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Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Administrator of the Government and
Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its De-
pendencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of JULY instant ; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the EIGHT day of SEPTEMBER next :

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, at Saint John's,
in the aforesaid Island, this Twelfth
day of July, A.D., 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the EIGHT day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TENTH day of NOVEMBER next:

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Sixth day of September, A.D., 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



Proclamation.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor,
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency HENRY A. BLAKE, Esq.,
Companion of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in
and over the Island of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the TENTH day of NOVEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of DECEMBER next:

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, at Saint John's,
in the aforesaid Island, this Fourth
day of November, A.D., 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.



Proclamation.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor,
[L.S.]

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St. George, Governor and Commander-
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Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of FEBRUARY next:

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of FEBRUARY next, as aforesaid, *then to meet for the despatch of business*, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Fourteenth day of December, A.D., 1887.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.

Official Seal

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By His Excellency the Governor

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Given under my Hand and Seal, at the
Government House, at Saint John's,
in the aforesaid Island, this
fourteenth day of December, A.D.

themselves accordingly

which all persons con-
sidered as necessary, then to meet for the purpose of business, of
the next to be held, and to be held on the sixteenth day of
I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Proclaim the

the sixteenth day of December next.

to be held on the sixteenth day of December next, and whereof
I do hereby Proclaim the said General Assembly, and I do
WHERAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until three

To sit in which three Provinces shall sit, to-wit:

St. George, Governor and Commander
in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies

[S]

Governor

HENRY J. BLAKE

By His Excellency Henry James Blake,

Proclamation



JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRD SESSION
OF THE
FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.

THURSDAY, 16th February, 1888.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having, by several proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day; the members thereof met in the Assembly Room.

By virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of this Island, to the Hon. E. D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and Hon. J. S. WINTER, member of the Executive Council, which is as follows:

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.
[L.S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland, Queen, Defender of
the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE that we have appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the Honorables EDWARD DALTON SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, and JAMES SPEARMAN WINTER, Member of the Executive Council of the Island of Newfoundland, to be Commis-

sioners, they or either of them to administer the oath of allegiance to the Honorable GEORGE THOMAS RENDELL, appointed by Commission from the Governor of our said Island, to be a member (provisionally) of our Legislative Council of our said Island, and also to ROBERT JOHN PARSONS, ESQ., who has been elected to serve in the General Assembly of our said Island, for the Eastern Division of the Electoral District of St. John's, which said General Assembly has been appointed by Proclamation of our said Governor, to be holden at St. John's, on the 16th day of this instant month. Giving to them and either of them our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all whatsoever they or either of them shall do and perform in this behalf, and thereof they or either of them are to make due return under their hands and seals, unto our Governor of our said island, with these presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of our said Island of Newfoundland.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esq., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 15th day of February, A.D., 1888, and in the Fifty-first year of our Reign.

By His Excellency's command,

M. FENELON,
Colonial Secretary.

Dedimus Potestatem,

Examined,

J. S. WINTER,
H. M. Attorney General.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of Twelve and One o'clock on the 16th inst., into the Council Chamber, RICHARD B. HOLDEN, ESQ., Clerk of the General Assembly, as in duty bound, attending, when Robert John Parsons, Esq., returned member for the District of St. John's East, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance, in presence of the said Commissioners.

And the said Robert John Parsons, Esq., took his seat for the said District accordingly.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

At two o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by W. F. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber.

And being returned to the Assembly Room.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that, when in attendance on His Excellency in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both branches of the Legislature, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House, as follows,—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly:

It affords me much gratification to meet the Legislature of Newfoundland, for the first time since my assumption of the Government of this ancient Colony.

In calling you together for the despatch of public business, I desire to express to you my deep sense of the responsibility of my position, and to assure you of my earnest intention to perform the duties of my office in strict accordance with constitutional principles.

Arriving near the end of summer, I have not yet had an opportunity of acquiring an extensive knowledge of the Colony from personal observation. I have, however, visited the greater portion of the peninsula of Avalon, and wish to express my acknowledgment of the hearty and loyal reception given to me, as the representative of Her Majesty, at those places visited by me.

Although I am not in a position to congratulate you upon a condition of general prosperity, I feel gratified in being able to state that the year, which has just closed, has witnessed a marked improvement in the results of the staple industries of the Colony, as compared with those of immediately preceding years. The seal fishery was conducted on a scale smaller than that of former years. A short catch, with low prices for its products, made the result unremunerative to those engaged in its prosecution.

The Codfishery on the coasts of the Island and of Labrador was below the average, but this deficiency was largely compensated by good prices.

The prosecution of the Bank Fishery was again attended with marked success, and there is no doubt that there will be a further increase during the coming season in the outfit for this now important branch of our fisheries.

The Salmon Fishery was fairly successful, but the herring fishery on the coast of Labrador was a failure.

The Lobster Fishery was prosecuted on an increased scale and with much success. This industry now furnishes a large item in the export trade of the Colony.

The large measure of success which attended Agricultural operations has contributed in a great degree to the general improvement in the condition of the people.

It is satisfactory to note that the expenditure authorised by the Legislature, towards the close of last session, for the purchase of seed potatoes for distribution among the necessitous, was productive of most beneficial results.

It is also gratifying to find that the inducements to the clearing and cultivation of the soil, afforded by the bounties provided under the Agricultural Act of the session of 1886, have led to a large amount of profitable labor in that direction, and the development of an active public interest in this most valuable pursuit.

Mining operations, which for some years past had been gradually declining, have recently received a strong impetus from a large advance in the price of copper.

With a view to the extension of the area of useful and remunerative employment during the winter months, my Government, in November last, assumed the responsibility of offering an increase upon the drawback or bounty, provided by the recent Act for the encouragement of shipbuilding, to apply to vessels of a certain class to be built during the present season. I am informed that a stimulus was thereby imparted to this most important industry, and at the same time a considerable amount of wages was earned by many who otherwise would have been destitute. I rely with confidence upon your legislative confirmation of the action of the Government in this matter.

The assent given by Her Majesty to the Act of last Session in relation to the sale of bait fishes was accompanied by an opinion that it should not come into effect during the fishing season of the year 1887. I accordingly issued a proclamation fixing the second day of January for the commencement of its operation. The necessary measures for the efficient enforcement of the provisions of the Act will be adopted by the Government.

A new contract has been entered into for the performance of the Coastal Steam Service and also for a winter service between St. John's and Halifax, to take effect from May next.

The boats, now in course of construction, will be as regards size, speed and accommodation, much superior to those that have hitherto been employed in the Coastal service, and this improvement in efficiency has been effected with a large saving upon the present cost.

In this connection it would appear that the time is opportune for dealing with the question of the further improvement in the means of communication, by the employment of steamers in the bays, or at least in those in which connections with the railway can be made.

During the past year an addition was made to our system of telegraph communication, by its extension to the district of Fogo.

The work of construction of the Placentia Railway is progressing satisfactorily, as regards efficiency, cost and rapidity of execution. It is hoped that in the early part of the summer a connection sufficient for the commencement of operation will be made with or near to Placentia. It will be necessary during the present session to make some legislative provision for operating the line.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

The Revenue for the past year has been somewhat short of the estimates.

The expenditure in connection with the public service has been conducted with due regard to economy and efficiency, and the accounts, with the usual estimates for the present year, will be laid before you. I feel assured that you will make adequate provision for the requirements of the various departments of Government.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly :

Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States having agreed upon the appointment of a Joint Commission to deal with questions in dispute between the two nations in relation to the fisheries on the coasts of British North America and other matters, with a view to a settlement, upon some mutually satisfactory basis, of these and other cognate questions, the Commissioners met at Washington in the month of November, and have not yet concluded their labors.

The Attorney General was appointed to proceed to Washington to confer with and assist the British Plenipotentiaries upon those points, especially relating to the circumstances and interests of this Colony. I expect very soon to be in a position to inform you of the result of the deliberations of the Conference.

The opening of the International Exhibition at Barcelona has been postponed till the 8th of April next. The necessary preparations for the suitable representation of the Colony at this Exhibition are in progress.

In compliance with your joint address of last session, my predecessor appointed a Commission to inquire into the constitution and working of Fishery departments in other countries. I am informed that the Commission have devoted much care and industry to the duties entrusted to them. I have no doubt that their report will be a useful guide to the adoption of intelligent action in the direction of the preservation and development of our fisheries.

The litigation between the Colony and the Newfoundland Railway Company and their bond-holders, resulting from the failure to carry out the contract for the construction and operation of the line, has, so far, reached a decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to the effect that a proportionate part of the entire subsidy under the contract is payable in respect of so much of the line as has been completed and operated; but that the Colony is entitled to counter-claim, or set off its claim for damages for non-performance of the contract, which claim is to be the subject of further inquiry.

You will be again asked to deal with the question of the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, and a measure will be introduced for that purpose.

We have reason to be thankful for the immunity which the Colony has enjoyed from any epidemic disease or other public calamity.

The absence of serious crime and the general good conduct of our people continue to afford matter for congratulation.

In leaving you to the discharge of those duties which especially devolve upon you, I am sure that you will join with me in the prayer that your labors may be directed by Divine guidance to the promotion of the best interests of the Colony and its people.

On motion of Mr. LEMESSURIER, seconded by Mr. KEAN,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks, in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature.

Ordered,—That Mr. LeMessurier, Mr. Kean, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Callanan and Mr. Parsons, do form the said Committee.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government to lay upon the table of this House, a copy of all correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Imperial authorities, relating to the Act passed by the Legislature last session, entitled, "An Act for the preservation of Bait Fishes."

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Leader of the Government, to lay upon the table of this House, a copy of all correspondence and of all papers in possession of the Government, relating to the question of Colonial Defence.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Leader of the Government to place upon the table of the House, a detailed statement of the expenses incurred in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Contingencies Committee, to place upon the table of this House, a detailed statement of the expenses incurred in the fitting up of this House for this session.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General, to lay upon the table, a statement of the gross revenue and expenditure, for the year 1887.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay upon the table of this House, a statement of the gross amount expended upon the Placentia Railway, to date, the number of miles graded and ungraded, the number of miles of rails laid, the number of miles of road ballasted, the value of rolling and other stock, included in the stated expenditure; an estimate of the amount required to fully complete and equip the road, and the latest report of the Government Engineer.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide compensation for the families of persons lost whilst engaged in the prosecution of the Bank Fishery of this Colony, and to compel owners of Bank Fishery vessels, to provide machinery for the safety of the lives of those engaged in that fishery.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table of this House, all correspondence relative to the judgment recently delivered by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, *in re* the Colony of Newfoundland *versus* the Newfoundland Railway Company.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Leader of the Government to lay upon the table of this House, copies of all correspondence in connection with, and a statement of, expense incurred by the late mission of the Attorney General to Washington.

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on the Printing, Reporting and Contingent expenses of the House.

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of this House with regard to the Address of Thanks.

Mr. DAWE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act passed last session, entitled, "An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals."

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 20th February, 1888.

Pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and at a quarter past four o'clock, ordered the House to be counted;

Present the Hon. Receiver General, Mr. Rolls and Mr. Watson.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 21st February, 1888.

Mr. LEMESSURIER, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address of Thanks, in reply to the gracious Speech of His Excellen-

cy the Governor, on opening the present session of the Legislature, presented the report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, as follows:—

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, in tendering to your Excellency our thanks for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature, are pleased to welcome your Excellency, as the constitutional representative of Her Majesty, in the Government of the Colony, and to assure you of our earnest desire to co-operate with you in the promotion of its best interests.

We may assure your Excellency that those manifestations of personal good will to yourself, and loyalty to the throne, which already have been accorded to your Excellency in those places which you have visited, are but an expression of the sentiments of the people of the whole colony.

We share with your Excellency in the feeling of gratification at the general improvement in the condition of the people, which has taken place during the past year.

We notice with regret the continued decline and unproductiveness of the seal fishery as shown by the results of the past season.

It is gratifying to find that good prices largely compensated for the short returns from the codfishery on the coast of the Island and Labrador, and the continued success and increasing outfit of the bank fishery, give assurance of the further development in the future of that important branch of our fisheries.

We note with satisfaction the growing importance and value of the Lobster fishery, and the success attending the operations of that enterprise during the past season.

It is most gratifying to notice the development of an active and practical interest in agricultural pursuits, and also to find that recent legislation has had an encouraging effect in that direction. The large benefits which resulted from the purchase and distribution of seed potatoes, authorized by the legislature during last session, cannot have failed to impress upon the people the great necessity for further reliance upon the cultivation of the soil.

The stimulus given to mining industries by the recent advance in the price of copper opens a hopeful prospect of the extension of the field of labor in that important enterprise.

We are pleased to find that the action of the government in offering an increased bounty for the present season upon ship-building has accomplished the two-fold result of assisting a valuable industry and of creating the means of employment for many who would otherwise have been left destitute. We shall be glad to confirm the action of the government in this relation.

We are pleased with the assurance that the necessary steps will be taken for the efficient enforcement of the Act of last session, in relation to the sale and export of bait fishes, and we look with confidence for beneficial results from the operation of that measure.

We welcome the information contained in your Excellency's Speech, in relation to the much needed improvement in the Coastal Steam Service, effected under the new contract, and we shall give our most careful attention to the suggestion relating to the employment of steamers in the bays as a further extension of the benefits of this most valuable service. We consider that an important advantage has also been secured by the provision which has been made for the Halifax winter service.

The extension of the Telegraph system by the connection recently made with Fogo, increases the facilities of northern communication, and will be appreciated by all who are interested in that important portion of the island.

The satisfactory progress in the work of the Placentia railway, and the promise of an early opening of the line for traffic afford matter for much gratification. We shall give our best attention to the legislation necessary to provide for the working of the line.

We confidently hope that the short revenue of the last year will be followed by increased importations and a corresponding improvement in the revenue for the present year. We shall make due provision for the various requirements of the public service.

We await with great interest the result of the conference at Washington, between the plenipotentiaries of the Imperial Government and of the United States, in relation to disputed questions in connection with the fisheries and other matters. We approve of the action of the Government in sending a representative to Washington in the interests of the colony.

We are pleased to learn that arrangements are being made for the suitable representation of the colony at the approaching International Exhibition at Barcelona.

We regard, as of the utmost importance, the inquiries into the subject of the constitution and working of fisheries departments in other countries, which have been instituted by the formation of a committee, and we appreciate the labor which they have so far devoted to that subject. We concur with your Excellency in the belief that the report of the committee cannot fail to be suggestive of wise and beneficent action in the future in connection with the preservation and development of our fisheries.

We thank your Excellency for the information contained in your Excellency's speech in relation to the litigation between the colony and the Railway Company, arising out of the non-performance of their contract.

We trust that as the outcome of our deliberations concerning the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, some comprehensive and satisfactory measure will be enacted, dealing with this important subject.

We concur with your Excellency in an expression of thankfulness for the immunity from epidemic disease or other public calamity which the colony has enjoyed during the past year; and we observe with great satisfaction the peace and good order which have marked the conduct of our people.

We unite with your Excellency in the hope that our efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the colony and its people may be assisted by Divine guidance.

Ordered,—That the said report be adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Address be now read a first time.

And the said Address was read a first time accordingly, and

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

On motion of Mr. LEMESSURIER,—

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Address.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINGS, seconded by Mr. MARCH,—

Resolved,—

That a Select Committee be appointed on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hutchings, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Green, Mr. LeMessurier, Mr. Rolls, Mr. March and Hon. Mr. Speaker, do form the said Committee.

Mr. DAWE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend an Act passed last session, entitled, "An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. DAWE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the Rules of the House be suspended in relation to the Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, 'An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals.'"

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Receiver General if duty has been paid on all articles imported into this Colony, for use in connection with the construction of the Placentia Railway, if not, to lay on the table of this House a statement of the gross value of the articles so imported, and the amount of duty that would have been payable thereon.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General whether any bonds or other securities belonging to the Savings' Bank, have been deposited in London, or elsewhere, outside of this Colony; and, if so, to what amount, in what institution, upon what term, and for what purpose, and for a copy of all correspondence in connection therewith.

Also, to ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay upon the table of this House, a statement, showing by whom the loans, authorized by Vic. 50, Cap. 6 and 7, were taken up, the terms upon which the loans were taken, the number and amount of the debentures issued, exact copies of the debentures so issued, and a copy of all correspondence in connection with the loans.

Mr. MACKAY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend 39 Vic., Cap. 16, entitled, "An Act respecting the fishery of lobsters."

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table of this House, a return showing the amount expended on King's Bridge, and the amount expended on contract for iron work, 1888.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table of this House, a detailed account of the sanitary expenditure, and receipts of the sanitary department for the town of St. John's, for 1887; and also, a detailed account of the indebtedness of the town of St. John's thereby and otherwise up to December 31st, 1887; also, to ask the Hon. Attorney General whether it is the intention of the Government to provide any means for relief for the destitute poor of St. John's, hundreds of whom are now without food and fire.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay on the table of this House, a detailed statement, showing the amount of pauper relief given to the able-bodied poor of St. John's East, upon the reports of the officials of the poor office; and also, a copy of all instructions received by him from the Colonial Secretary; and also, a copy of the names of all persons so relieved.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from Mary A. Parsons and E. Parsons, proprietors of the *Patriot* newspaper, which was received and read, on the subject of printing the debates of this House,

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.



WEDNESDAY, 22nd February, 1888.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address of Thanks, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, on opening the present session of the Legislature, was read a second time.

Mr. LEMESSURIER moved, seconded by Mr. KEAN,—

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Address.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 23rd February, 1888.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present session.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DAWE, seconded by Mr. KEAN,—

The Bill to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Cap. 23, entitled, "An Act to regulate the taking of, and right of property in, seals," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DAWE,—

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the same.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 24th February, 1888.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Mr. DAWE,—

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act relating to the taking of, and right of property in, seals."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MURPHY took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

SATURDAY, 25th February, 1888.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.


Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act relating to the taking of, and right of property in, seals.’”

Ordered,—That Mr. Dawe and Mr. Murphy do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.



MONDAY, 27th February, 1888.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Address of Thanks.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

TUESDAY, 28th February, 1888.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the address to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read as follows:

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Commons House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, in tendering to your Excellency our thanks for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature, are pleased to welcome your Excellency, as the constitutional representative of Her Majesty, in the Government of the Colony, and to assure you of our earnest desire to co-operate with you in the promotion of its best interests.

We may assure your Excellency that those manifestations of personal good will to yourself, and loyalty to the throne, which already have been accorded to your Excellency in those places which you have visited, are but an expression of the sentiments of the people of the whole colony.

We share with your Excellency in the feeling of gratification at the general improvement in the condition of the people, which has taken place during the past year.

We notice with regret the continued decline and unproductiveness of the seal fishery as shown by the results of the past season.

