6th, 1926.

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

The President, Legislative Council,

Hon. A. B. Morine, K.C.,

Hon. 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 Debate on the Address in Reply was resumed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McNamara, 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 had addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

(Sgd.) P. T. McGRATH,
President.

Council Chamber,
March 12th, 1926.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 16th of March instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 16th, 1926.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m., for want of quorum.

WEDNESDAY, March 17th, 1926.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 18th instant, at 4 p.m., for want of quorum.

THURSDAY, March 18th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Friday, the 12th, of Tuesday, the 16th, and of Wednesday, the 17th of March instant, 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 4.15 p.m. this day.

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

At 4.30 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,
St. John's, Nfld.,
18th March, 1926.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 25th day of March instant, at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 25th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

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

JOHN ANDERSON,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,

GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,

JOHN DAVEY,
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
S. K. BELL.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 6th of April, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 6th, 1926.

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.,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 25th, 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 appointed a Select Committee to consider and report on the advisability of the introduction of a Bill to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act," and request that the Legislative Council will appoint a number of Councillors to be joined with the Members of this House in connection therewith.

The Select Committee from this House of Assembly to be Hon. the Minister of Justice, Mr. Halfyard, Mr. Warren, Mr. W. J. Browne, Mr. Linegar, Mr. K. M. Brown, Mr. Lake.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 25th, 1926.

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

Ordered—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider jointly with the Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly the advisability of the introduction of a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, and

Ordered—That the Hons. Messrs. Morine, Alderdyce, McNamara, Davey, Sir M. G. Winter, and the Hons. Messrs. Bishop and Gibbs be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 9th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 9th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 6th instant, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Morine laid on the table the Annual Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings Bank, 1925.

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 to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes,'" and "An Act

Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
March 26th, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes,'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

The Hon. Mr. Morine laid on the table:

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 4th August, 1925.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 12th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 12th, 1926.

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.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

JOHN DAVEY,

H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,

A. B. MORINE, K.C.,

J. A. ROBINSON,

M.B.E., L.L.D.

The Minutes of Friday, the 9th 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 Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes'" was read a second time and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises" was read a second time and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 3, 14 Geo. V entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 9th, 1926.

The Honourable Mr. Morine gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the rules of this House in reference to Private Bills in the matter of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. III, 14 Geo. V., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes.' "

The Honourable Mr. Morine reads telegrams passing between the Honourable the Prime Minister and the International Paper Company.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table Report of the Highways Commission.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, the 13th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 13th, 1926.

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.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
GEORGE SHEA,
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.
S. K. BELL.

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

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table: Report of Robert Chambers of British Columbia, Canning Expert, in reference to the canning of salmon, lobster, etc.

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

Ordered—That the Rules of this House in reference to private bills in the matter of the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 3, 14 George V., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an

Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes' " be suspended.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 3, 14 George V., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant,' " was read a first time and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes.'"

The Honourable Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises."

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 and,

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

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

Mr. President:—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11, Geo. V., Cap. 37 (1920)," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 12th, 1926.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act II. George V. Cap. 37 (1920)'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 14th, 1926.

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.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
G. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 13th instant, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable Mr. Morine laid on the Table: Newfoundland Customs Returns 1924-1925.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises" 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

Ordered—That the Order of the Day concerning the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter I of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’” be deferred.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the debate on the Second Reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 111, 14 Geo. V., entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant,’” stand adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the debate on the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 2 Geo. V. Cap. 37 (1920),’” stand adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 15th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 15th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
GEO. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 14th inst.,
were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the Order of the Day concerning the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up

entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 111, 14 Geo. V. entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the Order of the Day concerning the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)'" be deferred.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communication 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 Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 13th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 16th day of April instant at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 16th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
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 Thursday, April 15th., were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the Order of the Day concerning the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidate Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went

into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 111 14 Geo. V. entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes.'"

