

Legislative Council Debates

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Thursday, February 4, 1932¹⁶³

*This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature:
The House met.*

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; D. A. Ryan; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; A. Kean; Francis Pike.

The President informed the House that he had a communication informing him of the appointment of Hon. Francis Pike as a Member of this House.

Hon. Mr. Pike was introduced by Hon. Sir T. K. Cook and Hon. Mr. McNamara.

The Commission appointing the Hon. Francis Pike was read by the Clerk, and the new Member was welcomed by the President, and took his seat accordingly.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Middleton, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 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 ...*¹⁶⁴

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

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

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

¹⁶³ The following were the members of the Legislative Council for this session: M. P. Gibbs (President); S. Milley; Sir M. G. Winter; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer; C. P. Ayre; John Davey; R. B. Job; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; F. Pike; Capt. I. R. Randell; D. A. Ryan, G. A. Bartlett.

¹⁶⁴ See House of Assembly debates for this date for the Speech from the Throne.

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Hon. Mr. Davey seconded the motion.

Hon. Mr. Job moved that the Debate on this motion be adjourned until the next sitting.

On motion put it was ordered accordingly.

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

*Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
19 January, 1932.*

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Harold Macpherson has applied to the Governor for leave of absence from January 25 to February 12 on business, and that His Excellency has been pleased to grant this leave.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE, for Private Secretary.

The Honourable The President,

Legislative Council.

*On motion made the House adjourned until the 23rd of February instant, at 3:30 p.m.*¹⁶⁵

¹⁶⁵ "Hon. A. Kean and Hon. G. A. Bartlett each congratulated Hon. Mr. Pike on his appointment to the Legislative Council. Adjournment was then taken ..." *Daily News*, February 5, 1932, p. 3.

Tuesday, February 23, 1932

The Minutes of Thursday, February 4th, were read and confirmed.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K. C., President; Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; D. A. Ryan; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The motion before the Chair was the appointment of a Select Committee to draft an Address [in Reply] to the Speech from the Throne.

Hon. F. McNamara: Mr. President: I would like to make a few comments on the gracious Speech of His Excellency the Governor now before us, and to take advantage of this opportunity of congratulating Hon. Mr. Pike, the new appointee of this Council.

The new Member is a very successful West Coast businessman conversant with the country's affairs, and I have no doubt he will be a valuable addition to this branch of our local Legislature.

I was rather surprised at his brief reference to His Excellency's Speech, and also to the brief reply of the honourable seconder of the motion.

Of course, we realise there was nothing in the Speech worthy of serious comment, and presumably the Hon. Members saw it in this light and thought it wise to let it go without any extended reference.

There is one thing about it, however, and that is that it has established a record for brevity, unknown in any Parliament of the Empire, and history has no parallel case of where the Speech from the Throne was replied to in one sentence.

I just spoke of the Speech as making a record, and in this connection we must remember that at present the country is represented by a record government, and it is only natural that it should keep its record even to its dying session.

The very introduction of the Government in 1928 was heralded with a gramophone record, closely followed by a record of deceit and broken promises. Then we have the record for incompetency and incapacity, the record for waste and extravagance, not forgetting the record for subserviency, inasmuch as nearly all members of the party are under pay, and therefore subject to the whip of their leader, and as a consequence are forfeiting their claim to manhood and independence which should be the proud boast of a representative of the people.

The first paragraph of this Speech calls attention to the world-wide depression and its effect on the colony, but it cannot be denied that our rulers contributed in large measure to local adverse financial conditions by their studied disregard of industrial possibilities which were within their grasp when they assumed power.

I venture to assert that we would not be in our present desperate plight if advantages were taken to open up the industrial enterprises so effusively promised in 1928 and so effectively frustrated ever since.

It is gratifying to learn that our exports of pulp and paper were large and more profitable than last year despite the adverse conditions in Canadian mills, and it is the wish and hope of the country

that these industries will experience continued prosperity this year, and that labour conditions will improve, and that the recent cut in wages will be restored without very much delay – as increased profits for the companies and decreased wages for the men do not appear to be consistent or justifiable.

The returns of the fishing industry were disappointing due principally to a slump in world commodity prices which condition was unfortunately unavoidable.

The outlook for the present year is somewhat brighter owing to the fact that nearly all last year's catch has been exported, and now fish will likely reach bare markets, and possibly realise better prices.

While on the fishery subject, I would like to stress the importance of standardizing and grading our codfish. The loss of our markets in recent years as well as the reduction in price can be attributed in a large measure to our indifference and carelessness in curing and packing our principal product, and I am convinced that if we do not improve our ideas and methods in handling fish, our rivals will gradually force us out of this business entirely.

The Government are to be commended in the efforts that are being made at the Research Bureau at Bay Bulls in connection with the scientific investigation of all departments of our fishing industry.

It is only by the application of modern scientific methods that we can hope for success with our chief industry.

For years and years we have been stumbling and groping in the dark, while our more advanced European competitors have been forcing us out of markets that we held so successfully in the past.

It has been demonstrated by recent experiments that the time honoured method adopted by our fishermen of sun curing codfish has been wasteful and unsuccessful, and it has been proven that through lack of knowledge fish has been spread and cured in unsuitable weather resulting in serious damage and widespread loss to the country.

The information recently published by the Research Bureau at Bay Bulls is very enlightening, and it will be found of great value and assistance to all directly or indirectly interested in our fishery.

Exception has been taken in some quarters to the expenses connected with this Bureau, and it has been asked, can we afford it? The answer to this question is this, that in view of the fact that the Empire Marketing Board is generously paying half of the expenses, we should strain ourselves if necessary to pay the other half in the interests of our waning cod fishing industry.

Our fishery is our very life blood, and no reasonable expenditure should be withheld to help place it on a paying basis. The question we should ask ourselves to-day is, can we afford to do without the aid of science in our fisheries any longer?

In reference to the financial crisis, I would like to feel that the paragraph referring to the visit of the Prime Minister to England accompanied by his secretary – he never travels without his secretary – to select financial advisers was sincere, but I claim that there was no necessity for our Premier to proceed to England to engage Sir Percy Thompson or Mr. Penson.

A few dollars spent in cablegrams to the Foreign Office in England would have secured the expert services required, and nine chances out of ten the two gentlemen we have with us to-day

would have been selected by the Treasury Department for this mission.

I submit, Mr. President, that at a time of crisis the place for a Prime Minister is among his people, and not travelling the Atlantic in luxury and at considerable expense at the very height of our financial misery.

It is to be hoped that the measures the Government have in view of ultimately balancing the Budget will ultimately materialize, but now that its term is nearing its close, it is too late to balance it with the industrial developments we heard so much about since 1928, and unfortunately there appears no alternative left to find the wherewithal but to pile on unlimited taxes on an already overburdened community.