It is gratifying to find that good prices largely compensated for the short returns from the codfishery on the coast of the Island and Labrador, and the continued success and increasing outfit of the bank fishery, give assurance of the further development in the future of that important branch of our fisheries.

We note with satisfaction the growing importance and value of the Lobster fishery, and the success attending the operations of that enterprise during the past season.

It is most gratifying to notice the development of an active and practical interest in agricultural pursuits, and also to find that recent legislation has had an encouraging effect in that direction. The large benefits which resulted from the purchase and distribution of seed potatoes, authorized by the legislature during last session, cannot have failed to impress upon the people the great necessity for further reliance upon the cultivation of the soil.

The stimulus given to mining industries by the recent advance in the price of copper opens a hopeful prospect of the extension of the field of labor in that important enterprise.

We are pleased to find that the action of the government in offering an increased bounty for the present season upon ship-building has accomplished the two-fold result of assisting a valuable industry and

of creating the means of employment for many who would otherwise have been left destitute. We shall be glad to confirm the action of the government in this relation.

We are pleased with the assurance that the necessary steps will be taken for the efficient enforcement of the Act of last session, in relation to the sale and export of bait fishes, and we look with confidence for beneficial results from the operation of that measure.

We welcome the information contained in your Excellency's Speech, in relation to the much needed improvement in the Coastal Steam Service, effected under the new contract, and we shall give our most careful attention to the suggestion relating to the employment of steamers in the bays as a further extension of the benefits of this most valuable service. We consider that an important advantage has also been secured by the provision which has been made for the Halifax winter service.

The extension of the Telegraph system by the connection recently made with Fogo, increases the facilities of northern communication, and will be appreciated by all who are interested in that important portion of the island.

The satisfactory progress in the work of the Placentia railway, and the promise of an early opening of the line for traffic afford matter for much gratification. We shall give our best attention to the legislation necessary to provide for the working of the line.

We confidently hope that the short revenue of the last year will be followed by increased importations and a corresponding improvement in the revenue for the present year. We shall make due provision for the various requirements of the public service.

We await with great interest the result of the conference at Washington, between the plenipotentiaries of the Imperial Government and of the United States, in relation to disputed questions in

connection with the fisheries and other matters. We approve of the action of the Government in sending a representative to Washington in the interests of the colony.

We are pleased to learn that arrangements are being made for the suitable representation of the colony at the approaching International Exhibition at Barcelona.

We regard, as of the utmost importance, the inquiries into the subject of the constitution and working of fisheries departments in other countries, which have been instituted by the formation of a committee, and we appreciate the labor which they have so far devoted to that subject. We concur with your Excellency in the belief that the report of the committee cannot fail to be suggestive of wise and beneficent action in the future in connection with the preservation and development of our fisheries.

We thank your Excellency for the information contained in your Excellency's speech in relation to the litigation between the colony and the Railway Company, arising out of the non-performance of their contract.

We trust that as the outcome of our deliberations concerning the management of the local affairs of the town of St. John's, some comprehensive and satisfactory measure will be enacted, dealing with this important subject.

We concur with your Excellency in an expression of thankfulness for the immunity from epidemic disease or other public calamity which the colony has enjoyed during the past year; and we observe with great satisfaction the peace and good order which have marked the conduct of our people.

We unite with your Excellency in the hope that our efforts for the promotion of the welfare of the colony and its people may be assisted by Divine guidance.

On motion that the Report be adopted, Mr. Bond moved, seconded by Mr. Morine, that the tenth paragraph of the Address be stricken out, and the following be substituted in lieu thereof:

We notice your Excellency's intimation that the Government propose adopting measures for enforcing the provisions of the Act passed last Session, respecting Bait Fishes. Whilst we entertain decided opinions as to the necessity of protecting and preserving bait fishes, we feel that the course which has been taken in this direction, is of such a speculative character as to cause grave doubts as to its being in any way effective towards accomplishing the object apparently in view. The Act will certainly operate to the serious pecuniary loss of a large number of fishermen heretofore engaged in the bait traffic, and owning considerable property which, by the provisions of the Bait Act, is rendered comparatively valueless. We, therefore, regret that no provision has been made for affording compensation to those who have been and will be sufferers to a large amount by the rigid enforcement of the Act. We are, also, constrained to conclude, from instructions already issued by the Government, and from the Act itself, that, whilst our people will be debarred from engaging in the trade, it may be carried on with impunity by the fishermen of the Dominion of Canada. Had a law been enacted by which the wholesale and wanton destruction of bait fishes would be prevented, at those seasons of the year which the natural habits of these fish point to as a close time, and under which the privileges of procuring bait fishes conferred upon foreign vessels would be confined to those purchasing the same in our harbours, a lucrative trade would be preserved to a large number of people on the one hand, and upon the other they would be permitted to engage in the prosecution of the more important codfishery more constantly than they have hitherto; and there would have been no excuse for threatened retaliatory measures by a Foreign and heretofore friendly Power.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

*For the Amendment—5.**Against the Amendment—20.*

Mr. Bond,

“ Morine,

“ Murphy,

“ Parsons,

“ McGrath.

Hon. Attorney General,

“ Receiver General,

“ Surveyor General,

“ A. F. Goodridge,

Chairman Board of Works,

The Financial Secretary,

Mr. Carty,

“ Rolls.

“ Godden,

“ Grieve,

“ Watson,

“ Kean,

“ Vietch,

“ Bradshaw,

“ March,

“ Peters,

“ LeMessurier,

“ Scott,

“ Callanan,

“ Morris.

So it passed in the negative.

On the original question being put, Mr MORINE moved in Amendment that the following be added to the 13th paragraph:

We are deeply sensible of the entire absence of any expressed intention on the part of the Government to continue the Railway from Harbor Grace Junction towards Hall's Bay, with a view to meeting

the wants of the very large population in the northern districts, and the developing of these valuable agricultural, mineral, and timber lands, in the interior of the Island. This we consider should be commenced without delay, and should be continued as rapidly as a due regard for judicious economy and the Revenue of the Colony will permit.

And the question being put thereon, there appeared

For the Amendment—8.

Mr. Morine,
 “ Bond,
 “ Murphy,
 “ Parsons,
 “ Scott,
 “ Callanan.
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath.

Against the Amendment—17.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board of Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Godden,
 “ Grieve,
 “ Watson.
 “ Kean,
 “ Vietch,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Peters,
 “ LeMessurier.

So it passed in the negative.

On the question being again put, Mr. MURPHY moved, seconded by Mr. MORINE, that the following be added to the 17th paragraph :

We would recommend before the close of the present Session, that there should be introduced some legislation on the Bank Fishery which of recent years has become of such economic advantage to the

labor of the country. This legislation should deal with the custom of charging 20 per cent. interest, for cash, after the voyage is in the hands of the supplier or his agent; and also with the question of charging supply prices for goods given after the voyage is in the hands of such supplier or his agent to the great detriment of the fishermen engaged in this hazardous industry, who usually are after the first trip in credit and whose catch is usually in the hands of the supplier or his agent.

The said legislation to benefit the fisherman only after such time as the voyage is in the hands of the supplier or his agent, and only after such time as he from the facts as far as can be ascertained in credit.

And the question being put, the House divided, when there appeared a similar division.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original Motion being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—20.

Hon. Attorney General,
 " Receiver General,
 " Surveyor General,
 " A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board of Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Carty,
 " Rolls,
 " Godden,
 " Grieve,
 " Watson,
 " Kean,
 " Vietch,
 " Bradshaw,
 " March,
 " Peters,
 " LeMessurier,
 " Scott,
 " Callanan,
 " Morris.

Against the Motion—5.

Mr. Bond,
 " Morine,
 " Murphy,
 " Parsons,
 " McGrath.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Address be now read a third time.

And the said address was read a third time accordingly:

Ordered,. . That the said Address do pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

The Hon. the SPEAKER acquainted the House that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary, to the effect that His Excellency would be pleased to receive the House with the Address of Thanks, at 12.30 o'clock this day.

Also, that he had received the following communication from M. J. O'Mara,—

The Hon. A. J. W. McNEILY, Q. C.,

Speaker of the House of Assembly,

Newfoundland.

SIR.—

For the past few months my health has been considerably impaired, and my Medical Adviser having recommended a voyage as necessary to the restoration of same, I respectfully request that leave of absence be granted me during the remainder of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. J. O'MARA,

M. H. A. St. John's East.

On motion leave was granted.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at 12 of the clock.

It being the hour appointed by His Excellency the Governor to receive Mr. Speaker and the House, with the Address of Thanks in reply to the Speech of His Excellency on opening the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Speaker and the House went over to Government House, and being returned to the Assembly Room,

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that, when in attendance on His Excellency, at Government House, he had presented the Address of Thanks, to which His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows:

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

I receive with gratification your loyal and dutiful address.

I thank you for your welcome, and I look forward with confidence to the beneficial result of your Legislative Labors.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

Government House,
28th February, 1888. }

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill relating to Loans on the credit of the Colony.

Also, that he will, on Tuesday the 6th of March, move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Also, that he will, on Thursday the 8th of March, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill, having for its object the abolition of Cod-traps.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government, if the Governor, in Council, have imported a better breed of Cattle, as provided for in 49 Vic., Cap. 3, and if so, what numbers and kind.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Receiver General if the sum of eighty thousand dollars, amount to be raised on credit of the Colony under 49 Vic., Cap. 3, has been raised, also, what amount has been expended under said Act for land cleared.

Also, to ask the Surveyor General to lay on the table of this House a return, showing the number of grants issued under 49 Vic., Cap. 3, and the number of applicants.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the Penitentiary.

Also, a Bill to amend the law relating to the Registration of Deeds.

Also, a Bill relating to enquiries into the Public Service.

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 5th March, 1888.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, at four o'clock, p.m., and there being no members present, the Speaker declared the House adjourned for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 6th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received, and read:—

By Mr. WATSON,—From John Percy and others, of Hopeall, district of Trinity, on the subject of Roads; also, from Abram Sparks, Sibley's Cove on the same subject; also, from Augustus Sparks, Lance Cove, on the same subject; also from Martin Rowe, Heart's Content, on the same subject; also, from Stephen Jacobs, Heart's Ease, praying for the appointment of a Way-Office in that place; also, from Robert Scott and others, on the subject of the protection of the Lobster Fishery.

By Mr. MORINE,—From James Burden and others, of Salvage, district of Bonavista, on the same subject.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From T. W. Taylor and others, of Change Island, district of Fogo, on the same subject.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From John Cole and others, of Torbay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BOND,—From W. Keepin and others, of Harbor Breton, on the subject of the Bait Act; also, from inhabitants of Belleoram and St. Jacques, on the same subject; also, from the inhabitants of English Harbor, West, on the same subject; also, from the inhabitants of Garnish, on the same subject; also, from inhabitants of Bay de L'eau, New Harbor, Harbor Mille, Little Bay East, Bay L'Argent, and other localities in the district of Fortune Bay, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order, and on leave granted, Mr. MORRIS presented a Bill, entitled “An Act to provide compensation for the families of persons lost at the Bank Fishery,” which was read a first time, and

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

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill, entitled “An Act relating to Loans upon the credit of this Colony,” which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill, entitled “An Act for the abolition of Cod Traps,” which was read a first time, and

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

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, presented the following Bills, entitled, respectively, “An Act to amend the law relating to the Penitentiary,” “An Act relating to the Registration of Deeds,” and “An Act relating to inquiries into the Public Service,” which were severally read a first time, and

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

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, gave notice that he would, on Friday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. CARTY gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Surveyor General if the statement which lately appeared in one of the local journals is correct, that instructions have been given to his Department not to issue grants of land on the west coast of this Island.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General for a copy of the Report made to the Government by the delegates from this Colony to the Colonial Conference, held in London in 1887, and for a statement of all sums paid on account of their mission; also, for a statement of the gross amount paid on account of the prior mission of Sir Ambrose Shea to London, in 1886.

Mr. MURPHY presented a petition from inhabitants of Portugal Cove, on the subject of the Bait Act.

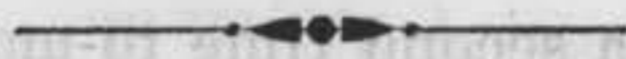
Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Rev. W. Freeman and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also, from James Short and others, of the same place, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. BRADSHAW gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table of the House, the presentment of the Grand Jury at Bonne Bay, submitted to His Lordship Judge Pinsent, in the Fall of 1887, or a copy thereof.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.



Hon. RACLETTER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, gave notice that he would, on Friday next, move the House into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

WEDNESDAY, 7th March, 1888.

Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Treasury Accounts, 1887.

Statement of Balances in the Treasury Department, on 31st Dec., 1887.

Statement of Public Debt, for the year 1887.

Financial Statement of the affairs of the Colony of Newfoundland, for the year 1888.

Estimate for defraying part of the Public Expenditure of the Colony of Newfoundland, for year 1888.

Detailed Statement of Salaries to Magistrates, etc., in the outports, for year 1888.

Estimate for the maintenance of Newfoundland Lights, 1888.

Return of Ships Built, 1887.

Abstract of Shipping, year ended 31st December, 1887.

Consolidated Account Current of Receipts and Payments, (Customs Department), for the year ended 31st December, 1888.

Consolidated Account of Dutiable Goods, imported in the year 1887.

Import and Export Account, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Mathew Eagan and others, of Brooklyn, district of Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from John Moss and others, of Salvage, on the subject of a Ferry.

Mr. LEMESSURIER presented a petition from the inhabitants of Grand Bank, on the subject of Roads.

Also from inhabitants of Burin, on the same subject.

Mr. EMERSON presented a petition from James Lyons Noonan, which was received and read, praying for compensation for past services.

Mr. BRADSHAW presented a petition from Donald Browne and others, of Bonne Bay, and other localities in the district of St. Barbe, praying for the appointment of a Ferryman.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table, any and all Dispatches and other correspondence, received by the Governor or Government of this Colony, within the past six months, relative to the subject of the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion of Canada.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds," and "An Act respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters," were read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from Mrs. A. Sparks and other women of Hants Harbor, district of Trinity, on the subject of the Prohibition of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Also a petition from the Rev. E. Taylor and others, of the same place, on the same subject.

Mr. ROLLS presented a petition from T. C. Duder and others, of Fogo, on the same subject.

Also from Rev. T. W. Dunn and others, of Musgrave Harbor, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Chapter 103 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Inland Fisheries."

Mr. GRIEVE presented a petition from Rev. J. Wilson and others, of Shoal Harbor. Random, district of Trinity, on the subject of Prohibition.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Surveyor General if any applications for grants of land upon the West Coast, so called, made in 1886, '7, or '8, have not been acceded to, and if so, how many, and why? Also, whether any grants of land upon that coast were made in the said years, and if so, how many? Also, for a statement showing the names of applicants and grantees during the said period, with the number of acres applied for and granted respectively?

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table, copies of all correspondence in 1886, '7 and '8, between the Government and the Bonavista Breakwater Commissioners, and between the Government and T. W. Stabb, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate at Bonavista, relative to, or in connection with, the construction of the said Breakwater, or labor thereupon.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table, copies of all correspondence since July, 1887, between the Government and T. W. Stabb, Esq., R. P. Rice, Esq., and any other persons residing in the district of Bonavista, relative to the destitution prevailing there; and for copies of all instructions relative to the relief of such destitution.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table, a return showing the amounts received on account sewerage, St. John's, for 1887, by the General Water Company.

Also, to ask Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table, a return showing the amount received on account Sheriffs' fees, Central District, 1886 and 1887, detailing the different amounts received.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government and Attorney General, if any instructions have been given to Judge Prowse, to proceed to Fortune Bay, to enforce Bait Law, and if so, if any special police have been sworn in, and if so, under what authority.

Also, to ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table, a return showing the amount received in years 1887 and 1888 to date, on account license fees, fines and process, in magistrates court and district court.

Also, to ask the Hon. Receiver General to lay on the table, a return showing the amount of fees received by him, on account of the Registration of Deeds in the Central District, for years 1887 and 1888 to date; also, amount received on account process; also, the number of writs issued, and deeds registered.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents, viz:—

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1887.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement of Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1887.

Financial Secretary's Detailed Statement of Expenditure of Agricultural Land Roads, for the year ended December 31st, 1887.

Expenditure on account of Telegraph maintenance, for the year ended December 31st, 1887.

Financial Secretary's Consolidated Statement of Expenditure on account of Local Roads, for the year ended December 31st, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from J. Templeman and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from J. Quinton and others, of Redcliffe, district of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads; also, from C. Gould and others, of Southern Bay, on the same subject; also, from J. Rowsell and others, of Bonavista, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORRIS presented a petition from John Hagan, of St. John's, West, praying for compensation for land taken for public service.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the [clock.

THURSDAY, 8th March, 1888.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table, a copy of all tenders received, for steamers to be employed by the Government, in connection with the enforcement of the Bait Act. Also a copy of all instructions given to officers and others engaged in that service.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill entitled “An Act relating to Loans upon the credit of this Colony.” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if the suggestion of the Grand Jury, contained in the presentment of last year, in reference to appointing a Medical Commission, to enquire into the sanity of Randall Donovan, a prisoner now in the penitentiary, (who was arrested at Harbor Main, in the autumn of 1880, and sentenced by the Hon. Mr. Justice Pinsent, D.C.L. in the Spring term of the Supreme Court on Circuit, at Harbor Grace, in May, 1881, to imprisonment at Her Majesty’s pleasure, for shooting and wounding), has been carried out.

Mr. MURPHY presented a petition from T. Dalton and others, fishermen of St. John’s, on the subject of the Bank Fishery.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill, relating to the prosecution of the Bank Fishery.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 9th March, 1888.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from Rev. Fred. Duffill and other inhabitants of Greenspond, on the subject of unloading steamers on Sunday.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from K. Burden and others, of Salvage, district of Bonavista, praying that that place be made a port of call.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. KEAN gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of Kenneth Burden, of Salvage, on the subject of steam communication.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay upon the table of the House, copies of the following documents :

- 1.—The Coastal Steam Contract.
- 2.—Report of the Postmaster General, for 1887.
- 3.—Report of the Hospital, for 1887.
- 4.—Report of the Lunatic Asylum, for 1887.
- 5.—Report of the Penitentiary, for 1887.
- 6.—Report of the Inspector of Police, for 1887.
- 7.—Report of the Commissioner of poor, for 1887.

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to introduce during this session, a measure providing for the distribution and general control of Local Road and Poor Grants, by Boards elected by the residents of the several districts in the Colony.

Pursuant to notice given, Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

The remainder of the order of the day, was, on motion, deferred.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 12th March, 1888.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from James White and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. SHEA presented a petition from Henry Williams and others, of Bay Bulls, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

The FINANCIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the following document :

Detailed Statement of Expenditure on account of Public Relief Works, for the year ended 31st March, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from John Bartlett and others, of Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

The Chairman of the BOARD OF WORKS laid on the table the following documents :

Expenditure on Public Institutions.