The Hon. Mr. Power in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from the House of Assembly:

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively "An Act Respecting the Civil Service," "An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees,'" and "An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical Payments," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 15th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

The Bills sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Civil Service," "An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees'" and "An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical Payments" were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, the 19th day of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 19th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
GEO. SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
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 Friday, April 16th, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the following Resolutions were unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: That the Council desire to record their sense of the loss the Country and Council have sustained through the death of the late Honourable William J. Ellis, for ten years a Member of this Body, for a period the representative here of the Government of the day, previously for some years a member of the House of Assembly; and prior to that for several years Mayor of St. John's, the duties of which positions he performed with honour to himself

and great satisfaction to his colleagues and the public at large.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to his relations with a letter expressing the sympathy felt by the Council in their bereavement.

On motion made the House adjourned in tribute of respect to the deceased member, until Tuesday, the 20th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 20th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Monday, April 19th, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine

Ordered—That the Order of the Day concerning “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’ ” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 111 14 Geo. V. entitled “An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement be-

tween the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes.'”

The Hon. Mr. Power 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services’ and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920).”

“An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery.”

“An Act Respecting the Civil Service.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Trustees’ ” and

“An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical payments’ ”

Were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed to-morrow.

The Hon. 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 Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 16th, 1926.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 16th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs'" were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 21st of April instant at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 21st, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
GEO. SHEA,
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 Tuesday, April 20th, were read and confirmed.

The Honourable the President read the following communication:

116 Military Road,
April 20th, 1926.

R. A. Parsons, Esq.,
Clerk,
Legislative Council,
City.

Dear Sir,—

On behalf of the relatives of the late W. J. Ellis I would offer to the President and Members

of the Legislative Council, our sincere thanks for the Resolution of Condolence adopted by his colleagues yesterday on the occasion of his demise.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) MAE QUINN.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’ ” stand for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 111, 14 Geo. V. entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes,’ ” was read a third time as amended, 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 with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes.’ ”

The Hon. 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, 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 Geo. V. Cap. 37 (1920)."

The Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine.

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery" be deferred.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Civil Service" be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'of Trustees.'"

The Hon. Mr. Shea 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical Payments."

The Hon. Mr. Dawe 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 Hon. Mr. Morine.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 22nd, 1926.

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.,

M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
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 Wednesday, April 21st, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for the Third Reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes’ ” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled

'Of Trustees' " 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical Payments" 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.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from the House of Assembly:

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 3, 14, Geo. V., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other Purposes,' " without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 22nd, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled “An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services’ and the Amending Act 11 Geo. V. Cap. 37 (1920)” be deferred.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting the Civil Service.”

The Hon. Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again presently.

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 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’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 Respecting the Taxation and Immunity from Taxation of State Enterprises.”

“An Act to Amend Cap. 111 14 Geo. V. entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other Purposes.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Trustees.’”

“An Act Respecting the Apportionment of Periodical Payments.”

The House of Assembly then retired.

His Excellency withdrew.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the House again went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting the Civil Service.”

The Hon. Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Order of the Day for the Second Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from the House of Assembly:

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 21st, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 26th of April instant, at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY, April 26th, 1926.

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. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
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 Thursday, April 22nd, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Morine laid on the Table: Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes'" was read a third time, as amended, 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, with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Service' and the Amending Act 11 Geo. V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery."

The Hon. Dr. Robinson in the Chair.

After some 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Civil Service."

The Hon. Mr. Alderdice in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, the 27th of April instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 27th, 1926.

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.,
M. POWER,
GEO. SHEA,
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, April 26th., were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was deferred.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery" was deferred.

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

The Hon. 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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs.'"

The Hon. Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, the 28th of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 28th, 1926.

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.,
F. McNAMARA,
GEO. SHEA,
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 Tuesday, April 27th., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Civil Service" was read a third time, as amended, 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, with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs'" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland."

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice."

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

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 3rd of May, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, May 3rd, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
T. K. COOK,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
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 Wednesday, April 28th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts relating to the Seal 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 amendments and requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland" 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

The Hon. 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 without prejudice to their sole and undoubted rights and privileges in respect to Money Bills, they accept the Amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled "An Act Respecting the Civil Service," as the said Amendments further the intention of the House of Assembly in that behalf. This is not to be drawn into a precedent, or be taken to diminish or qualify in any wise the said Rights and Privileges of the House of Assembly.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 29th, 1926.

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 Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes,' " without Amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
April 30th, 1926.

