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ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, R. E., Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1900.

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HENRY MCCALLUM, Governor. [L.S.] By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, R. E., Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of MARCH instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of MARCH instant, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

> Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 4th day of March, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON, Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCallum, R. E., Knight Commander HENRY MCCALLUM, of the Most Distinguished Order of Governor. St. Michael and St. George, Governor [L.S.] and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of MARCH instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-SECOND day of MARCH instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-SECOND day of MARCH instant, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

> Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 10th day of March, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON, Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

HENRY MCCALLUM, Governor. [L.S.] By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, R. E., Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the TWENTY-SECOND day of MARCH instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-NINTH day of MARCH instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWENTY-NINTH day of MARCH instant, then to meet for the despatch of business, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

> Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 20th day of March, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND, Acting Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Fourth Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly.

Thursday, March 29th, 1900.

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

At a quarter to Three o'clock, P. M., the House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, President. The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

> JAMES MCLOUGHLAN, GEORGE T. RENDELL, JOHN HARRIS, GEORGE SKELTON, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, EDGAR R. BOWRING, JOHN B. AYRE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

At Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform

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the Speaker and Members thereof, that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

- Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
- Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

In opening this Session of the Legislature I desire to formally convey to you an expression of the high appreciation with which Her Majesty's Government regard your action in relation to the Treaties Bill, for the consideration of which a special session of the Legislature was convened on the 19th February. In reply to the telegraph despatch sent by me to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing that your Honorable House had unanimously adopted that measure, I was informed that Her Majesty's Government "highly appreciated the conduct of this Legislature."

I cannot fail to recognize that your unanimity on the occasion referred to must not only be regarded as evidence of your loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Empire, but of your confidence in the sincere and generous disposition of Her Majesty to satisfy at an early date the reasonable expectations of her faithful and loyal subjects in this colony.

It is exceedingly gratifying to observe that the war in South Africa has, since I last had the pleasure of addressing you, entered on a new stage, and that the results of the past fortnight have been entirely favorable to the British arms. Whilst we rejoice over the victories that have been won, our joy is naturally tempered with sadness because of the great loss of life that has attended the advance of the British forces.

I have noticed with great satisfaction the practical sympathy that has been manifested by the people of this colony for those bereft by the war, and also the laudable efforts of the women of Newfoundland to aid in making provision for the comfort of the soldiers engaged in the war. It gives me further pleasure to know that my Ministers will propose for your adoption a vote to be placed at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government, and to be applied in such manner as Her Majesty's Ministers may determine. This contribution will necessarily be small, but I feel that it will be regarded by Her Majesty's Government as an earnest of your desire to contribute according to the means of the colony towards the sustenance of the Empire.

I am glad to learn that the trade and general business of the colony during the past year was satisfactory. 12

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The cod fishery of the Island and Labrador was somewhat above the average, and the price obtained for this staple in foreign markets led to a considerable expansion of trade.

The seal fishery of last year was successful. It is to be regretted that the prices obtained for the products of that industry does not warrant the investment of more capital in its prosecution. The recent arrivals from the ice-fields, and the reports that have been brought in by those steamers, warrant us in concluding that the result of this season's fishery will greatly stimulate spring trade.

The lobster fishery, which has been gradually declining for several years, showed a further falling off in the catch. This fact would appear to emphasize the necessity for more stringent regulations, or the better enforcement of those that exist.

The return of the herring fishery, owing to the unusual mildness of the past winter, which prevented freezing of the fish for export, was very much below former years.

The agricultural returns indicate that this branch of our industries was, on the whole, remunerative.

Lumbering was vigorously prosecuted during the past year, and afforded employment to a large number of people resident in the northern districts. The number of applications that have been made for pulp areas point to the great value of the pulp industry. While every encouragement should be given to those who are prepared to invest capital in the manufacture of pulp and its products in this Island, I am of opinion that there should be a strict enforcement of the law prohibiting the exportation of pulp wood.

Mining is rapidly taking a foremost place amongst our industrial pursuits, and it must be a matter of much satisfaction to you to know that it will be more extensively developed during the present year. A large amount of foreign capital will be invested this year in connection with the working of the iron deposit on Bell Isle in Conception Bay, thus affording increased employment to the laboring classes

It is anticipated that other industries will be established during the present year along the line of railway. The various industries that are already in operation there, and that are about to be commenced, bear eloquent testimony to the wisdom of those who, in 1880, introduced the Railway policy and by carrying it to a completion opened up the interests of this island to enterprise and capital.