Expenditure on Roads, St. John's, East and West, and Main Roads, for 1887.

Expenditure on Light Houses, 1887.

Expenditure on Public Works, 1887.

Report of Poor Asylum, 1887.

Report of Quidi Vidi Hospital, 1887.

Report of Inspector Grace, on Sanitary Department, 1887.

Report of Inspector Murphy, on Roads and Bridges, St. John's East, 1887.

Report of Inspector Jackman, on Roads and Bridges, St. John's West, 1887.

Report of George S. McKay, on Great Northern Mail Route, 1887.

Report of William Godden, on Holyrood and Witless Bay Line, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. HUTCHINGS presented a petition from George Smith and others, inhabitants of Cupids, on the subject of a Public Landing Place; also, from the Rev. Wm. Weaver and others, of Brigus, on the subject of Roads; also, from Cap. A. Munden and others, of Brigus, on the subject of a Well.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into a committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution :

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that provision should be made for compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost, when engaged in the Bank Fishery, and also for the preservation of the lives of Bank Fishermen, and that a Bill embodying these provisions should be enacted.

Resolved,—That the Committee have power to report such a Bill.

Also, that he will on the Fifth day of April, move this House into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the question of land tenure, and other cognate questions, effecting the tenants of property, in St. John's, and how far it is within the power of the Legislature to assist in the removal of the causes which operate to the prejudice of the tenant; this notice to stand first on the order of the day.

Also, that he will on the Twelfth day of April, move the House into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the question, as to how far it is within the power of the Legislature to promote agriculture and impart a stimulus to those engaged in it, by increasing the present bounty given by the Government, for clearing of land.

Mr. PETERS presented a petition from John Pye and others, of Flat Island, on the subject of a Ferry.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from Jacob Bishop and others, of Petty Harbor, on the subject of Prohibition of importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents :

Report of the Inspector of Constabulary, for 1887.

Report of the Governor of the Penitentiary, for 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

The following petitions on the subject of Prohibition of importation and sale of Spiritous Liquors, was presented :

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Rev. John Pratt and others, of Cupids ; also, from the women of the same place.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From the inhabitants of Harbor Grace ; also, from the women of the same place ; also, from E. Parsons and others, South Side, and, from E. Taylor and others.

By Mr. PETERS,—From the women of Fortune, district of Burin.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents :

Report of the Postmaster General, and Returns, for 1887.

Report of Philip Hubert, Esq., J.P., on Herring Fishery Protection Service, 1887.

Report of Henry Camp, on Herring Fishery Protection, 1887.

Report of H. J. Haddon, on Herring Fishery Protection, 1887.

Report of Mr. John Marshal, on Herring Fishery Protection, 1887.

Report of Captain George Robinson, R. N., Examiner in Chief Masters and Mates, 1887.

Report of Dr. White, Medical Officer, Labrador, 1887.

Report of Henry Knight, Fishery Warden at Cape John, 1887.

Report of Drs. Shea and Howley, Health Officers, St. John's, 1887.

Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, 1887.

Annual Report of the Harbor Grace Water Company, 1887.

General Statement of the affairs of the Union Bank of Newfoundland, 1887.

Statement of Union Bank, 1887.

Statement of Commercial Bank, 1887.

Report of the Newfoundland Consolidated Copper Mining Company, 1887.

Annual Report of St. John's Protestant Industrial Society, 1887.

Report of the Harbor Grace Banking Company, 1887.

Report of the Foundry Company, 1887.

Report of Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, 1887.

Report of Nail Manufacturing Company, 1887.

Report of Newfoundland Furniture Factory, 1887.

Report of Cordage Company, 1887.

Report of Terra Nova Bakery Company, 1887.

Statement of Expenditure for Relief of the Poor, 1887.

Statement of Expenditure on account of Shipwrecked Crews.

Tender for Steamers to be employed, under Bait Protection Act.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following document :

Total number of Tonnage and Crews of Vessels entered at Ports in Newfoundland, in 1887.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 13th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From the inhabitants of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Landing-place ; also, from Sarah Ann Butler and others, of Topsail, on the subject of the Prohibition of importation and sale of Spirits ; also, from the Rev. M. Fenwick and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. BOND,—From A. C. Waghorne and others, Bay-de-Nord, district of Fortune Bay, on the subject of the repeal of the Bait Act.

By Mr. A. M. MACKAY,—From the inhabitants of Burgeo, on the subject of the repeal of the Bait Act.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the Rev. A. C. Bayly and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From the inhabitants of St. John's East, on the subject of the employment of the poor.

By Mr. BOND,—From Rev. John Squires and others, of Bay-de-Nord, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Frederick Shears and others, inhabitants of Open Hall, on the subject of steam communication.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL,—

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next, and to stand first on the order of the day.

The following orders were deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Inquiries into the Public Service.

Committee on Loan Bill.

Second reading of Abolition of Cod-traps.

Second reading Penitentiary Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill to amend Chapter 103 of the Consolidated Statutes, was read a second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion of Mr. Morris, to move the House into Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions, stand first on the order of the day to-morrow,—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that provision should be made for compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost, when engaged in the Bank fishery; and also, for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen, and that a Bill, embodying these provisions, should be enacted,—

Resolved,—That the Committee have power to report such a Bill.

MR. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, on the petition of John Eagan.

Also, to ask the Hon. the Attorney General to lay on the table, a copy of the report of the medical men, in the case of the prisoner, Randal Donovan, now confined in the Penitentiary.

MR. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to send a Delegation to Canada, as requested by the Governor General, and if so, who are to be the Delegates.

MR. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of James L. Noonan, Esq., Assistant Collector of H. M. Customs, on the subject of compensation for services.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. MORINE,—From George Little and others, of Bonavista, on Roads.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Bonne Bay, on the subject of a Light House, on Lobster Head ; also, from the inhabitants of Saint Paul's River, on the subject of Agricultural Animals.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From the inhabitants of Pouch Cove, on the subject of Prohibition of importation and sale of Spirituous Liquors ; also, from the Inhabitants of Portugal Cove, on the subject of legislation, in respect to Bank Fishery.

By Mr. WATSON,—From E. Lethbridge and others ; also, from Israel Palmer and others ; also, from S. Stantaford and others, inhabitants of Trinity Bay, all on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. PETERS,—From the inhabitants of Burin ; also, from the women of Burin, on the subject of Prohibition of the importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From the Rev. John Godden and others, of Trinity ; also, from R. S. Bremner and others, of the same place, on the subject of Steam Communication.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Robert Kelly and others, of Tickle Cove, on Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From Rev. W. Veitch and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Steam.

By Mr. MORINE,—From James R. Miflen, Bonavista ; also, from Wm. Perry and others, of Newman's Cove, all on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From John Perry and others, of Keels, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From the inhabitants of Musgrave Harbor, Cape Freels, and Gander Bay, on the subject of Local Steam in the district of Fogo; also, from John Holmes and others, of Cann Island, on Roads; also, from Nicholas Penny and others, of Seldom Come Bye, on Road to Agricultural Land.

By Mr. MACKAY,—From James Bugg and others, of Cape La Hune, on the subject of Improvement of the Harbor,

By the Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,—From George Smith and others, of Little Harbor, district of Twillingate, on Roads; also, from John Gillett and others, of Gillard Cove, on the subject of Increase of Salary as Ferryman; also, from Thomas Young and others, of Twillingate, on the subject of Prohibition of the importation and sale of Spirituous Liquors; also, from Mrs. Temple and others, on the same subject.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From Mark Osmond and others, of Morton's Harbor; also, from Miss Osmond and others, on the subject of Prohibition; also, from J. B. Blanford and others, of Little Bay; also, from Mrs. Blanford and others, of Little Bay; also, from Rev. J. Nurse and others, of Exploits Island, all on the subject of Prohibition of importation and sale of Spititious Liquors.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the Rev. W. R. Tratt and others, inhabitants of Musgrave Town, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on certain resolutions presented by Mr. Morris, for the Regulation of the Bank Fishery.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that provision should be made by a system of Compulsary Mutual Life Insurance, for compensation for legal representatives of fishermen lost, when engaged in the Bank Fishery of this Colony.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the subject matter be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to draft and report a Bill thereon.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Ordered,—That Mr. Morris, Mr. Callanan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Grieve, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Watson, Mr. Emerson, Hon. Receiver General, Mr. Greene, and Mr. A. M. Mackay do form the said Committee.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House, the Report of the Public Schools under Methodist Boards, (Printed) in accordance with the Education Act of 1887.

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.



THURSDAY, 15th March, 1888.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS presented to the House the following document,—

Report of J. T. Neville, Inspector of Light-houses and Public Buildings.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. CARTY,—From Margaret Fennessy, on the subject of a pension or remuneration for her late husband's services.

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Thomas Malloy, of Salmon Cove, for a plough ; also, from James Lewis, of Holyrood, on the same subject ; also, from John Walsh and others, of Kelligrews, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Patrick Lahey ; also, from H. D. Austin, of Heart's Content, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow, to stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 16th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From Thomas A. Hickman and others, of Grand Bank, on the subject of a Breakwater.

By Mr. PETERS,—From the inhabitants of Fortune, district of Burin, on the subject of a Mooring Anchor and Chain.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From William Green and others, of Tilton Harbor, on the subject of a Bridge; also, from Charles Guffier and others, of Joe Batts Arm; also, from R. C. Bramfit and others, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Rev. Ernest Smith and others, inhabitants of Heart's Content, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. LEMESSURIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the petition of Thomas A. Hickman.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for all correspondence between the Board

and the Railway Company, relating to that portion of the Report of the St. John's Hospital, for 1887, wherein reference is made to accidents happening on the line of railway.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Financial Secretary to lay on the table of the House, a statement showing what Board of Education, if any, had not reported by the First of September, 1887, as provided by Section 65, Sub-Section 6 of 50 Vic. Cap. 8.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government, if it is the intention of the Government to appoint any one to sit, in the absence of Judge Prowse, as Judge of the Central District Court.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill, entitled, "An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency," to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
16th March, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the table.

The Speaker conceives that this Bill concerns Trade and Commerce, and affects the subject to such an extent as apparently to trench upon the prerogatives of this House ; and that as at present advised, he cannot accept a motion for its first reading.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, and are as follows :

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the table of duties upon goods, wares, and merchandize imported into Newfoundland and its Dependencies, as prescribed in an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the 50th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” be adopted.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the several provisions contained in the said Act, providing for and connected with the collection of duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported, and drawbacks allowed in lieu of duties under the same, be re-enacted for one year.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty, certain duties on goods, wares, and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table of the House, the printed Reports of the Superintendant of Church of England and Roman Catholic Schools, as required by Sec. 53 of Vic. 50, Cap. 8.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Monday next, move that the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency," be read a first time.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 19th March, 1888.

The Hon. The ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the Report of Church of England Schools, (Printed) in accordance with the Education Act of 1887.

The Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following documents :

Report of Surveyor General, 1887.

Report of James P. Howley, Esq., 1887.

Report of Charles Jas. Harvey, Esq., 1887.

Return of Bonus under Act 49 Vic., Cap. 3, 1887.

Return of Crown Lands' Grant, 1887.

Return of Mining Applications, 1887.

Return of Location Tickets, 1887.

Report of Township Surveys, Bonavista and Trinity Bays, 1887.

Report of A. F. Long, Esq., on Survey of Avalon, 1887.

Return of Licenses to cut timber, 1887.

Return of Free Grants and Licenses of Occupation, 1887.

Return of Licenses to search for minerals, 1887.

Return of Mineral Leases and Grants, 1887.

Return of Crown Rents and Rents of Imperial Buildings, 1887.

Bannerman Park and Fort William account, 1887.

Surveyor General's Consolidated Cash Account, 1887.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from Frank Perry and others, inhabitants of Heart's Content, on the subject of a Light-house.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, and on motion of the Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill relating to Loans on the credit of this Colony.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend Cap. 103 of the Consolidated Statutes.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HUTCHINGS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, was read a second time.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the appoint-

ment of a Commission to inquire into, and report upon, the loss sustained by the people of Fortune Bay and elsewhere, by the enforcement of the Bait Bill.

Pursuant to notice given, the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Bill sent down from the Hon. Legislative Council, entitled, "An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency," be read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 20th March, 1888.

Mr. WATSON presented to the House a copy of the report of the Fisheries Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, to investigate the operations of Fisheries' Departments in other countries.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. MORINE,—From Robert Harris and others, of Bloomfield, on the subject of change of Road Board; also, from the inhabitants of Newman's Cove, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From Samuel Tibbo and others, of Grand Bank; also, from Marian Hardy and others, of the same place, on the subject of Prohibition.

By the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL,—From the Rev. Robt. Brennan and others, of Fox Harbor, on the subject of a Ferry-boat.

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Solomon Miller and others, of Chance Cove, Trinity Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Thos. Rye and others, of Brooklyn, Bonavista Bay, on the subject of a Road Board.

By Mr. PETERS,—From Edward Evans and others, of Grand Bank, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From George Ryan and others, of Birchy Cove ; also, from Thos. Soper and others, of Bonavista Bay, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. BOND,—From Henry Camp and others, of Hermitage Bay, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order of the day, a Bill relating to Loans upon the credit of this Colony, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act relating to Loans upon the credit of this Colony.”

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council for concurrence, by a deputation consisting of the Hon. Receiver General and Mr Bond.

Ordered,—That the Bill to amend Cap. 103, of the Consolidated Statutes be now read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend Cap. 103 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of Inland Fisheries.’”

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council by a deputation from this House, consisting of Mr. Emerson and Mr. Morine.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill relating to Inquiries into the Public Service.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McGRATH took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on goods, wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from James Groves and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Cod-traps.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. BOND, pursuant to notice given, moved the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the desirability of appointing a Commission to inquire into, and report upon the loss sustained by the people of Fortune Bay and elsewhere, by the enforcement of the Bait Act, most respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to take the matter into your consideration, and that your Excellency will be pleased to appoint a Commission to examine, investigate, and report upon the loss sustained by the enforcement of the said Act, with such instructions and power as may be expedient for such examination and investigation.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
20th March, A.D. 1888. }

And on the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—11.

Mr. Bond,
“ Morine,
“ Parsons,
“ Scott,
“ Greene,
“ Callanan,
“ McDonnel,
“ McGrath,
“ Grieve,
“ LeMessurier,
“ Mackay.

Against the Motion—15.

Hon. Attorney General,
“ Receiver General,
“ Surveyor General,
“ A. F. Goodridge,
Chairman Board of Works,
The Financial Secretary,
Mr. Emerson,
“ Rolls,
“ Godden,
“ Watson,
“ Kean,
“ Veitch,
“ Hutchings,
“ Bradshaw,
“ Peters.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay on the table of the House, a Statement showing what, if any, Incorporated Companies that are bound by law to furnish Reports to the Government, have omitted to send in their Reports for the years 1886 and 1887.

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 22nd March, 1888.

The House met pursuant to adjournment:—Present Mr. Rolls, Mr. Kean, Mr. Watson; Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 23rd March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From the inhabitants of Salmon Cove, on Roads; also, from John Crawley and others, of Holyrood, on the subject of a Landing-place.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From G. W. R. Hierlihy, of Bay Roberts, on the subject of compensation.

By Mr. MORINE,—From the inhabitants of Musgrave Town, on Roads; also, from inhabitants of Bonavista, on Roads; also, from Hugh Abbot and others, of British Harbor, on Roads; also, from John Murphy and others, of Keel's, on Roads; also, from Joseph Abbot and others, of British Harbor, on Roads.

By Mr. WATSON,—From Joseph Strickland and others, of Hant's Harbor, on Roads; also, from George Kingwell and others, for a Bridge; also, from Edwin Moore and others, for a Landing-wharf; also, from James King and others, for a Ferry; also, from Charles Howell and others, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. MACKAY,—From Phebe Small and others, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. GREENE,—From Rev. L. Vereker and others, of Cape Broyle, on the subject of a wharf.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From the inhabitants of Harbor Grace, on the subject of a ferry.

By the FINANCIAL SECRETARY,—From Rev. Jesse Heyfield and others, of Moreton's Harbor, on the subject of steam communication; also, from Caleb Purchase and others, of Kite Cove, on Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time, passed, entitled and ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council,—

A Bill respecting Enquiries into the Public Service.

A Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on goods, wares and merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Greene do take the former Bill to the Legislative Council, and the Hon. Receiver General and Mr. Scott, the latter, and request their concurrence.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following document:

The Coastal Steam Contract.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that there should be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the following Sums of Money, to defray the Civil Expenditure of the Colony, for the year ending 31st December, 1888:

The Private Secretary to the Governor, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars.

The Governor's Orderly, three hundred dollars.

Gate Keeper, Government House, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

First Clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office, one thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Second Clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office, one thousand dollars.

Office Keeper and Messenger in Colonial Secretary's Office, five hundred and twenty dollars.

Clerk in Receiver General's Office, one thousand, three hundred dollars.

Clerk in Financial Secretary's Office, one thousand dollars.

Assistant Clerk and Messenger, Board of Works Office, four hundred dollars.

Inspector of Public Buildings and Light-houses, one thousand, two hundred dollars.

Clerk to Inspector of Public Buildings and Light-houses eight hundred dollars.

Geological and Topographical Surveyor, one thousand, two hundred dollars.

Keeper of Museum, four hundred dollars.

Surveyor and Civil Engineer, one thousand, three hundred dollars.

First Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, one thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars.

Second Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, nine hundred dollars.

Third Clerk, Surveyor General's Office, six hundred dollars.

Two Junior Clerks, Surveyor General's Office, at three hundred and sixty dollars, and one at three hundred and twenty dollars, one thousand and forty dollars.

Messenger, Surveyor General's Office, two hundred and eighty-six dollars.

Government Engineer, two thousand four hundred dollars.

Clerk in Government Engineer's Office, five hundred and sixty dollars.

Clerk to Premier, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Colonial Building, three hundred dollars.

Keeper Half-way House, Salmonier, one hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Inspector of Weights and Measures, ninety-three dollars.

Inspectot of Meats, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Chief Examiner of Masters and Mates, and Harbor Master, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty dollars.

Assistant Examiner and Boat Hire, six hundred dollars.

Bailiff Central District and Keeper Court House, six hundred and fifty dollars.

Chief Clerk and Registrar Supreme Court, two thousand dollars.

First Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, eight hundred dollars.

Second Clerk in Chief Clerk and Registrar's Office, four hundred dollars.

Stationery for Registrar's Office, ninety-three dollars.

Crier and Tipstaff, St. John's, four hundred dollars.

