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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE JAMES M. RUSSELL

The House met at 11:a.m.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has arrived.

MR. SPEAKER: Admit His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

This Third Session of the Thirty-Sixth General Assembly of this Honourable House of Assembly is about to be prorogued but before releasing you from your duties I wish to thank you for the careful and sympathetic attention you gave to the many matters brought before you by my Ministers.

One hundred and twenty pieces of legislation were enacted during this Session of the Honourable House of Assembly which were of great benefit to the people of Newfoundland.

In the field of consumer protection, The Mobile Home Dealers' Act is of particular significance and its enactment during this Session of this Honourable House of Assembly will hopefully ensure that mobile homes purchased in this province will be of high quality and meet the required standards of prospective purchasers. This legislation also ensures a minimum standard for the construction and equipping of mobile homes, which protection the people of our province are entitled to receive.

The Building Supplies Act is also designed to protect the consumer and to prevent unnecessary charges being imposed upon home purchasers by land developers.

In the field of the administration of justice, two very important pieces of legislation were enacted. The Judicature (Amendment) Act provides for the setting up of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland as two divisions, namely, the Court of Appeal and a Trial Division. This legislation constitutes the first major reform of the Superior Court of our province in more than one hundred and twenty-five years. In addition to increasing the number of sittings of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court on Circuit at Corner Brook, provision is made for the appointment of a Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court who will reside in Corner Brook, thereby ensuring the more speedy and efficient processing of matters coming before that Court. A further amendment to The Judicature Act requires employers to pay wages to employees whilst they serve on criminal jury duty and whilst they are attending Court as witnesses in Court cases.

The enactment of The Provincial Court Act implements the main recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission to enquire into the Magistracy of Newfoundland and Labrador. This Act guarantees

security of tenure and the total independence of the Magistrates who occupy the Provincial Courts of this Province, Under the Provincial Court Act, there is established a Judicial Council whose responsibilities include, inter alia, the protection of our Magistrates as well as guaranteeing the fair and impartial appointment of men and women to serve on the bench of our Provincial Courts.

An Act of great importance to all the people of our province is The Forest Land (Management and Taxation) Act which was enacted during the present Session. This Act ensures the preservation of the timber resources of our province and provides for fair and equitable management of our timber lands. This far reaching piece of legislation also imposes varying degrees of taxation on persons holding timber rights and is designed to promote the orderly harvesting of our timber.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I also draw to your attention other pieces of legislation which will be beneficial to our people e.g. The Newfoundland Municipal Financing Corporation (Amendment) Act, The Farm Development Loan (Amendment) Act, The Fisheries Loan (Amendment) Act, The Public Tender Act, The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, The Gift Tax (Repeal) Act, The Succession Duty (Repeal) Act, The Solemnization of Marriage Act, The Canada Bay Lumber Company Limited (Agreement) Act, The Increase of Pensions Act, The Public Service (Pensions) (Amendment) Act, The Labour Relations (Amendment) Act, The Condominium (Amendment) Act, The Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles (Amendment) Act, The House of Assembly (Amendment) Act, The Newfoundland Human Rights (Amendment) Act, The Medical Act and The Trust and Loan Companies Licensing Act.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

I thank you for the large measure of supply you have granted Her Majesty. I assure you that the appropriations which you have granted will be expended by my Ministers with care and efficiency.

It is my pleasure that the Third Session of this Thirty-Sixth General Assembly be prorogued and it is prorogued accordingly.

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to inform honourable members that it is also the wish of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that a new Session commence this afternoon at three o'clock. It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued and this Assembly is prorogued accordingly.