The Hon. Mr. Morine laid on the Table:

- (1) Report of Messrs. G. N. Read, Son & Watson dated the 3rd of January, 1924, in relation to the Department of the Liquor Control (as it existed at the date of the Report, and prior to the creation of the present Board of Liquor Control).
- (2) Copy of Petition from the Women of Newfoundland requesting the further consideration of the Liquor Traffic and the Administration of the Liquor Laws with a view to the re-enactment of such Legislation as will provide for the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.
- (3) Statement showing the Total Duty received for each of the years from 1911-1925 on Spirits, Wines, Ale and Porter.
- (4) Comparative Statement showing quantity and value of as well as the Import

Duty paid on intoxicating Liquors consumed in the Colony of Newfoundland for the ten years from 1911-1912 to 1920-1921 inc.

- (5) Certain Reports and Returns of Inspector General of Police, Chas. H. Hutchings, relative to certain prosecutions.
- (6) Report of the Board of Liquor Control for the year ended January 31st, 1926.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 4th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 4th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
J. J. MURPHY,
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, May 3rd., were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services, and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)'" was for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs.'"

The Hon. Dr. Mosdell 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 of this House for consideration by them jointly with a Select Committee of the House of Assembly.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the Hons. Messrs. Morine, Anderson, Murphy, Davey and Dr. Robinson be a Select Committee for that Purpose.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice."

The Hon. Mr. Murphy 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 of this House for consideration by them jointly with a Select Committee of the House of Assembly.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the Hons. Messrs. Morine, Bishop, Dr. Mosdell, and Messrs. Gibbs and Alderdice be a Select Committee for that Purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services’ and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920).”

The Hon. Mr. Davey 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 made the House adjourned until Friday, the 7th day of May instant, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 7th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourable SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday, the 10th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m. for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, May 10th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D, F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON,
M.B.E., L.L.D.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 4th, and of Friday, May 7th., were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Order of the Day for the Third Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was for the present deferred.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill

entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 Geo. V. Cap. XIV., entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Ltd., in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, Geo. V. Cap. XIV., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Ltd.,' " was read a first time, and

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

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for the Third Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was deferred.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have complied with the

request for the appointment of a Select Committee to be joined with the Select Committee from the Legislative Council in connection with the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 143 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs.'" The Committee from the House of Assembly to be, Hon. the Minister of Justice, Hon. the Colonial Secretary, the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Scammell and Mr. Warren.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1926.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have complied with the request for the appointment of a Select Committee to be joined with the Select Committee from the Legislative Council in connection with the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Secure the Better Training of Midwives and to Regulate their Practice." The Committee from the House of Assembly to be: Hon. the Minister of Justice, Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Moore, Mr. Grimes, Mr. Godden.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 6th, 1926.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday next, the 12th day of May, instant, at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 12th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
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, May 10th., were read and confirmed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for the Third Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)" was for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 Geo. V. Cap. XIV., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Ltd.'"

The Hon. 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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.

The Hon. 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 an error has been discovered in the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920),' " that is to say, the words "The Post Master General" appear in the line of Section 3 of the said Bill, instead of the words "The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs."

The House of Assembly therefor request the Legislative Council to rectify the said error by striking out the words "The Post Master Gen-

eral" in the said line of the said Section of the said Bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs."

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Assembly Room,
May 10th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine.

Ordered—That the House comply with the request of the House of Assembly to rectify the error contained in the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920).'"

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 11 George V. Cap. 37 (1920)'" 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.

The Hon. 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 amend-

ments sent down by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts Relating to the Seal Fishery," with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 10th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine.

Ordered—That the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by this House in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act, and other Acts Relating to the Seal Fishery" do pass, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following messages had been received from the House of Assembly:

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada," and "An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Ltd.," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 10th, 1926.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues,'" "An Act to amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's,'" "An Act Respecting Immigration," "An Act to Relieve Ships from Payment of Water Rates in certain cases," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 11th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop:

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

"An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and the New-

foundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Ltd.”

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

“An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the port of St. John’s.’ ”

“An Act Respecting Immigration.”

“An Act to Relieve Ships from Payment of Water Rates in Certain Cases,” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine.’ ”

Were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 13th of May instant at 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 13th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
M. POWER,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
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 Wednesday, May 13th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop presented petitions from the United Church of Canada and the President of the Methodist Conference of Newfoundland, respectively, and the same were severally read by the Clerk.