Crown Prosecutions, four thousand dollars.

Magisterial Enquiries, four hundred dollars.

Circuit of Judges and hire of Steamer, five thousand five hundred dollars.

District Judges, travelling expenses, six hundred dollars.

Newfoundland Constabulary, fifty thousand dollars.

Clerk of the Peace, St. John's, and for collection of License Fund, St. John's, one thousand, five hundred and seventy dollars.

Governor of the St. John's Penitentiary, nine hundred dollars.

First Turnkey, St. John's Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Second Turnkey, St. John's Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Two Assistants, St. John's Penitentiary, five hundred and sixty dollars.

One Trades' Warden, St. John's Penitentiary, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Keeper of Court House, Harbor Grace, fifty dollars.

The sum of sixteen thousand, one hundred and thirty-five dollars, to defray the salaries of Outport Magistrates, as follows :

A Magistrate at La Scie, four hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Little Bay, eight hundred dollars.

A Magistrate at Twillingate, eight hundred and thirty dollars.

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- A Magistrate at Fogo, seven hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Greenspond, six hundred and ninety-three dollars.
- A Magistrate at Bonavista, eight hundred and thirty dollars.
- A Magistrate at Trinity, eight hundred and thirty dollars.
- A Magistrate at Old Perlican, seven hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Carbonear, eight hundred and thirty dollars.
- A Magistrate at Brigus, eight hundred and thirty dollars.
- A Magistrate at Ferryland, eight hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Trepassey, six hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at St. Mary's, four hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Placentia, eight hundred and thirty dollars.
- A Magistrate at Placentia, West, five hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Burin, eight hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Grand Bank, seven hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Harbor Breton, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.
- A Magistrate at Burgeo, five hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Channel, seven hundred dollars.
- A Magistrate at Bay St. George, one thousand dollars.
- A Magistrate at Bay of Islands, one thousand dollars.
- A Magistrate at Bonne Bay, four hundred dollars.

The sum of one thousand, four hundred and forty dollars towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Clerks of the Peace, as follows :—

A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, six hundred dollars.

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, eight hundred and forty dollars.

The sum of two thousand and ninety-two dollars towards defraying the Salaries of Outport Constables, as follows :—

One Constable at Twillingate, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

One Constable at Salvage, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Tickle Cove, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at King's Cove, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at Catalina, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

Two Constables at Trinity, one hundred and seventy-two dollars.

One Constable at Heart's Content, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at Lower Island Cove, fifty-six dollars.

Two Constables at Brigus, two hundred and seventy-eight dollars.

One Constable at Cat's Cove, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at Harbor Main, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at South Shore, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

One Constable at Torbay, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at Ferryland, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

One Constable at Brigus South, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Fermeuse, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Trepassey, ninety-three dollars.

One Constable at Oderin, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Lamaline, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Harbor Breton, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

One Constable at Gaultois, fifty-six dollars.

One Constable at Channel, fifty-six dollars.

The sum of one thousand, three hundred and four dollars towards defraying the Salaries of Outport Gaolers, as follows :—

One Gaoler at Little Bay, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Twillingate, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Greenspond, eighty-four dollars.

One Gaoler at Bonavista, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Trinity, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Harbor Grace, five hundred dollars.

One Gaoler at Brigus, sixty dollars.

One Gaoler at Ferryland, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Placentia, one hundred and forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Burin, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Harbor Breton, forty dollars.

One Gaoler at Channel, forty dollars.

The Commissioner of Poor, one thousand, three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

- Inspector of Poor, eight hundred dollars.
- Assistant, three hundred and sixty dollars.
- District Surgeons, St. John's, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.
- Gaol Surgeons, Conception Bay, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.
- District Surgeon, Conception Bay, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.
- Physician, Lunatic Asylum, one thousand, three hundred and eighty-five dollars.
- Resident Physician, St. John's Hospital, two thousand dollars.
- Attendant Physician, St. John's Hospital, four hundred dollars,
- Keeper of Poor Asylum, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars.
- Permanent and Casual Poor, one hundred and forty thousand dollars.
- Servants and Paupers, Lunatic Asylum, twenty thousand dollars.
- Servants and Paupers, Poor Asylum, nine thousand dollars.
- Servants and Paupers, St. John's Hospital, nine thousand dollars.
- Shipwrecked Crews, three thousand dollars.
- Dorcas Society, St. John's, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.
- Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace, one hundred and twenty dollars.
- Dorcas Society, Carbonear, one hundred and sixteen dollars.
- St. John's Factory, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.
- Orphan Asylum, Industrial Department, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John's, two hundred and thirty-one dollars.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Harbor Grace, one hundred and twenty dollars.

General Protestant Industrial Society, St. John's, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

The sum of five thousand, and seventy-six dollars towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Ferrymen, as follows:—

A Ferryman at Main Tickle, Twillingate, one hundred and twenty-dollars.

A Ferryman at Main Tickle, Twillingate, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Exploits, Burnt Island, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Windmill Brook, Cat Harbor, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Ragged Harbor, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Deadman's Bay, forty-seven dollars.

A Ferryman at Greenspond to Ship Island, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman from Greenspond to Mainland, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Badger's Quay, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at King's Cove to Amherst Cove, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

A Ferryman at Trinity Harbor, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

A Ferryman at Trinity, South-west Arm, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Random Sound, one hundred and eighty dollars.

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- A Ferryman at Harbor Grace, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Bay Roberts, one hundred and sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Chappel Cove to Duff's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Chappel Cove to Duff's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Belle Isle to Topsail, one hundred and thirty-six dollars.
- A Ferryman at Portugal Cove, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Aquaforte, ninety-four dollars.
- A Ferryman at Salmonier, fifty-eight dollars.
- A Ferryman at Salmonier, fifty-eight dollars.
- A Ferryman at Great Placentia, one hundred and eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Riverhead. St. Mary's, fifty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Mall Bay, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Holyrood, St. Mary's, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Admiral's Cove, eighty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Trepassey, sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Barrisway, twenty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Branch, sixty dollars.
- A Ferryman at Little St. Lawrence, eighty-seven dollars.
- A Ferryman at Burin to Mud Cove, seventy-eight dollars.
- A Ferryman at Mud Cove to Burin, seventy-eight dollars.

A Ferryman at Mortier Bay, Big Head to Spanish Room, one hundred and fifty-six dollars.

A Ferryman at Corbin, forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Grand Beach, forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Connaigre Bay, one hundred and thirty-nine dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton to Jersey Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at Little Bay to Coomb's Cove, eighty dollars.

A Ferryman at Bay de L'Eau, one hundred and ten dollars

A Ferryman at Jersey Harbor to Harbor Briton, "carrying mails," "Bay de L'Eau Ferry," five dollars.

A Ferryman at Harbor Briton to Jersey Harbor, "carrying mails" "Bay de L'Eau Ferry," five dollars.

A Ferryman at Grand Bay, one hundred and twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at La Poile Harbor, one hundred and forty dollars.

A Ferryman at LaPoile, two hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at Fischell's Brook, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Robinson's Head, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Crabb's Brook, sixty dollars.

A Ferryman at Highlands, twenty dollars.

A Ferryman at Bonne Bay, one hundred dollars.

A Ferryman at White Bay, one hundred dollars.

The sum of one hundred dollars, to defray the salaries of two men at Fort Amherst, for Fog Gun.

The sum of forty-eight dollars to defray the salary of one man at Signal Hill, for Noon Gun.

The sum of eight hundred dollars, to defray the cost of Ammunition for Fog and Noon Day Guns.

The sum of four hundred and twenty dollars to defray the salaries of two men at Block House.

The sum of seventy dollars for Fuel and Light.

The sum of one hundred dollars for Chronometer Time.

Repairs to St. John's Court House and Penitentiary, one thousand, five hundred dollars.

Repairs to Outport Court Houses and Gaols, two thousand, five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Lunatic Asylum, six hundred dollars.

Repairs, Poor Asylum, eight hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Hospital, Quidi Vidi, eight hundred dollars.

Repairs, St. John's Custom House, four hundred dollars.

Repairs, Colonial Building, one thousand dollars.

Repairs, Block House, two hundred dollars.

Repairs, Drill Shed, fifty dollars.

Repairs, Imperial Property, five hundred dollars.

Repairs, Kerosene Oil Store, fifty dollars.

Repairs, Custom House, Harbor Grace, fifty dollars

Repairs, Government House, three thousand dollars.

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- Fuel and Light, Custom House, four hundred dollars.
- Fuel and Light, Government House, one thousand, two hundred dollars.
- Fuel and Light, Colonial Building, eight hundred and fifty dollars.
- Supplies, Court Houses and Gaols, eleven thousand dollars.
- Winter Service to Halifax, eighteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty dollars.
- Ocean Steam, to and from Liverpool, etc., thirty-five thousand, five hundred and twenty dollars.
- Coastal Steam, to South, West and North, fifty-six thousand dollars.
- Coastal Steam, Labrador, eight thousand dollars.
- Postal Service, fifty-seven thousand dollars.
- Land Surveys, seven thousand dollars.
- Printing and Stationery, eight thousand dollars.
- Postages, Telegrams and Incidentals, two thousand dollars.
- Insurance on Public Buildings, three thousand dollars.
- Unforeseen Contingencies, two thousand, five hundred dollars.
- Lighting St. John's Streets, five thousand, six hundred dollars.
- Harbor Grace Gas Company, five hundred dollars.
- Agricultural Grant, (General), one thousand, seven hundred dollars.
- Agricultural Grant (Conception Bay), four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

Repairs of Town Clock, and attendance on Clocks in Public Offices, two hundred dollars.

Special Votes for Public Works, thirty-six thousand dollars.

To encourage Instructors of Masters and Mates, two hundred dollars.

Protection of Western Herring Fishery, twenty thousand dollars.

To educate Deaf and Dumb, five hundred dollars.

To educate Blind, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Maintenance of Telegraph Line, twelve thousand dollars.

Maintenance of General Light-houses, forty-two thousand dollars.

Rent of Public Offices, Athenæum, nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Pension to late Inspector Carty, one thousand, four hundred and forty dollars.

Pension to Widow Buckley, one hundred and sixteen dollars.

Pension to Harriet Oke, two hundred dollars.

Pension to David Candow, five hundred and fifty dollars.

Medical Attendance on Labrador Coast, etc., eight hundred dollars.

Consolidation of Laws, two thousand dollars.

Bay Steam, eight thousand dollars.

Hatcheries, four thousand dollars.

Museum, five hundred dollars.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of

money, for defraying the Civil Expenditure of the Colony, for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1888, and for other purposes, which was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for the Abolition of Cod-traps, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is the intention of His Government to send a Delegation to Ottawa, as requested by the Governor General of Canada, and if so, whether the Delegation will be sent before or after the prorogation of the Legislature.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole, on certain Resolutions upon Roads and Bridges in this Colony.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the protection of mechanics and others, and to give them a lien for their labor.

Mr. GREENE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, upon the petition of the Rev. Lawrence Vereker and others, of Cape Broyle, on the subject of the erection of a Public Wharf at that place.

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 26th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Rev. M. P. Morris and others, of Topsail, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Jonah Fisher and others, of Bonavista, on Roads.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From William Waterman & Company, of Change Islands, on the subject of Telegraph Extension; also, from John Wheeler and others, of Musgrave Harbor, on Roads; also, from Arthur Hicks and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Richard Hayden and others, on Roads; also, from Abraham Skiffington and others, on Roads; also, from Alexander Shirran, of Bonavista, on Roads; also, from John Abbot and others, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Abolition of Cod-traps.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill entitled “An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies, carrying on business in this Island,” to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
26th March, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bill was then read a first, and

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

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

And on the motion that the Report be adopted,

Mr. McGRATH moved, seconded by Mr. GREENE,—

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—10.

Against the Motion—14.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the further promotion of Agriculture.

Mr. ROLLS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, on the petition of William Waterman & Company, and others, on the subject of Telegraph Communication to Change Islands, District of Fogo.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 27th March, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. ROLLS,—From the inhabitants of Fogo, on the subject of a Light-house on Fogo Island.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Thomas House and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. KEAN,—From Rev. Edward Weary and others, of Greenspond, on the subject of Prohibition ; also, from Mr. Lumsden and others, on the same subject.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Robert Goss and others, of Spaniards Bay, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. MORINE,—From James Russel, of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Pierce White and others, of Perry's Cove, on Roads; also, from William Whiteway and others, of Job's Cove, on the same subject; also, from William Howard and others, of Daniel's Cove, on the subject of a Launch-way.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on Thursday, the fifth day of April, move the House into Committee of the Whole, on certain Resolutions, in relation to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, in this Colony.

Agreeably to the order of the day, a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE presented the following petitions:—

From Rev. Edward Weary and others, of Swain's Island, on the subject of a Ferry; also, from Samuel Little and others, on the subject of Roads; also, from William Grealy and others; also, from Samson White and others; also, from James White and others; also, from James Butler and others; also, from James Rolls and others; also, from Jeremiah Ryan and others, all on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Michael Kelly, of Daniel's Cove, on the subject of Roads; also, from George Everley and others, of Blow-me-down, on the subject of Guide Posts.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Samuel Mifflin and others, of Bonavista, on the subject of a Hauling Place; also, from the following, on Roads: George Giles and others, Charles Hicks and others, George Prince and others, William Gould and others, William Wilton and others, Edward Carrol and others.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From T. P. Withycombe, Inspector of Pickled Fish, on the subject of Re-instatement of Office, as Inspector.

By Mr. MURPHY,—From inhabitants of Quidi Vidi, on the subject of Clearing out the Gut at that place.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Select Committee be appointed, to enquire into the petition of Thomas P. Withycombe, late Inspector of Pickled Fish, and report thereon, to this House, during the present session.

Mr. McGRATH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying that a Delegation will not be sent to Canada, to confer on the question of Confederation, without the consent of the Legislature.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1887.

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 3rd April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Luke Pitman and others, of New Perlican, on the subject of a Lighthouse on James' Head; also from Rev. Arthur McCausland, Random Sound, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. KEAN,—From inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Prohibition; also from Jonathan Abbot and others; also from James Brown and others; also from Robert Skiffington and others; also from Minnie Skiffington and others; also from Mary Abbot and others, and from Sarah Philips and others.

By Mr. MARCH,—From the inhabitants of Black Head; also from Adam's Cove; also from Broad Cove; also from Mulley's Point, Western Bay; also from Ochre Pit Cove, Grates Cove and Freshwater, all on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. WATSON,—From William Stanley and others, of Shoal Harbor; also from Samuel Tupper and others, of Bird Island Cove, on Roads; also from the inhabitants of English Harbor, Salmon Cove, Catalina and Bird Island Cove; also from the women of Catalina, Scilly Cove and Shoal Harbor, all on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. MURPHY.—From the inhabitants of Belle Isle, on the subject of a Public Wharf; also from inhabitants of St. John's East, on the subject of a Delegation to Ottawa.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the General Water Company.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, on the motion of the Hon. member for Placentia, Mr. McGrath, for the adoption of an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Council, to be proposed by him, relative to a delegation being sent to Canada, to confer on the question of Confederation, move in amendment the following Resolutions,—

Whereas the Government have decided to respond to the invitation of the Government of Canada to send a delegation to Ottawa, to discuss terms of union between this Colony and the Dominion.

And whereas the said invitation requests that the delegation should be sent at an early date, and the Parliament of Canada will close ere May.

And whereas it is desirable that the terms agreed upon by the Parliament of Canada should be officially published for the information of the people of this Colony before the approaching departure of the fishermen to the Labrador, in order that they may be able to fully consider the question of entering the Federal Union.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House that the said delegation should proceed to Ottawa not later than the 15th instant, and should return in time to permit of the publication of its report before the 1st day of June next.

On the order of the day being called for the third reading of the Bill for the Abolition of Cod Traps,

Mr. LEMESSURIER moved, seconded by Mr. McGRATH,—That the Bill be re-committed.

The House went into Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if his attention has been drawn to the gross attack made upon His Excellency Governor Blake, by the *Colonist* newspaper, receiving Government patronage, and having two of its directors among the members of the Government party, and whether the statement made therein, in reference to the Governor, are not wholly untruthful and inexcusable.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th April, 1888.

The House being counted. Present Mr. Bond, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Scott, Mr. Greene and Mr. McGrath, at quarter-past four Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 5th April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From Rev. Mr. Colly and others, inhabitants of Topsail, on Roads : also from Joseph Mills and others, for a plough ; also from Mathew Wall and others, of Harbor Main, on the same subject ; also from Edward Wade and others ; also from William Dawe and others, on Roads.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Rev. George Bond and others, of St. John's, on the subject of Prohibition.

Mr. MORRIS' motion on subject of Land Tenure, deferred until Thursday next, and to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on Bill for the abolition of Cod Traps.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Supply Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he would move, on the introduction of the Resolution of the Hon. Attorney General respecting the Prohibition and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the following Resolutions in amendment:—

Whereas, this Committee is of opinion that the sale and consumption of Intoxicating Liquors, under existing regulations, are attended with much misery and poverty.

Resolved,—That a remedy for, or amelioration of the evils resulting from the traffic in drink may be achieved by restrictive legislation in respect of the common sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Resolved,—That a Bill be presented to this House for the acceptance of the Legislature, which shall comprehend:

- (1) The increase in License fees throughout the Island upon an equitable basis.
- (2) The restriction of the number of Licenses already granted.
- (3) Other collateral regulations which it may be deemed expedient to incorporate in the said measure.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 6th April, 1888.

At quarter-past four o'clock Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and the House being counted,—present, Mr. Callanan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Watson, Mr. McGrath and Mr. Carty. The Hon. the Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 9th April, 1888.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Premier if any information has been received from Judge Prowse and the Squadron under his command, in Fortune Bay, and if so, whether it is of such a character so as to require reinforcement to the scene of operations, and whether the steamship "Grey Hound" has been engaged to act in conjunction with the steamships "Lady Glover" and "Hercules" in carrying out the Bait Act, and if a detachment of police has been sent to the assistance of the forces already engaged, and if so, how many men the detachment consists of.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier what, if any, arrangements have been made by the Government in respect to the Ocean Steam Service, and if so, to what purport, and if it be correct that the Imperial Government have agreed to contribute towards the subsidy for such service, and if so, to what amount.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from the inhabitants of St. John's, West, on the subject of importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint any person to act as Receiver General during the absence of Mr. Donnelly from this Colony, and if so, who is to be appointed.

Mr. CARTY presented a petition from Rev. M. F. Howley and others, of St. George's Bay, on the subject of Steam Communication; also, from Robert Pickford and others, on the same subject.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GREENE,—From Thomas Walsh and others, of Cape Broyle, on Roads.

By Hon. Mr. GOODRIDGE,—From Rev. Geo. Bullen and others, on Roads.