Hon. D. A. Ryan: Mr. President, in reference to the Speech from the Throne it says very little in regards to our industries, fisheries, labour problems, etc., etc. Our financial experts from England are mentioned as being busy at work looking into the position of our affairs.

I have great faith in those men, provided they are not interfered with in any way by the Government. They should have a free hand and dig to the bottom to find the squandering that has been going on the past few years. On them the future of this Colony depends, therefore every assistance should be given them instead of hampering their work in any way.

They have shown their ability in getting a loan of money to carry us along where the Government failed, and through them we hope to be put on solid ground when their work is completed.

Sir, the Government, knowing their financial position, I say went wild allocating a big lot of money for different purposes which they could not afford, and which could be done without, and the result can be seen; all this helped bring on disaster. The building of the machine shops at the dry dock, the purchasing of Marshall's building, the annex to the Memorial College, buying of the steamers *Susu* and *Cape Agulhas* cost over \$500,000, which amount could have been saved, but Sir, while money could have been got on loan, it was shovelled out for all purposes. This setback, as I now term it, is the best thing that could have happened, because when we get on terra firma again no squandering will be allowed.

Sir, we are paying a large amount of money in pensions year after year to those who are living outside the Colony, which I consider wrong. This should be stopped. Let them live with us and spend their money, otherwise, reduce the pensions 50 per cent. I consider all pensioners should live in Newfoundland and spend their money when the Colony is paying them.

We have to-day, Sir, a large number of people unemployed and destitute here and around the Island. If the Government did not spend money so recklessly, they would be in a better position to-day to help those needing relief.

Sir, the fishery needs attention, if we are going to try and hold our own in the foreign markets. We must change our methods, for I can assure you, Sir, we are losing ground everywhere, owing to the bad handling and the bad cure of our fish. Standardizing, and to regulate all shipments by steamers. The latter is killing the trade, by blocking the markets with fish, causing prices to drop, which is detrimental to the shippers.

I do hope that the Government will do something to remedy this evil, otherwise our fishery will soon be a thing of the past.

Hon. Capt. A. Kean: Mr. President, I wish to make a few remarks on the subject before the Chair, and I trust that what I say will be taken in the same good spirit in which it is given.

The questions I shall ask, and the information I shall give, is not for myself but in my opinion concerns the general public of this country, and they ought to know the facts.

The third paragraph in the Speech from the Throne reads, "As my ministers consider that the fisheries are of paramount importance, they decided to continue the operations of the Fishery Research Commission in co-operation with the Empire Marketing Board of the United Kingdom," and right here, Mr. President, I want to say it has always been a puzzle to me how we could be a benefit to each other, and in dealing with that subject we must deal with facts and not sentiment.

It might be a very desirable thing if we could do all our trade with the Empire of Great Britain, and the fact that we cannot do that may be our misfortune but not our fault, as I think I shall abundantly prove. Is it not a fact that when we commenced to ship our iron ore from Bell Island, Great Britain had the refusal, and gave as a reason why she could not accept it was because her furnaces were not suitable, and we were compelled to ship it to foreign nations.

Is it not a fact that in connection with our salt fish project, the United Kingdom is a very small factor not because of any strained relations between us but because of circumstances which neither of us can control.

The north of Ireland and Scotland and the northeast part of England are washed by the waters of the North Sea, and they have hundreds of little steamers (like the *S. S. Earl of Devon* that we see so often in our own harbour) bringing their catches of fish of all kinds to their harbours, and then with their network of railways, in a few hours the people are supplied with fresh fish; consequently we are compelled to trade our fish with foreign nations. Not only is it true that we trade the bulk of our salt fish to foreign countries, but the great bulk of our export trade and imports are with foreigners, as I think you will all agree.

In looking over the Financial Year Book of Canada and Newfoundland for 1928-29, I find our total exports were \$36,797,703. Out of that amount only \$11,904,520 went to countries within the Empire, including the United Kingdom. During the years I have mentioned we exported to the United Kingdom \$7,578,190 and to the United States \$11,596,643, or \$3,792,453 in favour of the United States. In other words, our exports went to 32 different countries, and only three within the Empire.

We imported during the same years \$29,237,381 from 39 countries, \$6,211,906 from the United Kingdom and \$23,025,906 from other nations. So much for our exports and imports. We shall now deal with the second part of this paragraph.

"It is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of this industry that we make use of the assistance which science offers, and in the preparation and marketing of the product, take advantage of the world's knowledge and experience."

I ask you, Mr. President, in all sincerity, don't you think this is very ambiguous, one would fancy that the scientists were compelled like the traders to advertise their wares, but Sir, such is not the case, every step that science has made, every new invention that has been placed upon the market, the world at large has been their customers, and Newfoundland has not been backward in that respect.

Let us ask you to compare the business stores on Water Street and the methods of doing business to-day, if it is not a vast improvement on 50 years ago. Is it not a fact we are using the telephone, the gramophone, and the dictaphone, besides the radio as a distinct advantage for advertising purposes? All these are the products of science. The woman of the house listens in to the quotation of the price of goods, grasps the telephone and gives the order, and by the time the good man of the house comes home, the parcel is presented to him and the only part he is supposed to play is to pay the bill and look pleasant.

Then let me ask you if it is not a fact that wireless is playing a wonderful part to-day in connection with the safety of life and property. It is true when Marconi came here with the intention to erect a station on Signal Hill, he was refused by the Government on account of an agreement they had entered into with another company, but it is equally true as soon as the invention was perfected, all our ship owners consented to having wireless on all their ships for the safety of the lives of passengers. Now let me deal with science in connection with our fisheries.

So far as I have been able to learn, Newfoundland has kept pace with all other fish catching countries in the world in their method of catching, and I do not know of any invention of science that has been used successfully for either catching and curing or exporting that we do not possess. Where science has been of service to the preserving or freezing of fresh fish, or canning, our people have availed of it. I think where our leading men have been deceived, they have relied too much on what they have read by too many of our men who write to the papers, imitating the unthinking horse who rushed headlong into battle.

The two countries that have been pitted against us are Norway and Iceland. These, we are told, have better scientific methods, make better fish, and are taking our markets from us, but when we look for information from a reliable source, we find Norway and Iceland are troubled with the same things that we are, in the making, and if they ever outstrip us in our markets, it will be that they will undersell us, and while this is something we very much deplore, we are nevertheless powerless to prevent it.

W. F. Penney, Esq., of Carbonear, was sent over to Norway in 1921, and I want to say right here, that if his report had got the publicity it merits, a great many of the misleading statements that we have seen in the papers would not have appeared.