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

Ordered—That the Rules of this House in reference to private Bills in the matter of the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled “An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada” be waived.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Ltd."

"An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues,' " and

"An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's,' " were severally read a second time, and ordered to be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Second Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Immigration" was for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Relieve Ships from payment of Water Rates in certain Cases," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine' " were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Immigration" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at 3.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 14th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. POWER,
T. K. COOK,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
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 Thursday, May 14th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from the House of Assembly:
Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend an Act Amending Cap. 3, 14 Geo. V., entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant,

and for other purposes,' ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 14th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend an Act Amending Cap. 3, 14 Geo. V., entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes,’ ” was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, with the unanimous consent of the House, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 4.00 o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Administrator, Sir William Henry Horwood 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 Administrator was pleased to give His assent to the following Bills:

- (1) “An Act Respecting the Civil Service.”
- (2) “An Act to Further Amend Cap. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services and the Amending Act 11 Geo. V. Cap. 37 (1920).’”
- (3) “An Act Respecting the Operation of Wireless Telegraphs in Newfoundland.”
- (4) “An Act to Amend the Act 15 Geo. V. Cap. XIV., entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Newfoundland Hotel Facilities, Ltd.’”
- (5) “An Act to Amend the Seal Fishery Act and other Acts relating to the Seal Fishery,” and

- (6) An Act to Amend an Act Amending Cap. 3, 14 Geo. V., entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant, and for other purposes."

His Excellency then retired.

The Hon. the President resumed the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop laid on the Table:

To the Honourable the Legislative Council in Legislative Session, convened.

On behalf of "The Methodist Church" which is a body corporate, constituted under "The Methodist Church Incorporation Act 1884" we respectfully beg to inform your Honourable Council that we have been instructed to state, that they assent and approve of the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada," now before the Legislature, and respectfully request the passage of the same.

(Sgd.) JAS. P. BLACKWOOD,

J. A. W. W. McNEILY,

Solicitors for "The Methodist Church,"
(Incorporated in Newfoundland)

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada."

The Hon. Mr. Cook 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Ltd.”

The Hon. Capt. Dawe 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

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

“An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John’s.’ ”

“An Act to Relieve Ships from Payment of Water Rates in certain Cases,” and

“An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine.’”

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the remaining Order of the Day was deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 17th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m.

MONDAY, May 17th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President.
R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
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.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Friday, May 14th., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada" 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Ltd." 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bills sent up entitled respectively:

"An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues,' " "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the port of St. John's.' "

"An Act to Relieve Ships from payment of Water Rates in Certain Cases," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Board of Health, Health Officers, and Quarantine.' "

The Hon. Dr. Mosdell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bills entitled respectively "An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues,' " "An Act to Relieve Ships from

payment of Water Rates in Certain Cases,'” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Board of Health, Health Officers, and Quarantine,’” without amendment, and as to the Bill entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John’s’” reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bills with the exception of the Bill entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John’s’” be severally read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting Immigration.”

The Hon. Mr. Bell 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.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 19th of May instant at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 19th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
J. J. MURPHY,
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, May 17th., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues,'" "An Act to Relieve Ships from payment of Water Rates in Certain Cases" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine'" were severally read a third time, and passed, and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bills 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Immigration" was read a third time, as amended, 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, with some amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the remaining Order of the Day was deferred.

The Hon. 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 the Act 15 and 16 George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Re-building,'" and "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 18th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16 George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 20th day of May instant at 2.45 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 20th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
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.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 19th, were read and confirmed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for Committee on Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's,' " was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16

George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding' " was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for the Second Reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping" was deferred.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 3.30 p.m. His Excellency the Administrator, Sir William Henry Horwood, 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 Administrator was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:

- (1) "An Act Respecting the United Church of Canada."
- (2) "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 25 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Light Dues.'"
- (3) "An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Newfound-

land and the Newfoundland Cold Storage Fresh Fish Corporation, Limited.”

- (4) “An Act to Relieve Ships from Payment of Water Rates in Certain Cases,” and
- (5) “An Act to Amend Chapter 40 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Board of Health, Health Officers and Quarantine.’”

His Excellency then retired.