By Mr. ROLLS,—From Thomas E. Duder and others, on Roads; also, from John B. Wheeler and others, of Musgrave Harbor, on the subject of a House of Refuge.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Abraham Bussey and others, of Port-de-Grave, on the subject of a Breakwater; also, from Elijah Bishop and others, of Burnt Head, on Roads; also, from Rev. T. Netten and others; also, from the women of Brigus, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From the inhabitants of St. Laurence, on the subject of Prohibition.

By Mr. KEAN,—From Rev. W. Kirby and others, of King's Cove, on Roads.

By Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,—From Rev. Mr. Goodison and others, of Harbor Grace, on Roads.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From Thomas Thistle and others, on Roads.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. CARTY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to the Governor in Council, on petition of Rev. M. F. Howley and Robert Pickford and others, on the subject of Steam Communication on West Coast.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on goods, wares, and merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” also, “An Act respecting enquiries concerning Public matters,” and “An Act relating to Loans upon the credit of this Colony,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

4th April, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled, “An Act to amend Title 27 Cap. 103 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled, ‘Of Inland Fisheries,’” with an amendment to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

4th April, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Amendment was read a first time, and

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill respecting the Abolition of Cod Traps, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act respecting the Abolition of Cod Traps.”

Ordered,—That Mr. Parsons and the Hon. Surveyor General do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Second reading of Bill to Amend the Law relating to the Penitentiary deferred.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time, viz:—

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled, “An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies carrying on business in this Island.”

On the order of the day being called for the second reading of

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled, “An Act to Amend the Law of Insolvency,” the House divided, when there appeared,—

For the Motion—12.

Against the Motion—10.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read, and are as follows :—

Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of one hundred and eighteen thousand, nine hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-four cents, for making and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, in this Colony, as follows :

On the road from Portugal Cove to Pouch Cove, *via* Bauline, provided the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the local grant, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Torbay to Bauline, provided the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated out of the local grant, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the LeMerchant road, one hundred dollars.

On the Kenmunt road to Topsail, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Bennett's Mill to the Goulds, five hundred dollars.

On the road from Old Placentia road to Topsail road, two hundred dollars.

On the road Southside, St. John's, provided the sum of two hundred dollars be also appropriated from local grant, seven hundred dollars.

On the road from St. John's to Portugal Cove, five hundred dollars.

On the road from St. John's to Cape St. Francis, seven hundred dollars.

On the road from St. John's to Cape Spear, three hundred dollars.

On the road from St. John's to Brigus, one thousand dollars.

On the road from Horse Cove to Topsail, seventy-five dollars.

On the road from the Goulds to Renewes, one thousand, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Trepassey to Renewes, half to be expended by respective districts of Placentia and Ferryland, one thousand dollars.

On the road from Manuel's to Prices, Topsail road, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Salmon Cove, Gasters, one hundred dollars.

On the road through Cat's Cove, Colliers and Bacon's Cove, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Holyrood through Seal Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Holyrood to Witless Bay, half to be expended by respective districts, Harbor Main and Ferryland, six hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Holyrood to Placentia, one thousand dollars.

On the road from Brigus to Carbonear, one thousand dollars.

On the branch road from Brigus mainland to Nine Island Pond, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Hall's Town to Snow's Pond, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Gould's and on Long Harbor road, one hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Spaniard's Bay to New Harbor, three hundred and thirty dollars.

On the road from New Harbor to South Dildo, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Dildo to Chance Cove, seven hundred dollars.

On the Northern Mail route, two thousand dollars.

On the road from New Harbor to Heart's Content, nine hundred dollars.

On the road from Green's Harbor to Harbor Grace, six hundred dollars.

On the road from Carbonear to New Perlican, one thousand, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Carbonear to Heart's Delight, two hundred dollars.

On the Country Path road from Spaniard's Bay Pond, six hundred dollars.

On the Agricultural road, Coley's Point, four hundred dollars.

On the road between Spaniard's Bay and Bishop's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the road from New Perlican to Lead Cove, seven hundred and seventy-five dollars.

On the road from Lead Cove towards Grate's Cove, three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the road from Grate's Cove to Bay-de-Verds, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Bay-de-Verds to Red Head, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Old Perlican to Island Cove, four hundred dollars.

On the road from Old Perlican to Bay-de-Verds, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Carbonear to Bay-de-Verds, one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Salmon Cove Bridge to Heart's Content road, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Heart's Ease to Butter Cove, sixty dollars.

On the road from Trinity to British Harbor, five hundred dollars.

On the road from Trinity to Catalina, seven hundred and twenty dollars.

On the road from Trinity to King's Cove, half on Trinity side and half on King's Cove side, eight hundred dollars.

On the road at Riverhead, Southern Bay, towards Muddy Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Trinity to Indian Arm, half by the district of Trinity and half by the district of Bonavista, four hundred dollars.

On the road from Plate Cove to head of Southern Bay, five hundred dollars.

On the road from head Southern Bay to Goose Bay, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Catalina to Bird Island Cove, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Catalina to Bonavista, three hundred and sixty dollars.

On the road from King's Cove to Tickle Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Greenspond to Cape Freels, seven hundred dollars.

On the road from Shambler's Cove to New Harbor and Indian Bay, two hundred dollars.

On the Road from Brown's Marsh towards King's Cove, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the road from Plate Cove towards Brown's Marsh, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the road from Salvage to Happy Adventure, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Salvage to Alexander Bay, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Tickle Cove to Plate Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Bonavista to Bird Island Cove, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Greenspond to English Harbor, or on Landing place near English Harbor, two hundred dollars.

On the road at Black Head Bay, to be spent at the head of the bay, where most required, four hundred dollars.

On the road from Amherst Cove to Catalina, half by the respective districts of Trinity and Bonavista, the Bonavista portion to be spent at the head of Blackhead Bay, where most required, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Cape Freels to Cat Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Cat Harbor to Musgrave Harbor, inclusive, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Northside, Ragged Harbor, to Northside, Apsey Cove, inclusive, one hundred dollars and seventy-five cents.

On the road from Rocky Bay to Gander Bay—half each place, seventy-four dollars.

On the road from Seldom-Come-By to Fogo—half each place, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

On the road from Tilton Harbor to Joe Batt's Arm, one hundred and twenty dollars.

On the road from Shoal Bay to Fogo main line, seventy-five dollars.

On the road from Barr'd Islands to Fogo and Seldom-Come-By, one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and forty-three cents.

On the road from Hare Bay to Fogo, seventy-five dollars.

On the road from Twillingate to Bluff Head, Gillard's Cove and Kettle Cove, one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents.

On the road from Twillingate to Long Point, fifty dollars.

On the road from Twillingate to Little Harbor, two hundred dollars.

On the road across the marsh between Little Harbor and Purcell's Harbor, fifty dollars.

On the Rink road leading from Congregational Church to Bluff Head Cove, two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Jenkin's Cove to French Beach, fifty dollars.

On the road from Tizzard's Harbor to Moreton's Harbor, to be expended by the Tizzard's Harbor and Moreton's Harbor Boards, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Tizzard's Harbor to Carter's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Moreton's Harbor to Western Head, one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents.

On the road from Black Island Tickle to Kier's Cove, fifty-seven dollars.

On the road from New Bay Head to Fortune, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Fortune Harbor to Cottrell's Cove, forty dollars.

On the road from Jackson's Arm to King's Cove, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Lushe's Bight to Ward's Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Southern Harbor, Little Bay Islands, to Sullivan's Cove, fifty dollars.

On the road from Jackson's Cove to Birchy Cove and Colchester, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

On the road from Northwest Arm to Rouge Harbor, sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

On the road from Rouge Harbor to Bett's Cove, eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

On the road from Bett's Cove to Snook's Arm, fifty dollars.

On the road from Round Harbor to Tilt Cove, seventy-five dollars.

On the road from Round Harbor to Snook's Arm, seventy-five dollars.

On the road from Placentia to Little Placentia and Fox Harbor, four hundred dollars.

On the road from Little Placentia towards Long Harbor, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Salmonier to St. Mary's, seven hundred dollars.

On the road from Placentia to Cape Shore, one thousand dollars.

On the road on Western Shore, Placentia Bay, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Branch to Distress, five hundred dollars.

On the road from St. Shott's to Cape Pine, three hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from Holyrood to St. Mary's, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Burin to Garnish, two hundred and forty-five dollars.

On the road from Garnish to Burin, two hundred and forty-five dollars.

On the road from Burin to Grand Bank, two thousand, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Grand Bank to Garnish, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Garnish to Grand Bank, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Hermitage Cove to Pass Island, three hundred dollars.

On the roads in Fortune Bay where most required, two hundred and twenty dollars.

On the road from Gaultois to Picarre, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Gaultois to Connaigre Bay, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Harbor Briton to Connaigre, three hundred dollars.

On the road from Harbor Briton to Belloram, five hundred and fifty dollars.

On the road from St. John's Bay to Wreck Cove, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the road from Belloram to St. Jacques, one hundred dollars.

On the road from Miller's Passage to Little Bay, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the road from Baine Harbor to Bay l'Argent, half to be expended at each end, one thousand dollars.

On the roads district of Burgeo and LaPoile, one thousand, nine hundred dollars.

On the roads district of St. Barbe, two thousand, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

On the roads district of St. George, two thousand, five hundred and eighty-four dollars and forty-five cents.

On the road from Upper Island Cove to Harbor Grace, two hundred dollars.

On the road from Upper Island Cove to Tilton, one hundred and thirty dollars.

On the road from Tilton to Brazil's Hill, fifty dollars.

On the road from Spaniard's Bay to Tilton Station, one hundred and twenty dollars.

On the road from Little Bay Mines towards Indian Brook, five hundred dollars.

On Ship Harbor Line, two thousand, five hundred dollars.

Local Roads, sixty-seven thousand, five hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty cents.

LOCAL ROAD APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, 1888.

St. John's East, seven thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and five cents.

St. John's West, five thousand, five hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy cents.

Ferryland, two thousand, three hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty cents.

Placentia and St. Mary's, four thousand, one hundred and twenty-six dollars, and fifteen cents.

Burin, two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars, and seventy cents.

Fortune Bay, two thousand, four hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-five cents.

Burgeo and LaPoile, two thousand, two hundred and ninety dollars and forty cents.

St. George, one thousand, nine hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty-five cents.

St. Barbe, two thousand, two hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

Fogo, two thousand, one hundred and ninety-two dollars and forty cents.

Twillingate, four thousand, nine hundred and twenty dollars and thirty cents.

Bonavista Bay, five thousand, seven hundred and seventy dollars and ten cents.

Trinity Bay, six thousand and fifty-eight dollars and fifteen cents.

Bay-de-Verde, three thousand, five hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents.

Carbonear, two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two dollars and ten cents.

Harbor Grace, five thousand, one hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-five cents.

Port-de-Grave, three thousand and forty-four dollars and thirty cents.

Harbor Main, three thousand, one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS, in accordance with the said Resolutions, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money, for the making and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges, in this Colony, and for other purposes, which was read a first time, and

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

Bill for protection of mechanics, deferred.

Address on petition of William Waterman & Co., deferred.

Mr. MORRIS moved that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the petition of Thomas P. Wythecombe.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Motion—10.

Against the Motion—14.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Mr. McGRATH moved the following Address be sent to His Excellency the Governor, seconded by Mr. PARSONS :—

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the propriety of sending a delegation to the Dominion of Canada, in relation to the Confederation of this Colony with the Dominion, it is the opinion of this House that your Excellency, in the exercise of your high prerogative powers, will be pleased to direct that it is not expedient to send such a delegation, unless the consent of the Legislature be first obtained.

Mr. BOND moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MORINE, the following Resolutions :—

Whereas the Government have decided to respond to the invitation of the Government of Canada, to send a delegation to Ottawa, to discuss terms of union between this Colony and the Dominion,

And whereas, the said invitation requests that the delegation should be sent at an early date, and the Parliament of Canada will close during May.

And whereas, it is desirable that the terms agreed upon should be officially published, for the information of the people of this Colony, before the approaching departure of the fishermen to the Labrador, in order that they may be able to fully consider the question of entering the Federal Union.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House that the said Delegation should proceed to Ottawa not later than the 15th instant, and should return in time to permit of the publication of its report before the first day of June next.

Whereupon Mr. GRIEVE moved in amendment to Mr. Bond's amendment, seconded by Mr. PETERS,—That

Whereas,—The Government have decided to respond to the invitation of the Government of Canada, to send a Delegation to Ottawa to discuss terms of union between this Colony and the Dominion.

Resolved,—That the time for sending the said Delegation be left to the discretion of the Governor in Council.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

TUESDAY, 10th April, 1888.

When the House divided upon the amendment to the amendment, there appeared

For the Amendment—20. *Against the Amendment*—7.

Hon. the Premier,
 Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board of Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Peters,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Carty,
 “ Vietch,
 “ Watson,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Scott,
 “ Greene,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ March,
 “ Shea,
 “ Godden,
 “ Kean,

Mr. Bond,
 “ Morine,
 “ Parsons,
 “ Callanan,
 “ McDonnel,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath.

So it passed in the affirmative,

And the question on the original Motion was then put and passed in the negative on a similar division.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. BOND presented a Bill in amendment of the Ballot Act, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. MORRIS, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of An Act to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank Fishery, and also, for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen; presented the following report, which was read as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider the question of An Act to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank Fishery, and also, for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen; beg leave to report the Bill hereto annexed, as the result of their deliberations.

E. P. MORRIS,

Chairman.

JAS. CALLANAN,

P. J. SCOTT,

E. C. WATSON,

GEO. H. EMERSON,

With exception of provision relating to payment of fifty cents by owner.

W. B. GRIEVE.

Provided each man of a crew voluntarily contributes fifty cents, then the owner shall contribute an equal sum per head.

And the said Bill was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the Resolutions on Prohibition were deferred till Thursday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table, copies of all correspondence with any person or persons, in reference to the false reports of starvation and destitution in this Colony, published in foreign newspapers in 1886 and 1887.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if any complaint has been made by the Customs' officers, stationed at Burin, of the refusal by the police authorities stationed there, to assist the Revenue officers in the seizure of goods smuggled into that port, and if so, has the Government taken any action in the matter; what is the nature of the complaint, and is it true that owing to the police refusing to assist the officer, a cargo of smuggled goods has escaped from the hands of the authorities.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the management of the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's, and for other purposes.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Act 50 Vic., Cap. 1, relating to the Exportation and Sale of Bait Fishes.

Mr. GREENE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill, this session, for securing a copy right in this Colony, for books published abroad.

Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes.

Also, that he will, on to morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Public Treasury, for the use of the Colony.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money, on Loan, for the Public Service of this Colony.

Mr. MACDONNEL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to cause to be laid on the table, the detailed statement of accounts of the district of Harbor Main, for 1887, as far as expenditure of Local and Special votes, together with names under whom expenditure was made, also by what authority, if any, and at whose request.

Then the House adjourned until this day at half-past three of the clock.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from H. J. Stabb and others, inhabitants of St. John's West, on the subject of the establishment of a Lloyd's Surveyor.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. MURPHY,—From inhabitants of St. John's East, on Roads ; also from John Evans and others, of Pouch Cove, on the subject of a

Launchway ; also from the inhabitants of Belle Isle, on the subject of a public wharf or landing place ; also from inhabitants of Portugal Cove, on the subject of a landing place.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend 50 Vic., Cap. 9, entitled “ An Act to provide for the better preservation of sheep, and for other purposes.”

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Chairman of the Contingencies and Printing Committee to lay on the table of this House, all accounts passed by said Committee, session of 1887.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to inaugurate any public works to meet any demands for the employment of the people, which may arise during the present year.

Mr. ROLLS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill in relation to the appointment of pilots in the outports of this Colony and its Dependencies.

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the subject of a Loan for the public service of the Colony.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General if, at present, there is any Pilot Board or Commissioners in existence, and if so, who are the persons responsible for the performance of the duties of Pilots.

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move this House into Committee of the Whole on the subject of the Indemnification of His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced from the Public Treasury, in respect of the public service, and to report a Bill of Indemnity thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Supply Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money to defray the civil expenditure of the Colony, for the year ending 31st December, 1888, and for other purposes.”

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council by a deputation from this House, requesting their concurrence.

Ordered,—That the Hon. the Premier and Mr. Bond do take the Bill to the Legislative Council.

The following order was deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Council's Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency.

Council's Insurance Bill.

First reading Bait Bill.

First reading Shipbuilding Bill.

First reading Indemnity Bill.

First reading Loan Bill.

Second reading Bill to amend the Law relating to the Penitentiary.

Second reading of Bill for the promotion of Agriculture.

Second reading of Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1887.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen, lost when engaged in the Bank fishery, and also, for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen, was read a second time; also the Bill for making and constructing roads, streets and bridges, and other public works within this Colony, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The Council's amendment to Inland fisheries Bill, was read a second time, and, on motion made the amendment was adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing them thereof.

Ordered,—That Mr. Emerson and the Hon. Surveyor General do take the said Message.

The following orders deferred,—

Bill for protection of mechanics.

Address on petition of William Waterman & Co.

Address on petition of Rev. M. F. Howley.

On motion made, the Bill for the amendment of the General Water Company acts was read a first time, and

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

Also, the Bill respecting the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL pursuant to notice, presented a Bill to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway, which was read a first time, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House, the following documents:—

Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing Fishery Treaty with the United States.

Memorandum of Agreements for Transport of the Newfoundland Mails.

Copy of Contract, &c.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

Mr. MACDONNEL presented a petition from the inhabitants of Harbor Main, which was received, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 11th April, 1888.

Mr. WATSON presented a petition from Thomas Pelly and others, of Snook's Harbor, on the subject of a ferry.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Rev. W. H. Browning and others, Random, on the subject of Prohibition ; also from James Street and others, of Spiller's Cove, on Roads ; also from Ebenezer Harris, on the subject of a Main Line Commissioner.

By Mr. MACKAY,—From inhabitants of Channel, in reference to a grant of money or allowance to Samuel Yarn, for services in the saving of life and injuries received therein.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From Jacob Greely and others, of Portugal Cove, on the subject of sending a delegation to Ottawa.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. MURPHY gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it be the intention of the Government to provide during the present spring, seed potatoes, &c., by work given on the roads of this Colony, for people who are in reduced circumstances; if so, when? and whether the money to be spent therein will be based, *per capita*, on the relative number in each district, to the population of the whole country.

The following motions deferred,—

Bill for protection of mechanics.

Address on petition of Wm. Waterman & Co.

Address on petition of Rev. M. F. Howley.

Bait Amendment Bill.

Sheep Preservation Bill.

The following motion was discharged,—

Bill for Encouragement of Shipbuilding.