And now Sir, with your permission, I would like to refer to Mr. Penney's report as I go along, and like a wise master builder he lays the foundation in the fourth page of his report by referring to the fact that Norway has a population of 2,750,000, while we comprise a little over 250,000, and that her fisheries only comprise 35 per cent of her exports, while in the case of Newfoundland it is her principal industry.

Mr. President, in reading Mr. Penney's report, I have been struck with the fact that the troubles Norway seems to have are not so much like our own, for instance, if I was asked why we are not making better fish to-day than we did 50 years ago (and there is no use disguising that fact), I should say because largely we have abandoned the flakes, and make fish on the rocks.

Mr. Penney on the seventeenth page of his report says, "I have not seen a flake in Norway, only at Alaasuna did I see a hand flake covered with wire netting, and here too for the first time I saw what I concluded was being made for soft cure fish to imitate our Labrador. This fish has evidently been soaked in pickle, very white and of large size, but was very rough and to my mind a

poor imitation of our real Labrador." He says, "I noticed as well that they have quite a lot of sunburnt fish here, while I am told mites or dun are quite a common trouble, and the only remedy they use for the latter is to brush the stuff off just as we do ourselves."

"During the war an agreement was entered into between England and the Norwegian Government so that the produce of the Norwegian fisheries would be controlled by the state and not be allowed to go to the central powers. I saw and handled this fish as it was being delivered to the warehouses by the curers, and it was poor stuff to say the least. In September there was about 10,000 tons of this article still with the government, and every effort was being made to dispose of it, special agents being sent out to Spain, Portugal, Italy, and I believe South America. Quite a quantity, I learn, was disposed of or arrangements were made for its acceptance on consignment. To my mind fully 40 per cent of this article, if not more, will find its way to the fertilizing plant, and a great many of the exporters endorse that opinion. There are at the same time 1,500,000 barrels of herring in the hands of the state, a large proportion of which will be converted into the fertilizers.

"The exporters of dry salt fish in Norway have, and are yet having trouble with dun and red fish. I made special enquiries as to the methods used to eradicate them, and find that the chemists and scientists have been making investigations, and a gentleman from London was brought over to investigate. With regard to dun, the conclusion reached was the infection was had from the rocks and places where the fish was dried, and a thorough disinfectant was advised, but the trouble has not been eradicated. As to pink or red fish, it was thought that perhaps the infection might have come from the salt, and the holds of the salt carriers, as well as the salt stores were disinfected, but this trouble has not been eliminated either." Evidently, Mr. President, the Norwegians have their troubles as well as ourselves.

Now, then, let us hear what Mr. Penney says about government control that we have heard so much about. Here is what he says: "In preparing or shipping dry codfish for market, there is no government inspection, and the exporters select the different parcels for the different markets through his own culler or inspector, but if he wishes to verify his inspection, he can call in a government inspector to do so."

Our troubles, Mr. President, are so deep that we can never hope for any scientific investigation of our fisheries to help us out, nothing but rigid economy and the fostering of home industries can help us. Personally, if I went to the Empire Marketing Board, I would put up a colonisation scheme before them. I would try to enter into an agreement by which they would send out some of their unemployed people possessed with a knowledge of farming, and I would offer them free tracts of fertile land to settle on, and I would try to induce about 10,000 of our fishermen to settle among them and learn the art of cultivating the soil and growing for ourselves the products of the farm which we now import from Prince Edward Island and other parts of Nova Scotia. I would give every encouragement to raise our own cattle to take the place of what we now import from New Zealand, Canada, and other countries.

Every time our fisheries have failed either in quantity or price for the last 100 years, our people have been reduced to starvation circumstances, and for the last 50 we have relieved the tension by borrowing money for public works, and while we have been warned again and again by some of our best public men [who] try to outdo the other, until 1931 which will go down in history as the year our credit was stopped in the foreign market and there has been forced on us a policy of

retrenchment, and I maintain we ought not to enter into any doubtful speculation with no certainty of giving us a new shilling for an old one, until order is restored out of chaos.

Every time we engaged foreigners either in mining or forest, there have been found men who have complained that the concessions have been too great; they have complained because all our people get are wages only, and that to my mind is a foolish and weak argument. What are the facts staring us in the face to-day, that while we have (so it is said) 60,000 people receiving dole, not a man or woman under wages is getting it and would be prosecuted if it was known they were receiving it, and unless our people are got down to a very low level, the only ones that are contented and happy are the one that are under pay to-day.

Has it ever occurred to you, Mr. President, that we are living in a very paradoxical age, we have starvation in the midst of plenty. The land and the sea have given an abundant harvest, so much so the farmer finds himself in poverty with an abundant crop in his barn. Many of our fishermen had the largest voyages they ever had last year, and we are feeding more on the dole than we have for the last 50 years. The United States has more gold in her vaults than ever before in her history, and more unemployed and more demands for bread.

We are recommended here as our only hope to trust to science, and yet this year of grace upon we are just entered, science has reached its highest peak, and there is more general depression in the world than ever before in our history.

For the last 40 years we have been spending money on education until from \$300,000 we have reached \$1,000,000. With such a chance for education, one would imagine the moral tone of the population would be upward, but the fact remains we have sent more men to prison for theft from our public departments this last year than I can remember since we have had responsible government.

Worse than all that, Mr. President, the people have lost faith in our public men, and worse still, our public men have lost faith in one another, and our unfortunate position at the present time can best be explained in that oft repeated expression "confusion worse confounded," and our only hope is that other old adage, "the darkest part of night is just before the dawn," let us hope the dawning of a brighter day for this country lies just around the corner. [*Evening Telegram*, February 24, 1932]

After some debate on the motion that a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in Reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature,

It was ordered, on motion put:

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

Ordered: That the Hon. Messrs. Pike, Davey, Sir M. G. Winter, Messrs. Murphy and Sinnott be a Committee for that purpose."

Hon. Sir T. K. Cook tabled:

Report of the Department of the Assessor of Income Tax.

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

*Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
6 February, 1932.*

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable Samuel Milley during the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE, for Private Secretary.

*The Honourable The President,
Legislative Council.*

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 1st day of March, at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; D.A. Ryan; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 23rd, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Pike, 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 Hon. Mr. Pike, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Address was read a second time (at length).

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pike, 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 John Middleton, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor and Commander in 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 beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which Your Excellency has addressed both Houses of the Legislature.

*M. P. Gibbs,
President, Council Chamber,
March 1, 1932.*

Hon. R. B. Job delivered a speech dealing with the operations of the Research Bureau at Bay Bulls. [*Evening Telegram*, March 3, 1932, p. 10]

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 10th day of March instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir. T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 1st, were read and confirmed.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea"; "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts of 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 3, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works" and "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 8, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" and "An Act to Combine the Department of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 10, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 9, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 8, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively:

An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Auditing of Public Accounts";

An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Customs";

An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury;

An Act to Combine the Department of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of "The Department of Lands and Fisheries";

An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents";

An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea;

An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Act 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929;

An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Companies";

An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works;

An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency;

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 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 Members of the Legislative Council:

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

*(Sgd.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.
Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
March 10, 1932.*

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received the following communications 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, Chapter 7, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved on the 8th of February 1932.

*Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
February 11, 1932.*

***CERTIFIED COPY OF MINUTES OF THE HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY, 1932.***

February 5, 1932.

Under the Provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 7, Consolidated Statutes, "Of the Internal Economy of the Legislature," it was ordered that the following persons be the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, namely:

Hons. President Legislative Council, Sir Tasker Cook, Kt., J. V. O'Dea, The Speaker of the House of Assembly, H. M. Mosdell, M.D., F. G. Bradley, K.C., and P. J. Lewis.

*Certified True Copy,
(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Secretary of State.
Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
February 18, 1932.*

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable D. A. Ryan for the remainder of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

For Private Secretary

The Honourable The President,

Legislative Council.

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

February 26, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable Capt. A. Kean for the remainder of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

For Private Secretary

The Honourable The President,

Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 15th day of March instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; J. J. Murphy; Sir T. K. Cook; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 10th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively: "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts'"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'"; "An Act to Combine the Department of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of The Department of Lands and Fisheries"; "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works"; "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents'"; "An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea"; "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929"; "An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating Currency," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered: To be severally committed on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the second reading of the Bills sent up entitled, respectively "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies'" were severally deferred.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 4, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930," in which they request the concurrence of

the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 3, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,'" and "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930," 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 communication had been received from Government House:

*Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
March 12, 1932*

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E., for the remainder of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE

for Private Secretary.

*The Honourable The President,
Legislative Council.*

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 16th day of March instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 15th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"

Hon. Mr. Steer 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered: That the said Bill be sent up 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Combine the Department of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of The Department of Lands and Fisheries."

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works."

Hon. Mr. Ayre 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea."

Hon. Mr. Sinnott 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929."

Hon. Mr. Job 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into

Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating Currency."

Hon. Mr. O'Dea 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Act for Control of the Public Treasury" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies'"; "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20, George V, Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" and "An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930" were severally read a second time, and

Ordered: To be severally committed 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 passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal"; "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V, Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto,'" and "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," in which they request the Concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 15th, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal"; "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V, Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto,'" and "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," 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 Friday, the 18th day of March instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 16th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively "An Act to Combine the Department of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of The Department of Lands and Fisheries," and "An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea," 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 informing that body that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies.'"

Hon. Mr. Macpherson 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company,'"

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.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services.'"

Hon. Mr. Pike in the Chair.

Hon. C. P. Ayre asked why it is that books coming into the country by book post are charged besides the increased duty an additional tax of 10 cents.

Hon. The President drew attention to a clause in the Bill dealing with franking privileges of members of the House of Assembly. Members of that House used to have the privilege of franking communications all through the session of the House, but now they have franking privileges throughout the whole year, and more it would appear that the Government must furnish them with official paper and envelopes.

Hon. Mr. Ayre said that members of the House of Assembly franked their letters throughout the year, and that on their own business in competition with others who had not these privileges.

Hon. Sir Tasker Cook thought that members always had these privileges but would take the matter up with the Government.

Hon. Mr. McNamara understood that franking of communications was formerly allowed only whilst the House was in session, but now it is permitted all the year round. [*Daily News*, March 21, 1932, p. 4]

Hon. Mr. Gibbs drew attention to the paragraph relating to franking of certain mail matter.

Hon. Mr. Ayre said that the privilege had been abused and suggested that it be definitely stated in the Bill that the privilege was for the period when the House was in session only.

The section reads: The following matter shall be exempt from local postage, namely – Letters and mailable matter addressed by government officials on official business to any department, office or person, on the above list, enclosed in an official envelope and franked with the initials, written personally, of the official sending the same.

Hon. Mr. McNamara asked that the section be made more specific. He pointed out that if members of the House relegated the privilege to themselves, there was no one to stop them. [*Evening Telegram*, March 19, 1932, p. 13]

After some time the House resumed.

*The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.*¹⁶⁶

¹⁶⁶ "An Act to Amend ... 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' was deferred, by request, to enable the Leader of the Government to furnish certain additional information asked for. The Bill came in for considerable discussion." *Daily News*, March 21, 1932, p. 4.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930."

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

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925"; "An Act to Amend the Act 22 George V, Chapter 25, entitled, 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto,'" and "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered: To be severally committed on to-morrow.

[re Export of Marine Shell Act]

Hon. Mr. Job said that he was not opposing this Act but would like certain information. He would like to know just what alterations were being made in the original Act. The new Bill appeared to give a 5 year monopoly. He would like to know if the Bill had been duly advertised. Last year, said Mr. Job, there was a logging Bill before the House which was not advertised, and a great deal of opposition developed. He would like to know if any other party was affected by the extension of the monopoly.

Hon. Mr. McNamara said that the Bill last year gave the company a three years' monopoly, a year was lost last year, and now the company was really getting four years' monopoly. The company had spent over \$100,000 and he thought that the company should not be hampered.

Hon. Mr. Murphy would like to help this company and would give them 10 years if they wanted it. [*Daily News*, March 21, 1932, p. 4]

[re Loan in connection with Western Marine Railway]

This Act is to confirm a loan from the Bank of Montreal to the Government of \$35,000.

Hon. Mr. MacNamara asked the Leader of the Government what the position in connection with the Marine Railway is and asked if the Government had a lien on the railway for the amount

advanced.

The Leader of the Government promised to secure this information. [*Daily News*, March 21, 1932, p. 4]

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following Message had been received from the House of Assembly.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly Acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

Speaker, House of Assembly,

March 18, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" 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 22nd of March instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Friday, March 18th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,'" and "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20, George V, Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company,'" 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services.'"

Hon. Mr. Pike in the Chair.

When the Bill to amend the Postal and Telegraph Services Act was in the committee stage, the Leader of the Government referred to the point raised by Hon. Mr. McNamara, in connection with the right of members of the House of Assembly, under the Bill before the Council, to frank their letters all year round. **Hon. Sir Tasker Cook** stated that he had been in conference with the Secretary of State on the matter, who had assured him that precautions would be taken to see that franking privileges were not used after the close of the House of Assembly.

Hon. Mr. McNamara said that he would accept Hon. Tasker Cook's word, but he still thought that there is a grave risk in leaving the Section in the Bill, giving Members of the House of Assembly the right to frank mail, and that it should be fixed now.