The Hon. 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 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations,’ ” and “An Act to Amend 15 Geo. V. Cap. 8, entitled ‘Of the House of Assembly,’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 19th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively “An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations’ ” and “An Act to Amend 15 George V. Cap. 8, entitled ‘Of the House of Assembly,’ ” were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 21st of May instant, at 4.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 21st, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
T. K. COOK,
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 Thursday, May 20th, were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's,'" was deferred.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Order of the Day for the Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16 George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding'" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping," "An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations'" and "An Act to Amend 15 Geo. V. Cap. 8, entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 25th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 25th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,
C.B.E.
M. POWER;
J. J. MURPHY,
T. K. COOK,
GEO. SHEA,
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.
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Friday, May 21st., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's.' "

The Hon. Mr. Davey 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the Order of the Day for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16, George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding,"" was for the present deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping."

The Hon. Mr. Alderdice in the Chair.

After some 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations.'"

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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 Hon. Mr. Morine, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend 15 Geo. V. Cap. 8, entitled ‘Of the House of Assembly.’”

The Hon. 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16 George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled ‘An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding.’”

The Hon. Dr. Robinson 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.

The Hon. 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 concurred in the Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Immigration," without amendment.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 20th, 1926.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 26th day of May instant at 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 26th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourable SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 27th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m., for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, May 27th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourable SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, the 28th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m. for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, May 28th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourable SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Saturday, the 29th of May instant, at 4.00 p.m. for want of a quorum.

SATURDAY, May 29th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourable SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President.

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday, the 31st of May instant, at 4.00 p.m., for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, May 31st, 1926.

'The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
F. McNAMARA,
D. A. RYAN,
GEORGE SHEA,
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.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 25th, Wednesday, May 26th., Thursday, 27th., Friday, 28th., and of Saturday, 29th May, were read and confirmed.

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

27 May, 1926.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Administrator to inform you that he had been pleased

to grant leave of absence to the Honourable R. K. Bishop for the remainder of the session of the Legislature.

Yours faithfully,

R. WATSON,
Private Secretary.

The Honourable
Sir P. T. Mc Grath, K.B.E.,
President Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John's,'" "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16, George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Nuisance and Municipal Regulations,'" and "An Act to Amend 15 Geo. V. Cap. 8, entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" were severally read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered—That the said Bills 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping."

Hon. Mr. Shea 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.

The Hon. 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 Newspapers and Books," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 28th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books" 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 1st day of June, at 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 1st, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
P. TEMPLEMAN,
M. POWER,
F. McNAMARA,
D. A. RYAN,
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.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Monday, May 31st, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Morine gave notice that he would on to-morrow move for the suspension of the Rules of the House in reference to the passage of all Bills now before the House, or to come before it, for the remainder of the Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping" 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. 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 Chapters 22, Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series), entitled 'Of the Customs,'" "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Commercial Cable Company," and "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1925," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
May 31st, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act to Amend Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series,) entitled 'Of the Customs,'" "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Commercial Cable Company" and "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1925" were severally read a first time, and

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

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 appointed a Commission with power to sit out of Session to enquire as to the cure and cull of salt fish, its transportation and marketing, and cognate matters concerning the Colony's salt fish trade. The House of Assembly requests the appointment of a similar number of its members by the Legislative Council, to serve on the said Commission.

The Members appointed by the House of Assembly to be: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Minister of Finance and Customs, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Hickman and Mr. Scammell.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 1, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the message from the House of Assembly re the appointment of a Commission with power to sit out of Session to enquire as to the cure and cull of Salt Fish, its transportation and marketing, and cognate matters concerning the Colony's Salt Fish Trade be considered to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson gave notice that he would on to-morrow move that this House consider the question of Housing.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, June 2nd, at 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 2nd, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
D. A. RYAN,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of June 1st were read and confirmed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:

RESOLVED—That the Legislative Council records its deep regret at the loss, by death of the Hon. Philip Templeman, whose decease has deprived the Council of an honoured member, and the community of a worthy and esteemed citizen.

RESOLVED—That a copy of the Resolution be sent to Mrs. Templeman, expressing the sympathy of the Council with her and her family in their bereavement.