Mr. ROLLS, pursuant to notice and on leave granted, presented a Bill relating to Pilots in the outports, which was read a first time, and

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

Agreeably to notice, the Hon. the PREMIER moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the subject of a Loan for the public service of the Colony.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill deferred.

Resolutions on Indemnity to His Excellency the Governor for sums advanced for the service of the Colony, deferred.

On motion for Committee on Legislative Council's Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency, it was moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Scott, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Greene and the Hon. the Speaker, do form the said Committee.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies, carrying on business in this Island."

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion the Bill to amend the Law relating to the Penitentiary, also second reading of Bill for promotion of Agriculture, were discharged.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for the amendment of the General Water Company Acts, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The Hon. the PREMIER gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the subject of encouragement of Shipbuilding, with certain Resolutions, and for the purpose of reporting a Bill thereon.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider a Bill for the promotion of Agriculture.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Surveyor General whether the Bonuses for the clearing of the waste and agricultural lands of this Colony, under 49 Vic. Cap. 3, provided for, are payable to those who hold their lands under the Homestead Clauses of the Crown Lands' Act, and have cleared sufficient areas thereof to entitle them to the bonuses.

The following orders deferred,—

Committee on Road Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

Second reading of Ballot Act amendment Bill.

Second reading St. John's Municipa; Bill.

Second reading Placentia Railway operation Bill.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 12th April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. VEITCH,—From William Holden and others, of Harbor Main, on the subject of a Ferry ; also from John Wade and others, of Conception Harbor, on the subject of Roads ; also from the Rev. Mr. Colley and others, of Topsail, on the subject of a Landing Place.

By Mr. BOND,—From Rev. George Bishop and others, of Hermitage Bay, on the subject of Prohibition ; also from Mrs. Way and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. MORINE,—From James Kehoe and others, of Open Hall, on the subject of Roads ; also from William Rolls and others, of the same place, on the same subject ; also from Michael Joy and others, of the same place, on the same subject.

By Mr. BOND,—From Patrick Burke and others, of St. Jacques, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From Wm. John Percy and others, of South Pond Road, on the subject of Seed Potatoes.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Thomas Lane and others, of Tickle Cove, on the subject of Roads ; also from Henry Yetman and others, of the same place, on the same subject ; also from Wm. Russel and others, of the same place, on the same subject ; also from the inhabitants of Seal Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. EMERSON,—From Rev. Wm. Kingwill and others, of Harbor Buffet, on the subject of Amending the Education Act.

By Mr. GREIVE,—From Robert Bremner and others, of Trinity, on the subject of Agriculture.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to notice given, the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the House into Committee of the Whole, on the following Resolution:

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that a Law be enacted by which an opportunity may be afforded to the electors of this Colony, of declaring their opinion and desire, in relation to the Prohibition of the importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and under which the opinion and desire of the majority of the electors so declared, shall pass into, and become Law.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HUTCHINGS took the Chair of Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

FRIDAY, 13th April, 1888.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:

Whereas this Committee is of opinion that the Sale and Consumption of Intoxicating Liquors, under existing regulations, are attended with much misery and poverty.

Resolved,—That an amelioration of the evils resulting from the traffic in drink, may be achieved by restrictive Legislation, in respect of the common sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Resolved,—That a Bill having this object, be presented to this House, for acceptance of the Legislature.

On motion that the report be received,

The HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved in amendment, the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is desirable that a Law be enacted by which an opportunity may be afforded to the electors of this Colony, of declaring their opinion and desire, in relation to the Prohibition of the importation and sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and under which the opinion and desire of the majority of the electors so declared, shall pass into, and become Law.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Amendment—13

Against the Amendment—18.

Hon. Attorney General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board of Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Peters,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ March,
 “ Kean,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Bond,
 “ Morine.

Hon. the Premier,
 Mr. MacKay,
 “ Godden,
 “ Carty,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Watson,
 “ Emerson,
 “ Grieve,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Scott,
 “ Greene,
 “ Callanan,
 “ McDonnell,
 “ Shea,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Murphy,
 “ Parsons.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being put, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion—19.

Hon. the Premier,
 “ Attorney General,
 Mr. Godden,
 “ Mackay,
 “ Carty,
 “ Vietch,
 “ Watson,
 “ Grieve,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Scott,
 “ Greene,
 “ Callanan,
 “ MacDonnel,
 “ Shea,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Murphy,
 “ Parsons.

Against the Motion—12.

Hon. Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 Chairman Board of Works,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Peters,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Emerson,
 “ March,
 “ Kean,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Bond,
 “ Morine.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until this day at half-past three of the clock.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The following orders were deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Council's Insurance Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole, on Water Company's Amendment Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole, on certain Resolutions, relating to a Loan for the Public Service of this Colony.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to raise by Loan the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, for the Public Service of this Colony, to be applied in payment of debentures falling due in 1888 and 1889.

Resolved,—That a Bill authorizing the raising of the said amount, be introduced.

The Hon. the PREMIER in accordance with the foregoing Resolution, presented a Bill to authorize the raising of a sum of money, for the Public Service of this Colony, which was read a first time, and

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

The following Bills were deferred:—

Second reading of Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1887.

Bill for protection of mechanics.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill for the Municipal regulation of the town of St. John's, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Second reading of Placentia Railway Bill, deferred.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for the regulation of Pilots, in the Outports, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The following notices of motion discharged.—

Mr. MORRIS'S notice of motion for Agricultural Bill.

Mr. ROLLS' for Address, on petition of William Waterman & Co.

Address on petition of Rev. M. F. Howley and others, deferred, and on motion,—

Ordered,—To stand first on order for Monday next.

The following Bills were deferred:—

Bait Amendment Bill.

Sheep Preservation Bill.

Committee on Indemnity Resolutions Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Shipbuiding Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and for other purposes,” which said Act expires during this year, should be re-enacted and amended as hereinafter expressed.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that upon Vessels of Fifty Tons and upwards, of Registered Tonnage, which shall be built in this Colony, the building of which has been commenced since the Tenth day of November last past, and the construction of which shall be completed before the Thirtieth day of June, which shall be in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-eight, there shall be paid a bounty, to the amount in all, of Sixty Dollars per ton, of registered tonnage, and subject to the provisions of said Act.

Resolved,—That a Bill embodying the principle of these Resolutions, be introduced, as the report of this Committee.

The Hon. the PREMIER in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes, which was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Mr. BOND'S Resolutions, with regard to Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that Agriculture in this Colony, should be further stimulated by means of an increased bounty for clearing and cultivating the waste lands of the Colony.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the bounty for the clearing of land, provided by section sixteen of the Act 49 Vic., Cap. 3, be increased to twelve dollars per acre, for five acres, and be continued for the term of two years only.

Resolved,—That a Bill be introduced to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.

In accordance with the foregoing resolutions the Bill for further promotion of Agriculture, was read a first time, and

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

Mr. WATSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the issue of Licenses, for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, in this Island, upon the basis of the Resolutions passed by this House, on the said subject.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of removing Garia section of Telegraph Line to Cape Ray, and to erect same between that place and Sandy Point, Bay St. George.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier, if it is the intention of the Government to request the Water Company to lay pipes across Harvey and LeMarchant Roads

to Patrick Street and Pokeham Path, in order to give protection to property-holders, from fire, in that portion of the City, and also for affording a greater supply of water for domestic purposes.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to prevent the attachment or arrestment of the wages or shares of persons engaged in the prosecution of the Seal Fishery, out of this Colony.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend 42 Vic., Cap. 10, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Sheep Farming in this Colony."

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 16th April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. MURPHY,—From M. Bulger and others, of Portugal Cove, on the subject of clearing the river there.

By Mr. MORINE,—From Walter Brown and others, Amherst Cove, district of Bonavista, on the subject of roads ; also from Joseph Brown, of Indian Arm ; also from Michael Hearn, of Bonavista, on the same subject.

By Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,—From the inhabitants of Carbonear, on the subject of sewerage.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to notice given, Mr. CARTY moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Council, on the petition of the Very Rev. M. F. Howley, R. Pickford and others, on the subject of Steam Communication on the West Coast:—

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the petitions of the Very Rev. M. F. Howley, D.D., and Messrs. Pickford and Black, of Halifax, upon the subject of Steam Communication between certain Ports of the Province of Nova Scotia and the West Coast of this Colony, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the said Petition into Your favorable consideration, and to make the necessary arrangements for the performance of the Service therein referred to, for one year, and this House will make provision for the same.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
16th April, A.D. 1888. }

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council desiring their concurrence to the same, and that Messrs. Carty and Parsons be deputed to convey the said message.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the General Water Company, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company.’”

Ordered.—That Messrs. Emerson and Morris do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The following orders deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Council's Insurance Bill.

Committee on Bill relating to Outport Pilots.

Second reading of Ballot Act amendment Bill.

Second reading Placentia Railway operation Bill.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered.—That this report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bank Fisheries Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following Bills were, on motion, read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Loan Bill.

Bill for encouragement of Shipbuilding.

Bill for promotion of Agriculture.

Pursuant to notice, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole upon certain Resolutions, in respect of the Indemnification of His Excellency the Governor, for moneys advanced by Loan from the Treasury, for purposes of the public service.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that it is expedient to indemnify His Excellency the Governor, for certain sums of money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury, for the Service of this Colony, as follows :—

Resolved,—That a Bill be introduced, to give effect to the foregoing Resolution.

Pursuant to the above Resolutions, the Indemnity Bill was then read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to notice, and on leave granted, the Bill to regulate the issue of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Island, was read a first time, and

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

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled “ of the Law Society of Barristers and Attorneys.”

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 17th April, 1888.

Hon. the SPEAKER took the Chair at a quarter-past four, when, there being no members present, the House was adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock, for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 18th April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. BOND,—From Rev. A. C. Waghorne and others, of Harbor Briton, on the subject of Prohibition ; also from W. Yarn and others, of Belloram, on the subject of Roads.

By Mr. GODDEN,—From Rev. J. M. Noel and others, of Harbor Grace, on the subject of a road to the school-house, Courage's Beach.

By Mr. LEMESSURIER,—From Rev. J. Darrell and others, of Lamaline, on the subject of a bridge.

By Mr. CALLANAN,—From David King and others, South-side, St. John's, on the subject of a road.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Samuel Ruby and others, of Goulds, on the subject of roads ; also from E. Chafe and others, of Petty Harbor, on the same subject ; also from D. Tucker and others, of Broad Cove, on the same subject.

By Mr. PETERS,—From Rev. T. W. Atkinson and others, of Burin, praying for a grant to establish a first-class school teacher there.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Premier whether any person or persons were appointed by the Governor in Council to represent this Colony at the Exhibition to be held at Barcelona, and if so, who were so appointed, and why the fact of such appointment was not announced to this House?

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask Hon. the Premier if the Hon. W. J. S. Donnelly was appointed to proceed to Barcelona, to

represent this Colony at the Exhibition to be held there, if that gentleman did not leave Newfoundland on such a mission, and whether he has been re-called therefrom, and if so, why? and if the presence of the Hon. W. J. S. Donnelly in St. John's, at present, is in obedience to, or in consequence of, any order or direction of the Government, or any member thereof.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their concurrence in the address which passed this House, relative to the removal of the line of telegraph between Garia and Sandy Point.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages:

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills, entitled severally, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and for other purposes," without amendment; and the Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the abolition of Cod-traps," with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th April, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next, to stand first on the order of the day.

The Hon. the PREMIER, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table of the House the following document,—

Statement of affairs of the St. John's General Water Company.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 19th April, 1888.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from James Martin and others, of Torbay Road, St. John's East, on the subject of a Bridge.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to order, the Road Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money, for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.”

Ordered,—That the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF WORKS and Mr. CALLANAN do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Registration of Deeds Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following orders deferred,—

Committee on Council's Insurance Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Bill relating to Outport Pilots.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That this Bill be referred to a select Committee of this House.

Ordered,—That this Report be received.

Ordered,—That Hon. Mr. Goodridge, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Shea, Mr. Grieve, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Morine do form said Committee.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, on Loan Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That this Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier, if it is true, as stated in the *Mercury* newspaper of the 18th inst., that for the sum of \$1.50 per ton, the Customs' officers at Buffet, Placentia Bay, gave permission to an American fishing schooner to take Bait; if so, whether the said officer was acting under instructions from the Government, and if not, what action the Government proposes to take in the matter.

Also, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether it is or is not the intention of the Government to advise His

Excellency the Governor to cause a writ to be issued, for the election, by the first day of June next, of a member of this Assembly, in place of Frederick White, Esq., resigned, and if so, upon what date the election will be held.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether the Government have reason to anticipate that trouble will arise in Fortune Bay, out of the enforcement of the Bait Act, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government to prevent the same; and to lay on the table, copies of all correspondence in connection with the same.

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier whether any steps have been taken to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway, and if any proposals have been made to the Newfoundland Railway Company or its agents, in reference thereto.

Hon. the PREMIER by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table of the House, the following documents, viz:—

Annual Report of the Atlantic Hotel Company, 1887.

Annual Report of the St. John's Floating Dry Dock Co., 1887.

Annual Report of St. John's Electric Light Company, 1887.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 20th April, 1888.

Mr. VEITCH presented the following petitions, on the subject of Roads,—

From James Wade and others, of Conception Harbor, district of Harbor Main; also from Maurice Wade and others, of the same place; also from Daniel Sullivan and others, of Harbor Main.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill deferred.

Pursuant to order, the Loan Bill was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the Public Service of this Colony.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. the Premier and Mr. Bond do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The following motions deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Council's Insurance Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PARSONS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

On the motion that the report be adopted,

Mr. MORINE moved in amendment thereof, seconded by Mr. BOND,

That the words in the second section, third line, "of fifty tons burthen or upwards," be stricken out.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

For the Amendment—7.

Against the Amendment—13.

Mr. Morine,

" Bond,

" Murphy,

" Parsons,

" Scott,

" Greene,

" McGrath,

Hon. the Premier,

Hon. Attorney General,

" Surveyor General,

" A. F. Goodridge,

The Financial Secretary,

Mr. Rolls,

" Grieve,

" Watson,

" Bradshaw,

" March,

" Peters,

" LeMessurier,

" Morris,

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original Motion was then put and passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the further promotion of Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following orders deferred,—

Second reading of Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1887.

Second reading of Placentia Railway Bill.

Second reading of Bill to amend License Law.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of the House, on as early a date as possible, a plan of the town of St. John's, shewing the houses and properties laying within a quarter of a mile on either side of the proposed line of Municipal limit; also a list of the population of each street and locality which will be included in the Municipality.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if any arrangement has been made, as to the remuneration to be given the Placentia Railway Commissioners, and if so, what the arrangement is, and if one has not been made, what basis, if any is contemplated by the Government for an arrangement.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, the Council's Amendments on Cod-trap Bill were read throughout, and agreed to by the House, they are as follows,—

Expunge the second section and insert the following sections, in place thereof:—

2nd,—Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Act, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding Four Hundred Dollars, to be recovered in a summary manner, before a Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, and in default of payment of such penalty, such offender shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not exceeding Six Months.

3rd,—Any cod-trap used in contravention of this Act, may be seized by any Justice of the Peace, Sub-collector of Customs, Preventive Officer, Fishery Warden, or Constable on view, or by warrant issued by such Justice, Sub-collector, or Preventive Officer, upon complaint made on oath, to be administered by any of them, and detained until trial of the offender, and upon conviction, the same may be declared forfeited, and ordered to be sold at public auction.

4th,—The proceeds of such sale and the penalties imposed upon such conviction, shall, after payment of all costs of prosecution, be distributed as follows, viz:—One moiety to the person prosecuting the offender to conviction, and the residue to the Receiver General, for the use of the Colony.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons and Emerson do take a message to the Legislative Council, acquainting them of this House having concurred in the said amendments.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 23rd April, 1888.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and for other purposes.

Ordered,—That Hon. the Premier and Mr. McGrath do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on St. John’s Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The remainder of the order was on motion deferred.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.



TUESDAY, 24th April, 1888.

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from Rev. G. Batcock and others, inhabitants of Holyrood, district of Harbor Main, praying that an Agricultural Fair be held there.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from R. Yetman and others, of Keels, district of Bonavista, asking for a grant of money to fill up a Tickle there.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. ROLLS, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed by the House, to consider the Bill relating to Outport Pilots, presented the following report:—

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, to consider the Bill relating to Outport Pilots, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and submit the accompanying Bill, as the result of their deliberations, all of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROLLS,
Chairman.

G. H. EMERSON, JR.

P. J. SCOTT,

A. B. MORINE,

J. S. WINTER.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
April 20th, 1888. }

Ordered,—That this Report be received.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company,'" and "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works in this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th April, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills, entitled respectively, "An Act to carry into effect an International Convention, for the protection of Submarine Telegraph Cables," "An Act respecting Copyrights," and "An Act respecting Trade Marks, and the registration thereof," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER
23rd April, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Bills be now read a first time.

And the said Bills were read a first time accordingly, and

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

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following orders were deferred,—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

Committee on Indemnity Bill.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the promotion of agriculture.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr BRADSHAW took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on Council's Insurance Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1887, was read a second time.

Ordered,—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Hon. Attorney General, Hon. the Speaker, Messrs. Bond, Emerson, Scott, Greene and Carty.

On motion of Mr. WATSON, the order for the second reading of Bill to amend the License Law was discharged.

Sheep Preservation Bill was deferred.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for the abolition of the attachment of shares or wages of sealers, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on leave granted, Mr. SCOTT introduced a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend 42 Vic., Cap. 10, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Sheep farming,'" which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. WATSON, in the absence of Mr. Mackay, gave notice that Mr. Mackay will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend 41 Vic., Cap. 16, entitled "An Act respecting the fishery of Lobsters."

Mr. Morine gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, draw the attention of the Chairman of Contingencies, to the delay in the publication, by the *Colonist* newspaper, of the debates of this House, and that he will ask whether the delay has been consented to by the Committee.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if the Government has received information, that typhus fever, of a very virulent type, has broken out at Blackhead, Freshwater Bay, that already two deaths have occurred there, and that several persons are now down with the fever; has the Government sent medical aid, and is it true that the breaking out of the fever is due to the extreme poverty and destitution of the people there.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to give effect to the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, in relation to fishery questions signed at Washington, in February last.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th April, 1888.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following document :

Correspondence on the subject of Copyrights.

Correspondence on the subject of Trade Marks.

Correspondence on the subject of Submarine Telegraph Cables.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. CARTY,—From Rev. J. Jeffries and others, district of St. George's Bay, on the subject of Prohibition; also from Daniel McLean and others, on the same subject.

By Mr. MARCH,—From Edward Walsh and others, district of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of a Landing Place at Baccalieu Island.

Ordered,—That the said several petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. PETERS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Pursuant to order, the Amendments made by this House, in and upon the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies carrying on business in this Island," was read a third time.