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

I regret to say that although last year's revenue was the largest in the Colony's history, except that for the year after the St. John's fire of 1892, and which was abnormal, the expenditure exceeded the revenue.

The Public Accounts and the Estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date, and I shall rely

upon you to make such provision for the Public Service as circumstances render necessary.

- Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
- Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

The number of wrecks that have recently taken place on the south coast of this island accentuates the necessity for some improved system of lights or fog alarm being established at St. Shott's, whereby the danger to life and property may be minimised, if not altogether removed. The connecting of this locality by wire with the nearest telegraph station will also receive the attention of my Ministers.

You will be invited to make an increased vote for the repair of roads and bridges throughout the colony. My Ministers will also recommend an alteration in the Tariff that will be specially beneficial to the fishermen of the colony.

Despatches from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be laid upon the table of the House for your information; also papers in relation to the establishment of a Volunteer Force in this colony.

My former Ministers having tendered their resignation consequent upon a vote of confidence adopted by the House of Assembly, I have called to my Executive gentlemen who, I have reason to believe, possess the confidence of the majority of the Legislature. It is my earnest desire to do my duty towards the people of this colony, and I shall therefore give my confidence and assist with my counsel those men alone whom the absolute will of the Legislature assigns to me as Responsible Advisers.

In now leaving you to your deliberations I trust that Divine Providence may guide you to wise conclusions,

The Commission appointing M. W. Furlong, Esq., Law Clerk of the Legislature was read.

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

A Copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the Hon'ble the President, it was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Skelton,--

Ordered,--That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

Ordered,-That the Hon'bles Mr. Skelton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Baird, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Bowring, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the leader of the Government in this Chamber, to lay on the Table Copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Hen'ble the Premier prior to his assumption of office and relating thereto, and the Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State upon the same subject, and why the publication of the same has been delayed or countermanded and by whose order.

Also, for a Copy of the Evidence taken by the Commissioners appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Post Office, and the Report of the said Commissioners (if any.)

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

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Monday, April 2nd, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, President. The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT, JAMES MCLOUGHLAN, GEORGE T. RENDELL, JOHN HARRIS, GEORGE SKELTON, D. JOSEPH GREENE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 29th, were read.

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On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Skelton,--

Ordered,--That the House do now adjourn as an expression of regret at the death of the late M. H. Carty, Esq., a Member of the House of Assembly.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 4th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

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Wednesday, April 4th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. SHEA, President. The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT, Lucional Sull

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The Minutes of Monday last were read.

The Hon'ble the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :--altions is the d. Januar Intl day

His Excellency the Governor desires to communicate to the Hon'ble the Legislative Council that he has been pleased to appoint: Hon'ble E. D. Shea, President Legislative Council; Hon'ble George Skelton; Hon'ble John Harris; Hon'ble the Premier; His Honor the Speaker, House of Assembly; Hon'ble E. P. Morris, Q. C.; Hon'ble John Cowan, to be a Commission of Internal Economy for the Legislature.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton presented the following Report from the Commission of Internal Economy, which was read by the Clerk.

The Commission of Internal Economy beg to report to the Hon'ble the Legislative Council that they have made the following appointments :—

Messrs. Robert Pitman, George Carty, and J. P. Gleeson, to be Reporters to the Council.

Arthur Bemister to be Page.

Edward Morrissey and Patrick Myler, to be Door-keepers, and George Scott to be Messenger.

John McCoubrey, to be Printer of Miscellaneous papers

The Journals of the Council to be printed by Mr. J. W. Withers, *Royal Gazette*; and the Debates to be published in the *Evening Telegram*.

The Harbour Grace Standard, Twillingate Sun, and the Vindicator, to copy the Council Debates.

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The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, from the Select Committee on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

Ordered,---To be read a second time to-morrow.

Hon. Dr. Skelton gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of the House as regards the Address in Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble the Leader of the Government to lay on the Table copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble the Premier prior to his assumption of office and relating thereto; and the Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State upon the same subject, and why the pub-

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lication of the same has been delayed or countermanded, and by whose orders.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton replied that the Correspondence that has passed between His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble the Premier was strictly confidential and not such as can be laid on the Table, and he is not aware of any Correspondence between the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State and His Excellency the Governor in relation to this matter.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked for a copy of the Evidence taken by the Commissioners appointed to enquire into matters relating to the Post Office and the Report of the said Commissioners (if any).