On motion made the House adjourned in tribute of respect to the deceased member, until Friday, the 4th of June instant, at 3.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, June 4th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
D. A. RYAN,
GEO. 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.,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Wednesday, June 2nd, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That the Rules of the House in reference to the passage of all Bills now before the House or to come before it for the remainder of the Session be suspended.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine:

Ordered—That this House concur in the request of the House of Assembly for the appoint-

ment by this House of a number of its Members to serve on a Commission (with power to sit out of Session) to enquire as to the Cure and Cull of Salt Fish, its Transportation and Marketing and cognate matters concerning the Colony's Salt Fish Trade, and,

Ordered—That the Honourables Messrs. Morine, Ryan, Alderdice, Dawe and Bishop be of the said Commission.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books."

Hon. 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 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Commercial

Cable Company," and "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1925," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the motion for the consideration by the House of the question of housing was deferred.

The Hon. 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 Further Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) CYRIL JAMES FOX,
Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 1st, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Further Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

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

MONDAY, June 7th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL,
A. B. MORINE, K.C.,
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
LL.D.

The Minutes of Friday, June 4th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books" was read a third time, as amended, 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 with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An

Act to Amend Chapter 22 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"

The Hon. 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Commercial Cable Company."

The Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Revenue Act, 1925."

The Hon. Mr. Cook in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Further Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions'" was read a second time, and

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

The Hon. 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 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.

The Hon. Mr. Morine tabled:—(1) Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1925, and (2) Annual Report of the Department of Education of Newfoundland, 1924-1925.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 8th of June instant, at 3.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 8th, 1926.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
T. K. COOK,
D. A. RYAN,
GEO. SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. B. MORINE, K.C.
F. C. ALDERDICE,
J. A. ROBINSON, M.B.E.,
LL.D.
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Monday, June 7th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. 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 47 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Inspection of Foods,'" "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," and "An Act Further to Amend Chapter

212 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Compensation to Workmen," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDESTER,
Actg. Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 7th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act to Amend Chapter 47 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Inspection of Foods,'" "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," and "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 212 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Compensation to Workmen,'" were severally read a first time, and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the said Bills were severally read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 47 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Inspection of Foods.'"

The Hon. 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

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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the St. John’s Municipal Act, 1921.”

The Hon. Dr. Robinson in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend Chapter 212 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Compensation to Workmen.’ ”

The Hon. Mr. Bell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

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.

The Hon. 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 concurred in the Amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly entitled "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books" without amendment.

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDISTER,
Actg. Speaker.

Assembly Room,

June 7th, 1926.

The Hon. 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 Authorize an Agreement between the Government and the

Terra Nova Oil Products Company, Limited," and "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDESTER,
Actg. Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 8th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act to Authorize an Agreement between the Government and the Terra Nova Oil Products Company, Limited," and "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances" were severally read a first time, and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the said Bills were severally read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Authorize an Agreement between the Government and the Terra Nova Oil Products Company, Limited."

The Hon. 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 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of the 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.

The Hon. 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 War Pension Act, 1922, in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDESTER,
Actg. Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 8th, 1926.

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

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

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

The Hon. 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 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 made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 9th of June instant, at 11.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 9th, 1926.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: SIR P. T. McGRATH,
K.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.G.S.,
President,
JOHN ANDERSON,
S. MILLEY,
M. POWER,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
D. A. RYAN,
GEO. SHEA,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.
A. B. MORINE, K.C.
F. C. ALDERDICE,
S. K. BELL.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 8th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. 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, 1926, and the 30th day of June, 1927, and for

other purposes relating to the Public Service," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDESTER,
Deputy Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 8th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. 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, 1926, and the 30th day of June, 1927, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service" was read a first time, and

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

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

The Hon. 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 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.

The Hon. 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 "An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes," and "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Cap. 33 (1925), entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) J. C. PUDDISTER,
Deputy Speaker.

Assembly Room,
June 8th, 1926.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes" was read a first time.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. Dawe 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 Hon. Mr. Morine the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Cap. 33 (1925), entitled ‘An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported in Newfoundland,’ ” was read a first time.