Ordered,—That Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Greene do take this Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for the Promotion of Agriculture, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That this Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture."

Ordered,—That Mr. Bond and the Hon. Surveyor General do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following Orders were deferred :—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Indemnity Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McDONNEL took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

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

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on Outport Pilots Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Committee on Bill to prevent Attachment of Sealers' Wages, deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Barristers' and Attorneys' Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

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

Pursuant to order, the Bill for Preservation of Sheep, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the Bills sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting Copyrights," also "An Act for the Preservation of Submarine Cables," and "An Act respecting Trade Marks," were read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order deferred, and on leave granted, the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Act 50 Vic., Cap. 1, relating to the Exportation and Sale of Bait Fishes," and "An Act to Amend 41 Vic., Cap. 16, entitled 'An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters,'" were read a first time, and

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

Mr. SCOTT gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole, on the following Resolution:—

Whereas it is desirable in the interests of the trade of this Colony and for the better protection of human life, that there should be appointed a Lloyd's Surveyor, whose duty it shall be to inspect, survey, and classify ships and vessels built in this Colony.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying that he may be pleased to appoint a Lloyd's Surveyor, whose duty it shall be to inspect, survey, and classify ships built in this Colony, and this House will make provisions for the same.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General, why "Licensed Dogs" and "Shepherd Dogs and Collies" are excepted from destruction, by the Proclamation published by the Colonial Secretary, under the provisions of 47 Vic. and 50 Vic. for the Preservation of Sheep, contrary to the provisions of the said Acts.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.



THURSDAY, 26th April, 1888.

Pursuant to order, a Bill to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor, for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Public Treasury, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money, advanced by him out of the Public Treasury, for the service of the Colony.”

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council by a deputation from this House, consisting of the Hon. Receiver General and Mr. Greene, requesting their concurrence.

Agreeably to order, an engrossed Bill, entitled “An Act to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys,’” was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys.’”

Ordered.—That the said Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, by a deputation consisting of Messrs. Emerson and Scott, and desire their concurrence.

Committee on St. John’s Municipal Bill, also on Registration of Deeds Bill, deferred until later on to-day, also Bank Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on Bill for appointment of Pilots in the outports.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GREENE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the preservation of Sheep.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MURPHY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the Public Service of this Colony," without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
25th April, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their message of the 16th inst., that they concur in the Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of Steam Communication between certain ports of the Province of Nova Scotia and the West Coast of this Colony.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
25rd April, 1888. }

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for the preservation of Sheep.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MURPHY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

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E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER
25rd April, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MURPHY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report that they recommended the Bill to be referred to a Select Committee, with power to report thereon by amended Bill.

Ordered,—That the said report be adopted.

Ordered,—That Mr. Bond, Mr. Scott, Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Grieve and the Hon. the Speaker do form the said Committee.

The following orders were deferred,—

Committee on Council's Bill respecting Copyrights.

Committee on Council's Bill respecting Submarine Cables.

Committee on Council's Bill respecting Trademarks.

The following Bills were severally read a second time, and.

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

An Act to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway.

An Act for the Encouragement of Sheep Farming.

An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters.

Second reading of Washington Treaty Bill deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the further consideration of the St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow, and to stand first on order.

The following Orders were deferred:—

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Bank Fishery Bill.

Committee on Sealers' Wages Bill.

Mr. PETERS, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to Amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, which was read a first time, and

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

Mr. SCOTT'S Resolutions, in reference to Lloyd's Surveyor, deferred until to-morrow, and permission given to amend, as follows:—

Whereas it is desirable in the interests of the trade of this Colony and for the better protection of human life, that there should be appointed a Lloyd's Surveyor, whose duty it shall be to inspect, survey, and classify ships and vessels built in this Colony.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying that he may be pleased to procure, if practicable, the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor in this Colony, whose duty it shall be to inspect, survey, and classify ships built in this Colony, and this House will make provision for the remuneration of such Surveyor.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 27th April, 1888.

Mr. MORINE presented a petition from James Tracey and others, of Indian Arm; also from Edward Humbey and others, of Plate Cove, on the subject of Roads.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition from Thomas Mitchell and others, of St. John's, on the subject of the Tariff.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, an engrossed Bill, respecting Pilots and Pilotage, other than the port of St. John's, was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled "An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage other than the port of St. John's."

Ordered,—That the Bill be sent to the Legislative Council, for concurrence, by a deputation from this House consisting of Mr. Rolls and Mr. Callanan.

The following Bills were deferred until later on this day,—

Committee on St. John's Municipal Bill.

Committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

Committee on Placentia Railway Bill.

Committee on Bill for encouragement of Sheep farming.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bill to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank fishery, and also, for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the further consideration of the St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

SATURDAY, 28th April, 1888.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying for a grant of a sum of money, for the purpose of erecting and establishing Public Wharves in St. John's, for the use of outport residents bringing on produce and articles of commerce for sale, and for parties residing in St. John's, &c.

Then the House adjourned until this day at half-past three of the clock.

At half-past three of the clock, the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from the inhabitants of Flat Rock, which was received and read, on the subject of the destruction of dogs.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

On the order being called for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the management of the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's, and for other purposes.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John's, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Scott do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that he will, on tomorrow, move the suspension of the rules of the House in relation to all Bills before the House during the remainder of the present session.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their message of the 16th inst., that they concur in the Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of removing the Garia section of the Telegraph Line to Cape Ray, and of erecting the same between that point and Sandy Point, St. George's Bay.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
27th April, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the promotion of Agriculture," with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
28th April, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendment was then read a first and second time, and on motion made, adopted.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that this House concur in the said amendment.

Ordered,—That Mr. Bond and Mr. Bradshaw do take the message to the Legislative Council.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 30th April, 1888.

The following petitions were severally presented, received and read :—

By Mr. GODDEN,—From Martin Hall and others, of Harbor Grace; also from W. A. Thompson and others, on the subject of the enlargement of the Franchise.

By Mr. BRADSHAW,—From the inhabitants of Bonne Bay; also from the inhabitants of Ingalee, on the subject of Prohibition; also from Donald Browne and others, of Bonne Bay, on the subject of a Ferry; also from inhabitants of Bonne Bay, on Roads.

By Mr. PARSONS,—From John Howley and others, farmers, on the subject of a road to William's Bog.

By Mr. BOND,—From William White and others, of Jersey Harbor; also from Elizabeth Rolls and others, on the subject of Prohibition; also from A. C. Waghorn and others, of Fortune Bay, on the subject of the Amendment of the 55th Section of the Education Act.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended, as regards all Bills now pending before the House, till remainder of Session.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee, on the Bill to provide for the Registration of Deeds.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Greene do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee, on the Bill to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee, on the Bill, entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Sheep-farming.”

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to report that they recommended the Bill to be referred to a Select Committee, with power to report thereon by amended Bill.

Ordered,—That the said report be adopted.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee, on Bank Fishery Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Receiver General, Hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Bond, Mr. Greene, Mr. Morris, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Grieve do form the Select Committee, on the Bill for the encouragement of Sheep-farming.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee, on Lobster fishery Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MORRIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 41st year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act respecting the fishery of Lobsters.’”

Ordered,—That Mr. Mackay and Mr. Morris do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The further orders of the day, were on motion deferred.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on certain Resolutions proposed by Mr. Scott, in reference to the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Resolutions, with amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions and amendments in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

Whereas it is desirable in the interests of the trade of this Colony and for the better protection of human life, that there should be appointed a Lloyd's Surveyor, whose duty it shall be to inspect, survey and classify ships and vessels built in this Colony.

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying that he may be pleased to procure, if practicable, the services of a Lloyd's Surveyor in this Colony, to inspect, survey and classify ships built in this Colony, upon which bounties are claimed, and this House will make provision for the remuneration of such surveyor, for such services.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ordered,—That the following Address do pass,—

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the expediency of procuring the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor in this

Colony, for the purpose of surveying, inspecting and classifying ships and vessels built in this Colony, upon which bounties are claimed, request that Your Excellency may be pleased, if practicable, to procure the services of such surveyor, and this House will make provision for the remuneration of such surveyor, for such services.

Ordered,—That a deputation consisting of Mr. Scott and Mr. Grieve do take a message to the Legislative Council, requesting their concurrence in the said Address.

Mr. BOND, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to amend an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to provide for the better preservation of sheep, and for other purposes,” and an Act passed for the same purposes in the fiftieth year of the present reign, presented the following report,—

The Select Committee, appointed by the House of Assembly to consider and report upon the Bill for the better preservation of sheep, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and submit the accompanying Bill as the result of their deliberations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. BOND,
Chairman.

J. S. WINTER,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
W. B. GRIEVE.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
April 30th, 1888. }

Ordered,—That this report be received, and that the amended Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. MORRIS' Address on Public Wharves, deferred.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 1st May, 1888.

Mr. BOND gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of the House copies of all Tenders received for the conveyance of mails to the Northward, in reference to advertisement dated the twenty-fifth day of April last.

Mr. PETERS presented a petition from the inhabitants of Fortune, on the subject of seed potatoes.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

A Bill to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway, was deferred till later on in the day.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank fishery, and also for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland, for certain sums of

money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury, for the services of the Colony.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
1st May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CALLANAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled "An Act to provide compensation for the relatives of Fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank fishery, and also for the preservation of the lives of Bank Fishermen."

Ordered,—That Mr. Morris and Mr. Grieve do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Copyright Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. McGRATH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time. And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act respecting Copyrights.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. McGrath do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order the House went into Committee on the Bill to carry into effect an International Convention for the protection of Submarine Telegraph Cables.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MACKAY took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act to carry into effect an International Convention for the protection of Submarine Telegraph Cables.

Ordered,—That Mr. Mackay and Mr. Callanan do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting Trade Marks, and the Registration thereof.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HUTCHINGS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of sheep, and for other purposes," and an Act passed for the same purposes in the fiftieth year of the present reign.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. MARCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion that the Bill be read a third time,—

Mr. MORRIS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McGRATH,—

That the Bill be read a third time this day six months.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,—

For the Amendment—4.

Against the Amendment—15.

Mr. Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Callanan,
 “ Watson.

Mr. Bond,
 Hon. Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Grieve,
 “ Rolls,
 “ March,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ Godden,
 “ Kean,
 “ Hutchings,
 “ Mackay,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Murphy,

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original Motion was then put and passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘ An Act to provide for the better preservation of sheep, and for other purposes,’ ” and an Act passed for the same purposes in the fiftieth year of the present Reign.

Ordered,—That Mr. Bond and Mr. Watson do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

The following Bills were deferred,—

Second reading Bait Fishes Amendment Bill.

Second reading Washington Treaty Bill.

Pursuant to order the License amendment Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. MORRIS, pursuant to notice, moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money be allocated for the purpose of the erection of a Public Wharf or Wharves in the Harbor of St. John's.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion—7.

Mr. Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Morine,
 “ Murphy,
 “ Parsons.
 “ Callanan,
 “ Greene.

Against the Motion—17.

Hon. the Premier,
 “ Attorney General,
 “ Receiver General,
 “ Surveyor General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Godden,
 “ Peters.
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Watson,
 “ Grieve,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ March,
 “ Kean,
 “ Rolls,
 “ Bond.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Mr. GOODRIDGE presented a petition from John Davis and others, of the electoral district of Twillingate, on the subject of the Franchise; also from John Davis and others, on the subject of the Election of a Road Board.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Mr. VEITCH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on petition of the Rev. G. Batcock, of Holyrood, and others of the Agricultural Society of Holyrood, praying that a sum of money be allocated to them, for the purpose of holding an Agricultural Fair or Market there.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd May, 1888.

Mr. VEITCH presented a petition from Rev. Mr. Colley and others, of Topsail, on the subject of clearing out the end of Long Pond to make it suitable as a Harbor of Refuge.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. VEITCH gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on petition of Rev. Mr. Colley and others, that a Survey be held as soon as possible, on the proposed opening of a Harbor of Refuge at Long Pond.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on the Bill for the Construction of the Placentia Railway.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for ports in this Island, other than St. John’s,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
2nd May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled “ An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies carrying on business in this Island,” with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
2nd May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway.

Ordered,—That the Hon Receiver General and Mr. McGrath do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The following Bills were deferred.

Committee on Council's Bill, respecting Trade-marks.

Second reading Bait Fishes Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to order, the Bill respecting Treaty relating to Fishery questions, signed at Washington, was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The following petitions on Roads, were severally presented, received and read:—

By Mr. GRIEVE,—From Charles Hubbard and others; also from Rev. John Godden and others; also from William H. Fowlow and others.

By Mr. MORRIS,—From Samuel Ruby and others.

By Mr. HUTCHINGS,—From John Martin and others, of Burnt Head, District of Port-de-Grave, on the subject of a Landing place.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 3rd May, 1888.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier to lay on the table of the House, copies of all communications with the Imperial Government, respecting the Treaty relating to fishery questions, signed at Washington, February 15, A. D. 1888, and especially those touching on the question of the Representation of Canada and Newfoundland on the fishery commission.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on Council's Bill respecting Trademarks.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. VEITCH took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass, and be entitled “An Act respecting Trademarks and the registration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Veitch do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House went into Committee on Bill respecting a certain Treaty between Her Britanic Majesty and the President of the United States.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KEAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that the had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again, further on, upon this day.

Agreeably to order, the House went into Committee on Bill to amend the Laws relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Second reading of Bait Fishes Amendment Bill deferred.

Agreeably to order, the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting a certain Treaty between Her British Majesty and the President of the United States.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow, to stand first on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the Legislative Council, on the amendments made by the House of Assembly, on Council's Bill respecting Life Insurance Companies, was read a second time,

And on motion adopted.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Morine do take the said Message to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Premier if; first, has any definite time been fixed for the proposed

delegation to leave St. John's for Ottawa; second, will the delegation have power to negotiate terms of union with Canada or simply to report to the Government or Legislature, the terms which Canada may offer; third, how many will comprise the delegation, and will their expenses be paid out of the funds of this Colony or out of their private means; fourth, at what time may a general election be expected to take place, to decide upon the question of confederation at the polls; fifth, will the terms offered be discussed by the Legislature before submitting them to the people; sixth, is the Government responsible for the following telegram which Sir Charles Tupper is reported in the *Toronto Empire* to have said he received:—"Sir Chas. Tupper is reported to have said he received another despatch yesterday, announcing that Sir R. Thorburn and his colleagues will leave St. John's by the steamer due there on or about the 10th of June"; seventh, has the Government had any communication with the Canadian Government in relation to the question of confederation, other than that received by His Excellency the Governor from the Governor General of Canada.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, for the appropriation of such a sum of money as may prove sufficient for the completing of a deep water Terminus including Pier, at Placentia.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three of the clock.

FRIDAY, 4th May, 1888.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into Committee of the Whole, on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Intoxicating Liquors."

Ordered,—That Mr. Peters and Mr. Morine do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the further consideration of a Bill respecting a certain Treaty between Her Britanic Majesty and the President of the United States.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act respecting a certain Treaty between Her Britannic Majesty and the President of the United States.”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Bond do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Second reading Bait Fishes Bill deferred.

On the order being called for Address on petition of the Rev. Mr. Colley and others, of Topsail, on the subject of opening Long Pond as a Harbor of refuge.

Mr. VEITCH asked leave to withdraw the same.

On motion leave was granted.

On motion of Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, that an Address be presented, on the subject of a Pier and Terminus at Placentia.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER ruled that notice of Committee of the Whole should be given, to consider the question.

In accordance with the Hon. Mr. Speaker's ruling,—

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice for Committee of the Whole on the question of the appropriation of such a sum of money as may prove sufficient for the completing of a deep water Terminus including Pier at Placentia.

Mr. BOND, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the election of members to the House of Assembly, reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and beg to submit the accompanying Bill as their report.

R. BOND,
Chairman.

J. S. WINTER,
ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
J. D. GREENE,
A. B. MORINE,
M. H. CARTY.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
May 4th, 1888. }

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ROLLS took the Chair of the Committee,

And the House having sat till twelve o'clock,

SATURDAY, 5th May, 1888.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act respecting Elections of Members of the House of Assembly.”

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council by Mr. Bond and Mr. Rolls, requesting their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until this day, at half-past three of the clock.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. MARCH presented a petition from James Morgan and others, of Bay-de-Verds, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

The Hon. Attorney General moved that the second reading of the Bill respecting Bait Fishes, be deferred till later on to-day, then to be considered.

Pursuant to notice given, and on motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the subject of the appropriation of such a sum of money as may prove sufficient for the completing of a deep water Terminus, including Pier, at Placentia.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KEAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their message of the first instant, that they concur on the Address to His Excellency the Governor, respecting the expediency of procuring the appointment of a Lloyd's Surveyor, in this Colony.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
4th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, in this Colony," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
4th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up, entitled respectively "An Act to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys,'" and "An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds," with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
4th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Act 38 Vic. Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act to prevent the enlistment in the service of any foreign state, and to prevent the exportation of arms and munitions of war,’ ” to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
4th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bill brought down from the Legislative Council, entitled “An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery, in this Colony,” was read a first time, and

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

The amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled “An Act to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys,’ ” were read, and

On motion made, adopted by the House.

Ordered,—That a message be sent by the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Greene, acquainting the Legislative Council thereof.

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds,” were read throughout, and

On motion made adopted by the House.

Ordered,—That a message be sent from this House, by the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Carty, acquainting the Legislative Council thereof.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act to amend Act 38 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled 'An Act to prevent the enlistment in the service of any foreign state, and to prevent the exportation of arms and other munitions of war,'" were read a first time, and

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

HON. MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. KEAN took the Chair of the Committee.

HON. MR. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Resolution to them referred, and had instructed him to recommend the adoption of an address to His Excellency the Governor, thereon.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

Ordered,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by such members of this House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council:

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the expediency of completing a deep water Terminus and Pier, at Placentia, and having passed certain Resolutions, as hereto annexed, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make such order thereon, as may be reasonable, and this House will make provision for the same.

Mr. BOND from the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the management of Sheep-farming in this Colony, beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and beg to submit the accompanying Bill as their report.

R. BOND,
Chairman.

J. D. GREENE,
E. P. MORRIS,
W. B. GREIVE,
W. J. S. DONNELLY,
E. C. WATSON,
A. PENNEY.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
May 4th, 1888. }

And the House went into Committee on the said Bill

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PETERS took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Sheep-farming in this Colony.”

Ordered,—That Mr. Bond and Mr. Peters do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act for the encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
4th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the 47th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘ An Act to provide for the better Preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes,’ ” and an Act passed for the same purposes in the 50th year of the present Reign, without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
5th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act for the encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes,” were read, and

On motion adopted.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Receiver General and Mr. Morine do take a message to the Legislative Council, acquainting them thereof.