Hon. the Leader of the Government interjected that the Bill could not be altered, but would have to be accepted or rejected in total, and that by rejecting it the Colony would lose about \$90,000 in revenue under certain sections of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. McNamara, continuing, said that if it could not be altered then it could be commented on. He read the sections from the Consolidated Statutes dealing with the franking of mail, and pointed out that it was only in 1920 that the Act was amended so as to permit the Prime Minister to frank mail. The privileges were only intended to be exercised whilst the House was in

session. There are 40 members, he said, and with a general election in sight, all campaign literature sent out by sitting members will be franked, and much revenue lost to the country.

This is supposed to be an era of economy and retrenchment, but it appeared to him that the section was put in deliberately. All he could do evidently was to register the protest.

Hon. Mr. Ayre, registering his protest, stated that the principle is vicious, in that it put Members of the House of Assembly in a better position than their competitors in any business. It gives them free use of His Majesty's mails and is another instance where politicians are putting it over the country. He said that at the present time we have financial experts here to save the country, but this can never be done unless the people save themselves.

He mentioned what the people of England are doing. There, in order to help the country at the beginning of this year, people were standing in queues waiting to pay their income tax. Before expressing strong opposition to the passing of any such Bill he asked the question, "Can we get to a state when public and private men will stand wholeheartedly by the country?" Referring to the financial experts he said that they show us the road to travel on, but we must chose ourselves to walk on that road. [*Daily News*, March 24, 1932, p. 4]

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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the house went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925."

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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V, Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto.'"

Hon. Mr. Steer 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.*¹⁶⁷

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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal."

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

... the **Hon. the Leader of the Government** read some figures in connection with the company's business.

This was asked for by **Hon. Mr. MacNamara**, who was informed that the company's fixed assets are \$114,310.70, and that registered in the name of the Government of Newfoundland are 33 6% bonds of the company of the face value of \$1,000 each, which mature in 1962, and form a first mortgage on all property of the company. [*Daily News*, March 24, 1932, p. 4]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" was read a third time, and

Ordered: To be committed on to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following message had been

¹⁶⁷ "An Act, amending an Act passed last year giving the Northern Products Co. Ltd. certain rights on the Labrador coast, was passed.... This Act gives the company the exclusive right to export marine shells from Labrador and Islands adjacent thereto, for a period of five years from July, 1932." *Daily News*, March 23, 1932, p. 3.

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 a Bonus Addition to Pensions under The War Pensions Act," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

Speaker, House of Assembly

March, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under The War Pensions Act, 1932," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, March 31st, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 31, 1932

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 22nd, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, Hon. Sir T. K. Cook moved the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,'" but shortly thereafter asked leave to withdraw this motion.

Hon. F. McNamara reaffirmed his protest against the section granting franking privileges to Members of the House of Assembly, and moved that the Bill be given six months' hoist.

Hons. Job and Milley thought that an effort should be made to have the objectionable clause deleted before throwing the Bill out.

Hon. Sir Tasker Cook took their remarks into consideration, and was given leave to withdraw his motion for third reading. He then moved that third reading be deferred. This motion was agreed to. [*Evening Telegram*, April 1, 1932, p. 19]

The motion that the Hon. Sir T. K. Cook have leave to withdraw his motion having been put, was carried.

The Hon. Sir T. K. Cook then moved that the third reading of the said Bill be deferred until to-morrow.

The motion having been put and carried it was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively: "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act" and "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal" 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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Order for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" was deferred.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was read a second time, and

Ordered: To be committed on to-morrow.

On second reading of the Bill for the Control of the Public Treasury, **Hon. Mr. McNamara** said he was in accord with the principle of the Bill, as it was time that the country's purse-strings were tightened up. He thought that the Bill should stipulate the amount of salary it was proposed to pay the Controller, as otherwise the House would be signing a blank cheque. "No businessman would employ a man on such terms," said Hon. Mr. McNamara.

Hon. Sir Tasker Cook promised to take the matter up with the Government. [*Evening Telegram*, April 1, 1932, p. 19]

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under The War Pensions Act 1922," was read a second time, and

Ordered: To be committed 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 passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto'" and "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
March 29, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto'" and "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" 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 Thursday, the 7th day of April, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 7, 1932

*The House met pursuant to adjournment.*¹⁶⁸

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Steer; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. McNamara, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,'" was recommitted.

Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

The Bill "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 Consolidated Statutes entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" on third reading was recommitted to Committee of the Whole and amended in the section dealing with franking of certain mail matter.

In the original draft, exemption from local postage was granted to Members of the Legislative Council whilst the Legislature is in session, and Members of the House of Assembly.

On motion of **Hon. McNamara**, seconded by **Hon. C. P. Ayre**, the section was amended so that the privilege of free postage would extend to the House of Assembly members only while the House is in session.

By unanimous consent the privilege of franking granted to the Legislative Council while the Legislature is in session was deleted from the Bill. [*Evening Telegram*, April 8, 1932, p. 17]

After some time, the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill as amended was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered: That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same with an amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes

¹⁶⁸ The session was held in the President's Room, owing to the windows being smashed in the Council Chamber. *Evening Telegram*, April 8, 1932, p. 17.

(Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties.'"

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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under The War Pensions Act 1922."

Hon. Mr. Ayre 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 33 entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto,'" and "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" were severally read a second time, and

Ordered: To be severally committed on to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 14th day of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, 1932

*The House met pursuant to adjournment.*¹⁶⁹

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 7th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 35, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto.'"

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

Section 3 on exemption from duty was held over for explanation at the request of **Hon. S. Milley**. The section reads: "All coal for operation of, and materials for use solely for repairs, and upkeep of mills, transportation plant and accessories, for the manufacture and conveyance of paper and pulp." Other members wished to know if the section did not grant additional concessions. The Leader of the Government promised to have an explanation to-day. [*Evening Telegram*, April 15, 1932]

All but one section of the Bill was passed. This dealt with coal, machinery for pulp and paper mills, and repairs for machinery, etc. **Hon. S. Milley** drew attention to the wording of the section, together with its punctuation, which made it unintelligible. The matter of additional exemptions to pulp and paper mills was also brought up. The Leader of the Government will bring down to-day an explanation of the section. [*Daily News*, April 15, 1932]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925."