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

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

The Hon. 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 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.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Administrator, Sir William Henry Horwood, 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 for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty seven and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.”
- (2) “An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Promulgation and Construction of Statutes.’ ”
- (3) “An Act to Amend Chapter 181 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Harbour Master and Harbour Regulations for the Port of St. John’s.’ ”

- (4) "An Act to Amend 'The War Pensions Act 1922.'"
- (5) "An Act Respecting Immigration."
- (6) "An Act to Amend the Act 15 and 16 George V. Cap. 23 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding.'"
- (7) "An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Nuisances and Municipal Regulations.'"
- (8) "An Act Respecting Newspapers and Books."
- (9) "An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Inspection of Foods.'"
- (10) "An Act to Authorize an Agreement between the Government and the Terra Nova Oil Products Company, Limited."
- (11) "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"
- (12) "An Act to Further Amend Chapter 74 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled 'Of Old Age Pensions.'"
- (13) "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V. Cap. 33 (1925) entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland.'"

- (14) "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 212 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Compensation to Workmen.'"
- (15) "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."
- (16) "An Act to Amend 15 George V. Cap. 8 entitled 'Of the House of Assembly.'"
- (17) "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act 1921."
- (18) "An Act Respecting Railway and Shipping."
- (19) "An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes."
- (20) An Act to Amend the Revenue Act 1925."
- (21) "An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Commercial Cable Company."

After which His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:

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

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

You will be pleased to be relieved of your duties as Legislators, to engage actively in the other avocations which demand your attention.

A large amount of useful legislation has received your consideration, and your labours in this respect have been for the public benefit. The Civil Service Act establishes clearly and firmly the basis upon which public officials shall be pensioned, a matter concerning which practice has been unsettled and unsatisfactory. The Newspaper Act grapples with a condition long discreditable to our Colony. The Railway Commission Act gives legality to an operation of the Newfoundland Railway which has hitherto been conducted without statutory authority.

The Act amending the contract made in 1923 for exportation of pulp wood from areas in White Bay has resulted in a sale of the Hampden Areas to the International Paper Company, which has already commenced its operations connected therewith, and increased employment will be given there.

The Dry Dock at St. John's has been completed though the construction of storage and other facilities in conjunction with it will continue for some time. A large foreign ship is even now being repaired in this new Dock.

The Hotel in this City, in relation to which a guarantee has been given by the Colony, is not yet wholly completed, but will open for the reception of guests this month, early enough to offer a welcome to the Tourists who will soon be coming to our shores. In this connection it is pleasant to note that three fine new passenger steamers have been provided to meet the Colony's growing traffic.

Gratification is felt at the manner in which the Highways constructed last year by the Highroads Commission withstood the trying winter

season, illustrating the fact that work well done is after all the most economical. The roads commenced last year will be completed at an early date, and new work undertaken in due course. The loan authorised this year will permit certain pioneer roads to be undertaken in localities which do not at present need motor roads, but will repay development, and call for increased facilities.

Comfort, convenience and economical operation have all been served by the partial re-railing of the Railway which took place last year. The additional re-railing this year for which you have provided will give increased beneficial results.

Our people can best be helped by increased wage earning facilities. It is, therefore, gratifying to note indications of increased development of natural resources, such as mining and manufacturing offer. The great works of the Newfoundland Power and Paper Company, Limited, on the Humber are satisfactorily operating. The Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, Limited, are extending their operations. Certain mining operations are soon to be undertaken by the latter Company, and there are hopes for important promotions in connection with the fisheries.

The Joint Committee of both Houses appointed recently to enquire into fishery matters, will be appointed a Commission under the Public Enquiries Act, to enable it to carry on its work out of Session. This is a most important matter, and that its deliberations will be attended by great good I do not doubt.

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

The liberal supplies you have voted will be used for the public benefit.

A Commission will be appointed during the recess to study and report upon the expenditure of the Colony, with a view to reduction where possible, and upon the Colony's source of revenue, with a view to more equitable and satisfactory imposition.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The successful result of the Seal Fishery is a source of much satisfaction not alone for the employment it afforded those engaged in its prosecutions but also for the stimulating effect it will undoubtedly have upon other industries of the country.

In relieving you from your Legislative duties I join with you in the confident hope that the objects aimed at by your Honourable Houses in your endeavour for the public welfare may be achieved and I now take leave to wish you severally prosperity and happiness during the recess.

The Hon. the President then said:

It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Wednesday, the 21st day of July next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,
Clerk, Legislative Council.

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