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton replied that the papers were in course of preparation and would be laid on the Table as soon as possible.

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor respectfully requesting him to cause to be laid on the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble the Premier prior to his assumption of office and relating thereto, and the Correspondence between His Excellency the Governor and the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State upon the same subject.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 5th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, James McLoughlan, John Harris, George Skelton, Samuel Blandford, D. Joseph Greene, James Baird, Edgar R. Bowring, John B. Ayre, 17

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The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid upon the Table Despatches relating to the tour of His Excellency the Governor throughout the Colony last year.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, was read a second time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton,—

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended with regard to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton,--

Ordered,--That the said Address be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,---That the Report be received.

The said Address was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,--That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Deputation of the whole House.

The Address is as follows :---

To His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commanderin-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,---

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

> E. D. SHEA, President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, April 5th, 1900.

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene, by leave of the House, withdrew his notice on the motion paper for an Address to His Excellency the Governor asking for certain Correspondence.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, bring in a Bill to further extend the present Act for the Preservation of Beavers,

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon'ble Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table a statement showing the gross revenue (from all sources) and expenditure for the year ending June 30th, 1899; also, the gross revenue (from all sources) and expenditure from June 30th, 1899, to December 31st, 1899;

Also, a list of all prosecutions for violation of the Fishery Rules relating to the catching and canning, sale and purchase of Lobsters for the year 1899. A copy of the depositions upon which such prosecutions were founded. By whom made, and against whom preferred. The result of such prosecutions with copy of the judgments. The amount of fines imposed. The amount collected, and a detailed statement of the expenses connected with such prosecutions;

Also, a copy of any Minute of Council relating to the exportation of pulp wood. The quantity (if any) and value of any pulp wood exported during the years 1898-9, and by whom. Also a list of all applications made, and licenses granted, to cut timber for the purpose of manufacturing paper pulp, and the amount of fees paid thereon, for the year 1899, and up to the 1st April of this year;

Also, whether any Inspector has been appointed under the Act passed last Session for the Inspection of Boilers, and the name of the person; whether such Inspector has made any returns or reports of his official acts, and if so, to lay a copy of the same on the Table. Also, to ask if the Governor in Council has made any rules or regulations for the guidance and government of the Inspector, and if so, to lay a copy of the same upon the Table.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, April 6th, 1900.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables James McLoughlan, John Harris, George Skelton, Samuel Blandford, D. Joseph Greene, Edgar R. Bowring, Robert K. Bishop.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 5th, were read.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid upon the Table the following Documents:---

Memorandum from His Excellency the Governor, with enclosures, relating to the formation of a Volunteer Corps.

Report of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

Return of Crown Land Grants issued during the year '98-9.

Return of applications for Mining Locations received during the year 1898-9.

Return of Mining Leases issued during the year 1898-9.

Return of Mining Licenses issued during the year 1898-9.

Return of Fee Simple Mining Grants issued during the year 1898-9.

Return of Licenses to Cut Timber issued during the year 1898-9.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton introduced a Bill to continue the present Act for the preservation of Beavers, which was received and read a first time, and

Ordered,---To be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table a Statement showing the gross revenue (from all sources) and expenditure for the year ending June 30th, 1899;

Also, a list of all prosecutions for violation of the Fishery Rules relating to the catching and canning, sale and purchase of Lobsters for the year 1899. A copy of the depositions upon which such prosecutions were founded. By whom made, and against whom preferred. The result of such prosecutions with copy of the judgments. The amount of fines imposed. The amount collected; and a detailed account of the expenses connected with such prosecutions;

Also, a copy of any Minute of Council relating to the exportation of pulp wood. The quantity (if any) and value of any pulp wood exported during the years 1898-9, and by whom. Also, a list of all applications made and licenses, granted, to cut timber for the purpose of manufacturing paper pulp, and the amount of fees paid thereon for the year 1899 and up to the 1st April of this year;

Also, whether any Inspector has been appointed under the Act passed last Session for the Inspection of Boilers, and the name of the person; whether such Inspector has made any returns or reports of his official acts, and if so, to lay a copy of the same upon the Table. Also, to ask if the Governor in Council has made any rules or regulations for the guidance and government of the Inspector, and if so. to lay a copy of the same upon the Table.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton replied that the several statements would be prepared.