Hon. Mr. Macpherson in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Job availed of the occasion to point out what he termed a mistaken policy with

¹⁶⁹ "... at 3:30 p.m. in the President's Room." *Evening Telegram*, April 15, 1932, p. 3.

respect to encouraging local manufacturers to export. He pointed out that in Canada, taxed raw materials used in local manufacturing were subject to a rebate of 99 per cent when the goods were exported. This matter, Mr. Job said, had been taken up with the Government by a sub-committee of the Board of Trade, but the Government did not apply the remedy. "All sorts of things like this were holding back local industries," Mr. Job said. [*Evening Telegram*, April 15, 1932]

An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925 was advanced through all stages and passed. Before this Bill was passed, **Hon. Mr. Job** referred to goods imported into this country, and on which duty is paid, and which are used in manufacturing plants in Newfoundland. He urged that when these ingredients are re-exported the manufacturer should receive a drawback. He instanced the Canadian Act which provides for the repayment of 99 per cent of the duty paid on raw materials imported and re-exported manufactured. He thought it would be a mistaken policy not to grant a drawback, because local manufacturers could not compete with other countries if it were not done. [*Daily News*, April 15, 1932]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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 acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929,' and Amending Acts," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker, House of Assembly,

April 4, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929,' and Amending Acts" 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 15th day of April instant at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; Harold Macpherson; Francis Pike.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto.'"

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

Before this Bill passed **Hon. Mr. McNamara** asked the President of the Council if this Act made coal duty free to pulp and paper companies. He replied that it did. **Hon. Mr. McNamara** then said that struggling saw mills must pay duty but not paper mills, and he thought it was most unfair. **Hon. Mr. Job** pointed out that the bill had to do with the Sales Tax only, and had no reference to duty. **Hon. Mr. McNamara** then had no objection to the bill passing. [*Daily News*, April 16, 1932, p. 7]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act 1929 and Amending Acts,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered: To be committed on to-morrow.

The committee stage was deferred until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday because of the request of Hon. Mr. McNamara, that a committee of the House of Assembly meet a committee of the Legislative

Council to discuss certain sections of the Act.

The Leader of the Government, **Sir Tasker Cook**, gave an explanation of the changes in the Act. **Hon. Mr. McNamara** thought it was "regrettable that such heavy taxes should be imposed, making it practically impossible for business to remain solvent. Under the 1929 act if a company showed \$10,000 profit, \$5,000 was exempt and 8 per cent paid on the remaining \$5,000, equalled \$400. Under the Act being considered there is no exemption and 12 per cent is payable on the whole \$10,000, or \$1,200. This is three times the former tax."¹⁷⁰ He stressed the point that nobody in Newfoundland has a fixed income, and because of this the tax should be assessed on a three year basis, that is the average earnings for the three years. He thought, that if it was not too late, a committee from the House of Assembly might discuss the matter with a committee from the Legislative Council. As to lotteries paying 12 per cent he pointed out that they gave practically no employment, and that they are charged the same rate as legitimate business.

Hon. Mr. Milley asked who gets the money from these lotteries and **Hon. Mr. McNamara** replied "the promoters." Continuing **Hon. Mr. McNamara** referred to the fact the life insurance companies, with practically all holders of shares residing outside the country, will pay assessment for 1932, whereas poor men living in this country have their assessment retroactive. He suggested that assessment on life insurance companies should be retroactive also. He then moved that a committee of both houses meet to discuss these sections.

The Leader of the Government thought it was rather late to discuss the matter as the Government had made up its mind, but said that he would take it up with the Government, as he was entirely in agreement with the tax being based on a three years income estimate.

Hon. Mr. Ayre said that he thought the Bill had not been fully considered. Last year tax was assessed on \$1,500, this year on \$1,000. This is particularly hard on the large class of people who have had their salaries reduced this year, who will have to pay a tax on last years's income, after it has been spent. This tax should not be put into force until this year. **Hon. Mr. Job** said that nobody objected to paying on profits, but business is not paying on profits. Companies have paid large amounts as a tax on paper profits and made a loss afterwards. This is really a tax on capital. He agreed with Hon. Mr. McNamara as to a conference between members of both Houses. The Bill was then read a second time.

The Leader of the Government said that he was entirely at the service of the Council, and he would bring the matter before the Government. The President of the Council named the

¹⁷⁰ "Hon. Mr. McNamara pointed out that while income tax was suitable for countries like England and the U. S. A. it was not so in Newfoundland, because of the hazardous nature of its main industry." *Evening Telegram*, April 16, p. 13.

following committee to meet the Government: **Hons. R. G. Job, F. McNamara, S. Milley and C. P. Ayre.** [*Daily News*, April 16, 1932, p. 7]

*On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th day of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.*¹⁷¹

¹⁷¹ “Before the Council adjourned Hon. S. Milley asked the indulgence of the Council to refer to certain matters in connection with the country’s trade with Great Britain and spoke in part as follows....” *Daily News*, April 16, 1932, p. 7.

Tuesday, April 19, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson; Francis Pike.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 36, entitled The Income Tax Act, 1929, and Amending Acts."

Hon. Mr. O'Dea in the Chair.

The Special Committee of the House through the convener, **Hon. F. McNamara**, reported having had a conference with **Sir Percy Thompson** with a view to having certain sections of the Act modified. He stated that although he was in sympathy with the proposals of the Committee, it was impossible to make any alterations owing to the late date, but he promised that next year he would take up the matter of allowances being made to business people on account of debts. He also promised that the \$5,000 exemption clause expunged from the former Act would be made operative again next year.

In regard to the request of the Committee that the tax be computed on a three-year average, Sir Percy Thompson thought such a scheme unworkable.

Hon. Mr. Job called attention to Section 8 of the Bill, which has the effect of cancelling the three-year average previously allowed so far as supertax is concerned. He stated that he considered this as unjust legislation, inasmuch as there may be and probably are some repayments due parties who had paid supertax for two years past, and are now entitled to some repayment under the clause in question. The effect of repealing this three-year averager amounts to confiscation by Act of Parliament, [omission] an existing obligation which is surely wrong in principle. He also expressed the opinion that the promise of the Government, through **Sir Percy Thompson**, to adjust matters in connection with the Income Tax Act in the next session of the Legislature should be placed on record in the Minutes of Council.

Hon. Frank McNamara, convener of the meeting, will have a written report made and this will form part of the records. [*Evening Telegram*, April 20, 1932, p. 6]

Hon. Mr. Job said that the Government had practically agreed to abrogate the supertax a year or two ago, but had not placed it in the Act. He thought because of this that the undertaking by Sir Percy Thompson should be embodied in the minutes of the Legislative Council.

Sir Tasker Cook said that he thought the proper procedure was that the committee make a report and place same with the President of the Council.

Hon. Mr. McNamara thought that Sir Percy Thompson should put in writing his ideas and these would be filed. The Bill was then read a second and third time and passed without amendment. [*Daily News*, April 20, 1932]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 21st of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson; Francis Pike.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V, Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

Speaker, House of Assembly,

April 19, 1932

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Bartlett in the Chair.

A Bill granting the Holyrood Pond Fisheries Ltd. an extension of time in which to construct a fishery plant and works was passed without amendment. The company is now given until December 31, 1933, to carry out its contract.