Upon motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, the second reading of the Bait Fishes Amendment Bill was deferred.

Mr. ROLLS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the House into Committee, to take into consideration the adoption of an address to His Excellency the Governor, praying for a grant of money for the supply of Seed Potatoes to the several districts of this Island.

Mr. HUTCHINGS gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting that Hon. body to furnish this House with a statement of its Contingent Expenses for the present session.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, in the absence of the Hon. Attorney General, gave notice that the Hon. Attorney General will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to all Bills and other business for the remainder of the session.

Mr. MORINE gave notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Attorney General to lay upon the table of this House, copies of all correspondence in reference to the pending revision of election for the District of Bonavista.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past three of the clock.

MONDAY, 7th May, 1888.

Mr. CARTY presented a petition from Joseph English, Proprietor of the *Advocate* newspaper, on the subject of printing the debates of the Assembly.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from the inhabitants of Torbay, on the subject of a Public Wharf.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. Kean presented a petition from the inhabitants of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

On motion of Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, and pursuant to notice given,—

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House, in reference to Bills and other business before the House, be suspended for the remainder of the session.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled “An Act respecting Trade-marks, and registration thereof,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
5th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
5th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John’s, and for other purposes,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
5th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 41st year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters,’” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
5th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide compensation for the relatives of fishermen lost, when engaged in the Bank fishery, and also for the preservation of the lives of Bank fishermen,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
5th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council on the following Bills, deferred till later on this day,—

Bank Fishery Bill.

Municipal Bill.

Lobster Bill.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, and pursuant to order the Bill entitled “An Act to regulate the practice of Medicine and Surgery in this Colony,” was read a second time.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Election of Members of the House of Assembly,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
7th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting a certain Treaty between Her Britanic Majesty and the President of the United States,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
7th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend and declare the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINGS, and pursuant to notice given,—

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting them to furnish this House with the amount of their Contingencies.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Greene do take the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Agreeably to order, the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled “An Act to amend the Act 38 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act to prevent the enlistment in the service of any foreign state, and to prevent the exportation of arms and munitions of war.’” was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DAWE took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk’s table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act to amend the Act 38 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act to prevent the enlistment in the service of any foreign state, and to prevent the exportation of arms and munitions of war.’”

Ordered,—That the Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Dawe do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The amendments of the Legislative Council on Bank Fishery Bill, previously deferred, were now considered.

And on motion adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing them thereof.

Ordered,—That Mr. Morris and Mr. March do take the message to the Legislative Council.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “An Act for the Municipal Regulation of the town of St. John’s,” were read a first and second time.

The consideration thereof by the Committee was, on motion, deferred till later this day.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Council’s amendments on the Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

And the House having sat till twelve o’clock,

TUESDAY, 8th May, 1888.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again, further on, upon this day.

Then the House adjourned until this day at half-past three of the clock.

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The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order, the Bill relating to the Sale and Exportation of Bait Fishes was read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the matter to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again later on this day.

The House then went into Committee on the St. John's Municipal Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they passed the Amendments to them referred, with certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table.

On motion that the report be received,—

Mr. SCOTT moved in amendment thereof, seconded by Mr. MORRIS, That the Council's Amendment on Section 3 be not received by the House.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,—

For the Amendment—5.

Mr. Scott,
 “ Callanan,
 “ Morris,
 “ McGrath,
 “ Parsons.

Against the Amendment—13.

Hon. the Premier,
 “ Attorney General,
 “ A. F. Goodridge,
 The Financial Secretary,
 Mr. Godden,
 “ Dawe,
 “ Peters,
 “ Bradshaw,
 “ Veitch,
 “ Watson,
 “ LeMessurier,
 “ March,
 “ Rolls.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original Motion was then put and passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council, embodying the said Resolutions :

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they concur in the Amendments sent down, on the Bill entitled “ An Act to provide for the Municipal affairs of the town of St. John’s, and for other purposes,” with the exception of the Amendments upon the twelfth and fifty-fifth sections of the said Bill, and this House requests the Council to withdraw the said Amendments so excepted to, in order to conform to the views of this House, and to effect the passage of the said Bill.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
8th May, A.D. 1888. }

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the question of supplying Seed Potatoes to the Electoral Districts of the Island.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have adopted and passed the accompanying Report on the Contingencies of this House for the present session.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
8th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to the Printing and Contingencies, report that they have examined the accounts of the Acting Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod, and have considered other charges and expenses, and find them as follows:—

President, Legislative Council, two hundred and forty dollars.

Eleven members, Legislative Council, one thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Acting Clerk, Legislative Council, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of the Clerk, one hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-seven cents.

Usher of Black Rod, six hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of Usher of Black Rod, two hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-five cents.

The Reporter of the Legislative Council, eight hundred and fifty dollars.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery, seven hundred dollars.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery, for extra services, fifty dollars.

The Door-keeper, two hundred dollars.

The Assistant Door-keeper, one hundred and ninety dollars.

The Fireman of the Legislative Council, sixty-five dollars.

The Proprietor of the *Times*, Miscellaneous Printing, four hundred and eighty-three dollars and fifty cents.

The Proprietor of *Evening Telegram*, printing Debates, one hundred and forty dollars.

The Proprietor of *Standard*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of *Times*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of *Colonist*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

The Proprietor of *Twillington Sun*, copying Debates, one hundred dollars.

Newspapers for Council and Members, during session, one hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty cents.

Estimated expense for Printing and Binding Journals, five hundred dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, Binding Newspapers, twenty dollars.

Two Door-keepers, services in connection with Ball, twenty dollars each, forty dollars.

Electric Light Company, fifty dollars.

M. FENELON,

Chairman

CHARLES R. AYRE,

PHILIP CLEARY,

M. MONROE,

CHAS. BOWRING.

Committee Room,
May 8th, 1888.

Ordered,—That the said report be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee,

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their Message of this date, in reference to the Bill, entitled “An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s, and for other purposes,” that they withdraw their amendments upon the Twelfth and Fifty-fifth Sections of the said Bill.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
8th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WATSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Resolutions to them referred, and had instructed him to recommend the adoption of an address to His Excellency the Governor, thereon.

Ordered,—That the report be received.

Ordered,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by such members of this House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council:

*To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the expediency of providing a supply of Seed Potatoes, for distribution throughout the Colony, for the benefit of destitute persons in the several Districts, respectfully request that a sum of five thousand dollars, from the General Revenue, be appropriated and applied for the purpose aforesaid, and this House will make provision for the same.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

Speaker.

House of Assembly, }
8th May, 1888. }

Ordered,—That Mr. Rolls and Mr. Watson do take the said Resolutions and Address to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. MORRIS presented a petition from Sir W. V. Whiteway, and other inhabitants of St. John's, on the subject of Dog Licenses.

Mr. KEAN presented a petition from A. Penney and others, District of Bonavista, on the subject of Roads.

Ordered,—That the said petitions do lie upon the table.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the deferred order of consideration of the Bait Bill.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill do pass and be entitled “An Act to amend An Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to regulate the Exportation and Sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes.’”

Ordered,—That Hon. Attorney General and Mr. Bond do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. HUTCHINGS, from the Select Committee on Printing, Reporting and Contingencies, presented the Report, which was read.

And the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on consideration of the same.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed the following Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows:

The Select Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to enquire into the Contingencies of the Assembly, beg leave to report that they have come to the following Resolution :

Resolved,—That there be paid to the Speaker, Members, Officers and Servants of the Assembly, for their services during the present session, as follows :—

The Speaker, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars.

The Clerk, and for Indexing and Superintending the printing of Journals, one thousand, two hundred and sixty-nine dollars.

The Clerk Assistant, eight hundred dollars.

The Solicitor, six hundred dollars.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, four hundred and eighty dollars.

The Door-keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Upper Door-keeper, less thirty-two dollars, one hundred and sixty dollars.

The Outer Door-keeper, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Assistant Door-keeper, one hundred and twenty dollars.

The Messenger, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Assistant Messenger, one hundred and eighty dollars.

The Fireman, two hundred and twenty dollars.

The Page, including services attending Clerk during recess, less twenty dollars, one hundred dollars.

Proprietor *Evening Mercury*, for printing Bills and Miscellaneous Papers, one thousand, two hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty-two cents.

Proprietor *Evening Mercury*, for publishing Debates, one thousand dollars.

Estimate for printing Journals and Index, and estimate for printing Sessional Papers and Index, two thousand, one hundred dollars.

Estimate, Mrs. Dicks, for Binding Journals, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, for Binding Newspapers, 1887, thirty-five dollars.

The Chairman of Supply, four hundred dollars.

To Twenty-seven members, resident in St. John's, for their services during the present session, at two hundred dollars each, five thousand, four hundred dollars.

J. F. Chisholm's account, nineteen dollars and sixteen cents.

To Eight Members, resident in Outports, at three hundred dollars each, two thousand, four hundred dollars.

The *Harbor Grace Standard*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

The *Twillingate Sun*, copying Debates, three hundred dollars.

The *Trinity Record*, copying Debates, seventy-five per cent discount, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The *Colonist*, copying Debates, five hundred dollars.

The Chairman of the Board of Works' proportion of coals, gas, &c., one hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty cents.

The Chairman of the Board of Works, for advances during session and prior to opening, five hundred and two dollars and thirty-two cents.

Mrs. Feehan, Librarian, to be paid to the Savings' Bank, one hundred and eighty-four dollars and sixty cents.

Mrs. Ryall, allowance during session, one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents.

Mrs. Ryall, for Reporters' Room, twenty dollars.

The Clerk, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office during the present session, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-two cents.

Clerk Assistant, Contingencies, two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Mrs. William Warren, engrossing Bills, two hundred and eighty dollars.

Bonus to Mrs. William Warren, forty dollars.

Mrs. Dicks, stationery, one hundred and one dollars and eighty cents.

Mrs. Rouse, stationery, sixty-five dollars and seventy-three cents.

M. Fenelon & Co., stationery, ninety-three dollars and twenty-one cents.

Garrett Byrne, stationery, ninety-eight dollars and eighty cents.

George S. Milligan, stationery, fifty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Job Brothers & Co's. account, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and ten cents.

J. J. Dearn's account, thirty-two dollars and sixty cents.

J. H. Martin & Co's. account, sixty dollars and thirty-four cents.

Mrs. McKenzie, twelve dollars and sixty cents.

Mercury newspaper, nine dollars.

Harbor Grace Standard, twelve dollars.

Twillingate Sun, eight dollars.

Trinity Record, two dollars.

- Advocate*, fourteen dollars.
- Times*, sixteen dollars and eighty cents.
- Gazette*, sixteen dollars and eighty cents.
- Telegram*, twelve dollars.
- Colonist*, fifteen dollars.
- Patriot*, ten dollars.
- T. D. Lane's account, forty-nine dollars and eighty cents.
- George Langmead, clocks, twenty dollars.
- Edward Coleman, repairs to locks, fourteen dollars and forty cents.
- Indexing Ballot Act, one hundred dollars.
- Care-taker of Library, to be paid on certificate of Clerk, two hundred dollars.
- Books, Legislative Library, two hundred dollars.
- The Supervisor of Debates, three hundred dollars.
- Four Reporters, viz :
- W. H. Horwood, two hundred and eighty dollars.
 - John Flannery, two hundred and eighty dollars.
 - Charles Emerson, two hundred dollars.
 - H. Knight, two hundred and eighty dollars.
- General Post Office, thirteen dollars and eleven cents.
- Proprietors of the *Patriot* newspaper for printing Bills, etc., two hundred dollars.
- J. Adrian's account, one dollar and twenty cents.
- John T. O'Mara's account, eleven dollars.

William Firth's account, six dollars and twenty cents.

Telegraph messages, four hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-eight cents.

Electric Light Co., one hundred and fifty dollars.

F. W. Bowden, printing per Clerk, one hundred and ten dollars.

Anglo Telegraph Co., for Telephone, sixty dollars.

Gibb & Calvert's account, clothes for page, twelve dollars.

John McKenzie's account, five dollars.

Sidney Woods' account, seventeen dollars and sixteen cents.

John Shambler, two dollars.

Bowring Brothers' account, seventy-two cents.

Moses Monroe's account, four dollars.

Mrs. J. H. Martin, three dollars.

Ballot Act Committee, eight members, at fifty dollars each, four hundred dollars.

Compensation to *Advocate* in full for all claims, one hundred dollars.

Bills on account of re-flooring and repairing this House, viz:

Chas. Gamberg, fifty dollars and forty cents.

Ready & Sons, eighty-three dollars and fifty-two cents.

Richard Goff, five hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fourteen cents.

Newfoundland Furniture and Moulding Company, five hundred and ninety dollars.

Estate of James Pennock, one hundred and eight dollars.

Sergeant-at-Arms, for superintending renovation of House for four months, two hundred dollars.

One-half of this amount to be paid by this Contingency Committee, eight hundred dollars and fifty-three cents.

GEO. A. HUTCHINGS,
Chairman.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

PATRICK J. SCOTT,

H. W. LEMESSURIER,

STEPHEN R. MARCH,

JAMES ROLLS,

D. J. GREENE.

Ordered,—That the said report be adopted.

In accordance with the foregoing, the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature,” was then read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GODDEN took the Chair of the Committee.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Scott do take the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Hon. the PREMIER informed the House that it was the intention of His Excellency to prorogue the House of Assembly on to-morrow at four p. m.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9th May, 1888.

Mr. MACKAY presented a petition from Wm. M. Barnes, praying for compensation for loss of office on Fishery Commission.

Ordered,—That this petition do lie upon the table.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL laid on the table of the House the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of the Consolidation of the Laws, which was read as follows:

The Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws beg to report that they have made much progress in the business to them referred, and have consolidated the existing Laws up to the conclusion of last session of the Legislature.

The Committee have to observe that no complete or final report can be made until they shall have carefully considered, reviewed and revised the Rules and Regulations under the Judicature Act, as provided for by Statute.

These Rules and Regulations have already, in draft form, been submitted to the Committee, but they involve the consideration of, and deliberation upon so many and important matters of practice pleading and procedure, as demand from the Committee a protracted review of the same, which the Committee cannot give before next session of the Legislature.

The Committee hope that, if their powers be extended during recess, they will, in the next session of the Legislature, be in a position to make a final and adequate report, which shall include an effectual consolidation of the existing Law of Newfoundland, with suggestion of desirable amendments thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. WINTER,

Chairman.

ALEX. J. W. McNEILY,

PATRICK J. SCOTT,

D. J. GREENE,

GEO. H. EMERSON, JR.

M. H. CARTY.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
May 7th, 1888. }

Ordered,—That this report be received.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again during recess.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Acting Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council, brought down the following written Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature,” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
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Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to regulate the exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid and other Bait Fishes,’” without amendment.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
9th May, 1888. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their Message of the 8th instant, that they concur in the Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of Seed Potatoes for the Electoral Districts of this Island.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER }
9th May, 1888. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

At four o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by W. F. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber.

And the Hon. the SPEAKER, at the Bar of the Council, addressed His Excellency, as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the Expenses of the Public Services.

In the name of the House of Assembly I present to Your Excellency the following Bills:

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

An Act relating to Loans upon the Credit of this Colony.

An Act to authorize the raising of a sum of money for the Public Service of this Colony.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and to make provision for the protection and preservation of the same.

An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal Affairs of the town of St. John's and for other purposes.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the General Water Company."

An Act to amend Title 27, Cap. 103, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Inland Fisheries."

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to regulate the exportation and sale of Herring, Caplin, Squid, and other Bait Fishes."

An Act respecting the abolition of Cod-traps.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act respecting the Fishery of Lobsters."

An Act to provide compensation for the relatives of Fishermen lost when engaged in the Bank Fishery, and also for the preservation of the lives of Bank Fishermen.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the promotion of Agriculture."

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the better preservation of Sheep, and for other purposes," and an Act passed for the same purposes in the Fiftieth year of the present reign.

An Act for the encouragement of Ship-building, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the operation of the Placentia Railway.

An Act to amend and declare the Law relating to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act respecting Elections of Members of the House of Assembly.

An Act respecting Inquiries concerning Public Matters.

An Act respecting Copyrights.

An Act to carry into effect an International Convention for the protection of Submarine Telegraph Cables.

An Act respecting Trade Marks and the Registration thereof.

An Act to provide for the Registration of Deeds.

An Act respecting a certain Treaty between Her Britannic Majesty and the President of the United States.

An Act respecting Life Insurance Companies carrying on business in this Island.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Thirty-eight year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to prevent the enlistment in the service of any Foreign State, and to prevent the exportation of Arms and Munitions of War.

An Act respecting Pilots and Pilotage for ports in this Island other than St. John's.

An Act to amend Cap. 10 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of the Law Society and of Barristers and Attorneys."

An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the services of the Colony.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the Thirty-first day of December, 1888, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

To which His Excellency was pleased to give His assent.

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech :

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I am glad to be able to release you from the duties of a protracted session.

I congratulate you on your acceptance of the Treaty and *modus vivendi*, agreed upon by the Plenipotentiaries appointed by Her Ma-

jesty the Queen and the President of the United States, as an equitable and honourable arrangement of the fishery disputes pending between the two nations.

Your ready agreement to the concessions made on behalf of this Colony, is a proof of your loyal anxiety to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in the interests of good neighborhood and friendly intercourse with the closely allied people of the United States.

I trust that the Treaty may lead to the development and improvement of commercial relations between the United States and British North America, in the benefits of which this Colony will participate.

The Act relating to the Municipal affairs of St. John's, is a measure fraught with important results for the people of this city. The complete control of the Sewerage, lighting, cleansing and other matters, by a specially elected Municipal Council, will, I hope, result in the improvement of the city, and an increase in the happiness and comfort of its inhabitants.

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

I thank you for the supplies that you have voted for the public service. They shall be applied to the various purposes for which they are intended and with due regard to economy.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I observe with pleasure that the enquiry instituted with by the Government into the working of fishery departments in other countries, has led to the adoption of practical legislation by you, in the direction of the care and cultivation of the fisheries of the Colony. The policy that you have adopted promises valuable results in the future.

I am further gratified by the evidence, afforded by several measures passed by you, of your active interest in the encouragement

of the cultivation of the soil, the protection of sheep, and the general advancement of agricultural pursuits.

At the next meeting of the Legislature I hope to be in a position to congratulate you upon a successful fishing season, and an expanding revenue.

In the meantime, I ask you to accept the assurance of my best wishes for your happiness, and the welfare and prosperity of the Colony.

After which the Hon. the President said,—

GENTLEMEN,—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued, until Thursday the Twelfth day of July next.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued, until Thursday the Twelfth day of July, to be then and here holden.

RICHARD B. HOLDEN,

Clerk of the General Assembly.

[END OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.]

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