The Hon'ble the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in reply on to-morrow, Saturday, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

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Saturday, April 7th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, President. The Honourables JAMES MCLOUGHLAN,

> JOHN HARRIS, GEORGE SKELTON, JAMES BAIRD, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

At half-past Eleven o'clock the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At a quarter to Twelve o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon'ble the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and to return an answer thereto in the following words:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I beg to thank you for the Address which you have just presented.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 9th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 9th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES MCLOUGHLAN, GEORGE T. RENDELL, 23

JOHN HARRIS, GEORGE SKELTON, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, EDGAR R. BOWRING.

The Minutes of Saturday last were read.

The Hon'ble the President informed the House that he had received the following communication :---

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, St. John's, Newfoundland.

SIR,---

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you, in accordance with a Telegraphic request received from him, he has extended the leave of absence to the Honourable James Angel from the 1st March last.

His Excellency cannot grant any longer leave of absence to Mr. Angel, as to do so, would be contrary to the Colonial Office Regulations.

> I have the honor to be, Sir,

> > Your obedient Servant,

HUGH H. CARTER, Acting Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble E. D. SHEA, President Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers, was read a second time, and

Ordered,---To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 11th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George Skelton, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, EDGAR R. BOWRING.

The Minutes of Monday, April 9th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon'ble Mr. Blandford 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 to-morrow.

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the following Resolutions :---

Whereas by Section 10 of the Act 61 Victoria, Chapter I, it is provided that the Commission of Internal Economy may prior to the meeting of the Legislature make such arrangements as they may deem necessary for the reporting and publishing of the proceedings and for the miscellaneous printing of both Houses of the Legislature, and shall within seven days of the opening of the Legislature lay a report of such arrangements upon the Table of said Houses, respectively, for approval;

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- And whereas, the said Committee has not laid upon the Table of this Chamber such report;
- Resolved,—That this Chamber will not proceed to the consideration of further business until such report is tabled; and that this motion stand first on the Order of the Day.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 18th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 18th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, George Skelton, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, JOHN B. AYRE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 11th, were read. The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid on the Table,--Report of the Equitable Life Assurance Society for 1899. The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid upon the Table,--Report of Commission of Internal Economy.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers, as amended, was read a third time, and

Ordered,--That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act respecting the preservation of Beavers," and

Ordered,--That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly requesting their concurrence therein.

The Hon'ble the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly request-

ing concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to confer rights on Aliens"; which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene, was read a first time, and

Ordered,-To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon'ble the President read the following communication :---

> GOVERNMENT HOUSE, St. John's, Newfoundland, 16th April, 1900.

SIR,---

I am directed by His Honor the Administrator, to inform you that he has given leave of absence, from the Colony, to the Hon'ble Edgar R. Bowring for the next two months.

I have, &c.,

HUGH H. CARTER,

Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble E. D. SHEA, President Legislative Council.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, April 20th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

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Friday, April 20th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, John Harris, George Skelton, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid on the Table certain Reports, viz. :--

Report of the Canada Life Assurance Company, for 1899. Report of the Confederation Life Association Co, for 1899.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to confer certain rights on Aliens," was read a second time, and

Ordered,-To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon'ble the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 62 and 63 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes,'" which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, was read a first time, and

Ordered,-To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 23rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 23rd, 1900.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, John Harris, George Skelton, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid on the Table,---

Report of Postmaster General for the years 1898–1899.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to confer certain rights on Aliens."

The Hon'ble Mr. Bishop 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 62 and 63 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,--To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting the concurrence of the Council in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation

of Seats in the House of Assembly,'" which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, was read a first time, and

Ordered,--To be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday next, April 26th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

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Thursday, April 26th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, John Harris, George Skelton, D. Joseph Greene, JAMES BAIRD, JOHN B. AYRE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, April 23rd, were read.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton laid on the Table,--

Report of New York Life Insurance Company for 1899.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to confer certain rights on Aliens," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 62 and 63 Vict., Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Harris in the Chair.

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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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly," was read a second time, and

Ordered,-To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon'ble the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:--

MR. PRESIDENT,---

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Honourable Legislative Council that it has passed the Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the preservation of Beavers," sent down from the Council with the accompanying Amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

> H. Y. MOTT, Speaker.

House of Assembly, April 23rd, 1900.

On motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Amendments were read and adopted, and

Ordered,--That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly acquainting it of the same.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 30th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 30th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, John Harris, George Skelton, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, JOHN B. AYRE,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 26th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 62 and 63 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,--To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of Legisla-

tive Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Blandford 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.