Hon. McNamara, whilst not opposing the Bill, pointed out that when the Legislature granted concessions and set a time limit for carrying out the obligations, extensions of time should not then be granted.

Hon. Mr. Job thought it might be worthwhile to give the company consideration.

Hon. the Leader of the Government pointed out that the company was a local concern, and it was just as well to give them a chance to carry out their undertaking, as the extension was only for a very short period. [*Evening Telegram*, April 22, 1932, p. 6]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment send down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" without amendment.¹⁷²

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 21, 1932.*

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 21, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association" was read a first time, and

Ordered: To be read a second time on to-morrow.¹⁷³

The Hon. Mr. McNamara tabled the correspondence passing between him and Sir Percy

¹⁷² "... whereby certain franking privileges sought by the Assembly were curtailed." *Evening Telegram*, April 22, 1932, p. 6.

¹⁷³ "The association proposes to erect a boarding school and hospital at St. Mary's Harbour and intends to expend the sum of \$33,000 in constructing the building, clearing land and establishing a water supply. The association petitions for a grant of about 2 square miles of land." *Evening Telegram*, April 22, 1932, p. 6.

*Thompson respecting Income Tax Legislation.*¹⁷⁴

Hon. Sir T. K. Cook gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to the passage of Bills now before the House or to come before it during the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 22nd day of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.

¹⁷⁴ "These letters were the result of Hon. Mr. Job on Tuesday, calling attention to Section 8 of the Bill, which had the effect of cancelling the three year average previously allowed so far as supertax is concerned. He stated that he considered this as unjust legislation inasmuch as there may be and probably are some repayment due to parties who had paid supertax for two years past and are now entitled to some repayment under the clause in question. The effect of repealing this three year average amounts to confiscation by Act of Parliament of an existing obligation which is surely wrong in principle. He also expressed the opinion that the promise of the Government, through Sir Percy Thompson, to adjust matters in connection with the Income Tax Act at the next session of the Legislature, should be placed on record in the minutes of Council." *Daily News*, April 22, 1932, p. 3.

Friday, April 22, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; G. A. Bartlett; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 21st, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to Notice and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook:

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

When the Bill in connection with a grant of certain land on the Labrador to the International Grenfell Association was considered, **Hon. Mr. Macpherson** said that he had an amendment to propose to the effect that the land should be used for philanthropic purposes only. **Hon. Sir Tasker Cook** deferred the third reading, and in doing so said that in his opinion under the articles of association of the grantees, that the land could only be used for that purpose, but he will take up this matter with the Government. [*Daily News*, April 26, 1932]

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.*¹⁷⁵

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

¹⁷⁵ Two Bills were deferred, namely "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association," and "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931." *Daily News*, April 26, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively:

An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions;

An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service;

An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931;

An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances;

An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Stamp Duties"; and

An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Trustees,"

in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

Speaker, House of Assembly,

April 21, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time, and

Ordered: To be committed on to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Job asked that the Salt Codfish Bill be deferred. He said that the Bill had been approved by the bulk of the fish merchants, but there was one point he wished to bring up. In the fourth section of the Act these words occur: "and the regulating of shipments of salt codfish." He would like to have time to make enquiries as to if this Bill is favoured by the Trade. In connection with the Surtax Bill, **Hon. Mr. Job** said that he would like to again refer to the necessity of a rebate on duty paid on commodities imported in the raw state and exported manufactured. As the matter stands, manufacturers for export are discouraged, and he hoped the matter would not be overlooked. [Daily News, April 26, 1932]

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties'" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Bartlett 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees'" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Sinnott 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 22, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Job 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs Excise Duties and Import Taxes" and "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 22, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs Excise Duties and Import Taxes" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. O'Dea 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925," was read a first time,

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 26th day of April instant, at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; Geo. Shea; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson.

The Minutes of Friday, April 22nd, were read and confirmed.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association" be recommitted.

The Motion having been put and carried it was ordered accordingly.

Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

... on the motion of **Hon. Mr. Macpherson**, An Act to grant certain lands to the International Grenfell Association was recommitted. **Hon. Mr. Macpherson** moved that after the words, "There is hereby invested in International Grenfell Association and its successors and assigns," there be inserted the words, "for the purposes aforesaid." The Act was passed through all stages with the above amendment. [*Daily News*, April 28, 1932]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill, as amended, was read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931."

Hon. Mr. Shea in the Chair.

An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931, which was deferred at a previous sitting, then

entered the Committee stage. **Hon. Mr. Job**, who had asked to have this Act deferred to see if the changes made in the Act were satisfactory to the fish exporters, said that many of the exporters had not seen the new Bill, but although not approving of it in its entirety, were willing to have it go through. He said that there are safeguards in the Act, one of which is that 60 per cent of shippers must agree before certain things are done.

Hon. Mr. McNamara said that this is practically the same Bill as last year's, and its strongest recommendation is that markets cannot be overloaded. He instanced that if flour is selling at say \$5 per barrel, and 20,000 barrels arrive on consignment at 20 cents per barrel below the market, then the market is demoralized, and so it is with codfish. He read a letter that he had received from Hon. D. A. Ryan who gave four necessary practices for the successful marketing of codfish:

1. All fish to be culled on the board.
2. All fish to be inspected.
3. Shipments of fish by steamer to be regulated.
4. If possible, one shipping company to handle the export.

Hon. Mr. McNamara said he was very much in favour of the legislation, and was sure the country will benefit by it.

Hon. A. Kean said that he was not unmindful of previous regulations. Then, some had to hold their fish whilst others shipped. He is just as desirous as anyone that fish be improved as to grading, and hoped that the Act will be for the benefit of the country. This Act passed through all stages when the Council adjourned ... [*Daily News*, April 28, 1932]

Hon. Mr. Job intimated that he had communicated with the Committee of the Board of Trade in reference regarding Section 4. Some members of the trade were not aware of the addition to the Bill which gave the board power to regulate shipments, but as there were certain safeguards they were willing to let it remain. He was not in entire accord with the Bill, but he felt that it was a beginning which might develop into something of benefit to the country.

Hon. F. McNamara was pleased to see that the people who opposed the Bill last year were now supporting it. It was its strongest recommendation. Last year the Bill came to the House in the forenoon and was turned down. In the afternoon the same Bill was passed. As there was no opposition to the Bill now, it showed that those who voted for it last year were right. In regard to the control of shipments, he believed that the merchants had sense enough to regulate the matter amongst themselves.

Hon. Capt. Kean was not unmindful of past fish regulations and the damage done when some shippers were compelled to withhold shipments. He was, however, pleased to see a safeguard in the present Bill. As to whether or not fish can be graded as successfully as pork, beef or flour there was room for diversity of opinion. [*Evening Telegram*, April 27, 1932]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 28th of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson; I. R. Randell.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 26th, were read and confirmed.