The Hon'ble the President informed the Council that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the following Bills, entitled as follows :---

"An Act to amend the Revenue Act";

"An Act for granting to Her 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 the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service";

"An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889";

"An Act to amend the Law relating to the preservation of Game";

"An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Trial of questions relating to Crown Grants, &c.,'" and

"An Act to amend 61 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled 'An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes,'" which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, were severally read a first time, and

Ordered,-To be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House with regard to all matters before the House for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 1st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 1st, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, President.

The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, John Harris, George Skelton, Samuel Blandford, D. Joseph Greene, JAMES BAIRD, JOHN B. AYRE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton, the following Bills, entitled respectively,---

"An Act to amend the Revenue Act";

"An Act for granting to Her 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 the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," were severally 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. Greene, the following Bills, entitled respectively,--

"An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889";

"An Act to amend the Law relating to the preservation of Game";

"An Act to amend Chap. 61 of the Consolidated Statutes, (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Trial of questions relating to Crown Grants, &c.," and

"An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,--To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the 33rd Rule of this House was suspended for the remainder of the Session with regard to all matters before the House.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, May 2nd, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables Thomas Talbot, JAMES McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON, SAMUEL BLANDFORD, D. JOSEPH GREENE, JAMES BAIRD, JOHN B. AYRE, ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act."

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,-That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

The House took recess until a quarter-past Seven o'clock.

After recess.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Dr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her 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 the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service."

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,--That the Report be received, and

Ordered,-To be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly acquainting them that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889."

The Hon'ble Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,-That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,--To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting the preservation of Game."

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chap. 61 of the Consolidated Statutes, (Second Series), entitled "Of the Trial of questions relating to Crown Grants, &c.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,-That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the

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Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 61 Victoria, Cap. 6 entitled 'An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes.'"

The Hon'ble Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,--That the Report be received.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,--To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

The Hon'ble the President informed the Council that he

had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills, entitled respectively,---

"An Act to amend 'The Companies' Act, 1899,'" and

"An Act to amend the Law relating to the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates," which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, were severally read a first and second time.

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Companies' Act, 1899.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

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Ordered,--That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates."

The Hon'ble Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,--That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

The Hon'ble the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Honor the Administrator to close the present Session of the Legislature on Friday next, at Four o'clock, P. M.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, May 4th, at Four o'clock, P. M.

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Friday, May 4th, 1900.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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The Honourable Edward D. Shea, President. The Honourables James McLoughlan, George T. Rendell, John Harris, George Skelton, Samuel Blandford, D. Joseph Greene, James Baird, John B. Ayre, Robert K. Bishop.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

At Four o'clock, P. M., His Honor the Administrator of the Government, Chief Justice the Hon'ble JOSEPH I. LITTLE, having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, the Hon'ble the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that it is His Honor's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Honor was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:--

- An Act to amend the Act 62 and 63 Victoria, Cap. 6, entitled "An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes."
- An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled "Of the Trial of Questions relating to Crown Grants, &c."

An Act to amend "The Companies' Act, 1899."

An Act to amend 61 Victoria, Cap. 5, entitled "An Act to provide for the maintenance and operation of the Newfoundland Railway, and for other purposes."

An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1899.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the summary jurisdiction of Magistrates.

An Act to confer certain rights on Aliens.

An Act respecting the preservation of Beavers and Foxes. An Act to amend the Revenue Act.

An Act for granting to Her 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 the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and one, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

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After which His Honor was pleased to deliver the following Speech :--

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

It devolves upon me, now that your Legislative duties have been completed, to prorogue this General Assembly and release you from further attendance. It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the assiduity with which you have attended to the work of the Session, and the careful deliberation that you have bestowed on the measures submitted to you.

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I have observed with much satisfaction that you have approved the suggestion of my Ministers and voted a sum of money to be transmitted to Her Majesty's Government and to be expended for such purposes in connection with the war in South Africa as Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies may determine. I feel quite sure that this further evidence of your interest and sympathy in the difficulties that the forces of the Empire are now contending against, will be highly appreciated by Her Majesty's Government.

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

I thank you for the supplies you have made for the public service. The increase in the grant for roads, bridges and public wharves will enable my Government to effect very necessary repairs. The removal of the duty on lines and twines, and the provision made for the maintenance of new light-houses will undoubtedly be highly beneficial to those engaged in the prosecution of the fisheries.

- Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:
- Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

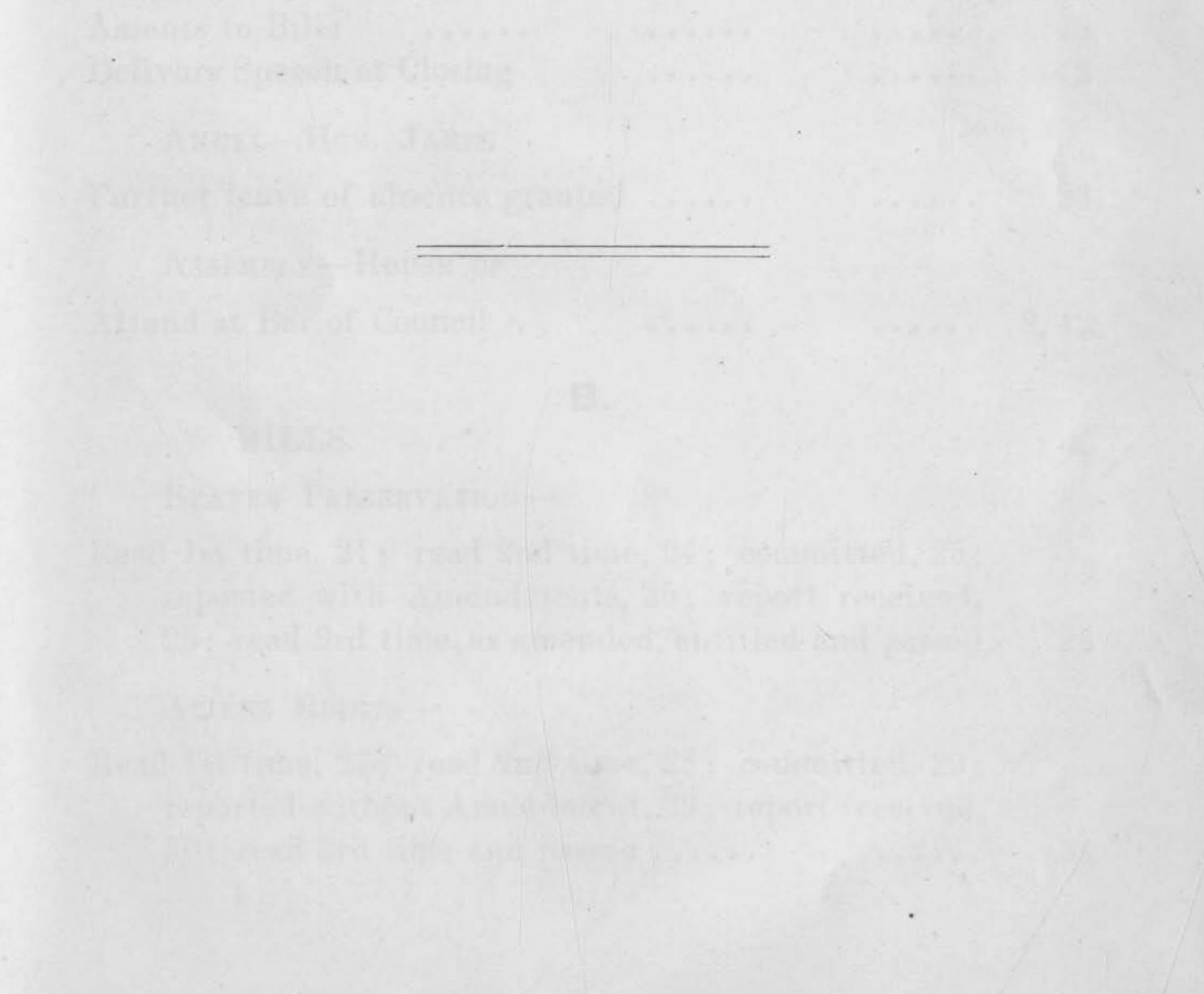
As affecting the prosperity of all classes, I am glad to be able to congratulate you upon the success that has attended the sealing voyage. The opening of the industrial operations of the year is cheering. We must all unite in the hope that results not less propitious await those enterprises in which our people have yet to engage.

In taking leave I would express my sincere desire for your well-being and prosperity.

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The Hon'ble the President then said,—It is His Honor the Administrator's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY, the 12th day of JULY next, then and there to be holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER, Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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