The President informed the House that he had received a communication informing him of the appointment of Hon. Capt. Isaac Randell as a Member of this House.¹⁷⁶

Hon. Capt. Randell was introduced by Hon. Mr. Davey and Hon. Capt. Kean.

The Commission appointing the Hon. Capt. Randell was read by the Clerk, and the new Member was welcomed by the President, and took his seat accordingly.

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 acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to [the] International Grenfell Association" without amendment.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 27, 1932.*

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.¹⁷⁷

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 27, 1932.*

¹⁷⁶ Capt. Randell's appointment to the Legislative Council is reported in *The Daily News*, March 26, 1932.

¹⁷⁷ The Bill permitted the Municipal Council to defer an election for Mayor until May 1933. *Evening Telegram*, April 29, 1932, p. 19.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

*On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 29th day of April instant, at 3:30 p.m.*¹⁷⁸

¹⁷⁸ "On the motion to adjourn, the Leader of the Government offered his congratulations to Hon. I. R. Randell. Hons. Captain Kean and the President also joined in the congratulations, to which the newly appointed member made a suitable reply, after which the House adjourned...." *Evening Telegram*, April 29, 1932, p. 19.

Friday, April 29, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; J. J. Murphy; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson; I. R. Randell.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries,'" and "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 28, 1932.*

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries,'" and "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company" 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 Saturday, the 30th day of April instant, at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 30, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President; S. Milley; F. McNamara; Sir T. K. Cook; Geo. Shea; F. H. Steer, M.B.E.; John Davey; C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.; R. B. Job; A. Kean; E. F. Sinnott; J. V. O'Dea; H. Macpherson; I. R. Randell.

The Minutes of Friday, April 29th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the said Bill as amended was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and the Western Union Telegraph Company" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Capt. Kean 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'" and "An Act Relating to the Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,
Speaker, House of Assembly,
April 29, 1932.*

On motion of Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. O'Dea in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

A Bill relating to government representation on the directorate of the International P. and P. Co. was passed without amendment. [*Evening Telegram*, April 30, 1932, p. 5]

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 had 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 the 30th Day of June, 1932, and the 30th Day of June, 1933, and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service."

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

Speaker, House of Assembly

April 29, 1932

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook 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 the 30th Day of June, 1932, and the 30th Day of June, 1933, and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for Certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of a Sum of Money for the Service of the Said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'"; "An Act to Make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932," and "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Passed by the House of Assembly,

April 29, 1932.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH, Speaker.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for Certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of a Sum of Money for the Service of the Said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.'"

Hon. Mr. Sinnott 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for Certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of a Sum of Money for the Service of the Said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates."

Hon. Mr. Davey in the Chair.

A Bill relating to the raising of a loan of \$2,500,000, and providing for the issuance of savings certificates, was introduced and read a first time. In Committee the House asked for an explanation of certain provisions of the Bill, and **Sir Percy Thompson** was sent for.

The Committee rose when he arrived and retired to the President's Room where **Sir Percy Thompson** gave the desired information. The Bill was then passed without amendment.

The Bill empowers the Governor-in-Council to enter an agreement with the Imperial Oil Co., for a fifteen year monopoly of the importation of gasoline and kerosene. [*Evening Telegram*, April 30, 1932, p. 5]

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered: That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly,'" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Job 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir. T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Steer 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 Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

The House adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker, House of Assembly,

April 30, 1932.

At 4 p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir John Middleton having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable President of the Legislative Council to let the Honourable the 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 speak as follows:

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

It gives me pleasure at the close of this long and important Session to relieve you from your legislative duties. Within a few days I shall issue a Proclamation dissolving the House of Assembly, and an election of representatives to that Chamber will be held, with Polling Day in the early part of June.

Your chief endeavour has been to adjust the Dominion's finances to the situation that has arisen because of world-wide depression. This has made necessary severe measures of retrenchment and the imposition of additional taxes. In these matters we have had the guidance of financial experts from Great Britain and Canada. I feel sure that the spirit of loyalty in our people will lead them to assist in every possible way in the carrying out of the proposals which have for their object the balancing of our Budget.

Under the Agreement made at the end of December last with the Syndicate Banks, you have passed certain legislation dealing with the export of Gold, and with the Control of the Public Treasury, and these matters will tend to stabilize our finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet the interest due on the Public Debt at the end of June, and the Act respecting a Dominion Loan ensures that our obligations in this respect will be fulfilled.

In your wisdom you have thought it well to reduce the representation to the House of Assembly, and the Redistribution Act for this purpose will give that branch of the Legislature a

membership of 27 representatives. This action, while assigning enlarged districts to the individual representatives, will assist in the present effort to restrict expenditure.

In order that a General Election may be held with the shortest possible delay, an amendment to the Election Act has provided that, for this election only, the Voters' Lists of 1928 shall be used and the booths throughout the country kept open to a later hour in order that all voters may have an opportunity to exercise their franchise.

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

I thank you for the care you have exercised in connection with the financial provision for the carrying on of the Public Services of the country, and it is with great regret that my Ministers have found it necessary to prescribe such drastic economies.

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

In now proceeding to take up your ordinary vocations, I hope you may find great success, and I trust that Divine Providence may direct the destiny of our beloved land.

After which His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, entitled, Respectively:

An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1932.

An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V, Chapter 3 (1927) entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited."

An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V, Chapter 3 (1927) entitled "Of the Postal and Telegraph Services."

An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury.

An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 33, entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto."

An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under "The War Pensions Act, 1922."

An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925.

An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Death Duties."

An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 36, entitled "The Income Tax Act, 1929" and Amending Acts.

An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts of 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929.

An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925.

An Act to Amend the Act 22 George V, Chapter 25, entitled "An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto."

An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in Connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal.

An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the Title of "The Department of Lands and Fisheries."

An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the

Customs."

An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Auditing of Public Accounts."

An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency.

An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents."

An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea.

An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Companies."

An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930.

An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V, Chapter 3, entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company."

An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works.

An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions.

An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service.

An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921.

An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Stamp Duties."

An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs Excise Duties and Import Taxes.

An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925.

An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Lotteries."

An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to Enter into a Contract with Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company.

An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for Certain Public Purpose and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the Said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates.

An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline.

An Act Relating to the Export of Manufactured Products of Timber.

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

An Act 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 1932, and the 30th Day of June 1933 and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service.

An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the House of Assembly."

An Act to Make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932.

An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to the [the] International Grenfell Association.

An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor of St. John's.

The Honourable the President then said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Saturday, the 7th day of May next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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