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ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



*His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and
St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
1891.

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PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE
O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most
T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col., Distinguished Order of St. Michael and
Governor. St. George, Governor and Commander-in-
Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of JULY instant; and
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assem-
bly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH 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 Govern-
ment House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid
Island, this Tenth day of July, A. D. 1890.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,
pro Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col., Distinguished Order of St. Michael and Governor. St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **ELEVENTH** day of **SEPTEMBER** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTH** day of **NOVEMBER** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SIXTH** 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 St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Eighth day of Sept., A. D. 1890.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,
pro Colonial Secretary,



PROCLAMATION.

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O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most
T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col., Distinguished Order of St. Michael and
Governor. St. George, Governor and Commander-in-
Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
THURSDAY the SIXTH day of NOVEMBER instant; and
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assem-
bly until THURSDAY the EIGHTEENTH day of DECEMBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the EIGHTEENTH 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 St. John's, in the aforesaid Island,
this Fifth day of November, A. D. 1890.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col., Distinguished Order of St. Michael and Governor. St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **EIGHTEENTH** day of **DECEMBER** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **FEBRUARY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWELFTH** day of **FEBRUARY**, 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, St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1890.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. W. WITHERS,
pro Colonial Secretary

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, February 12th, 1891.

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

At One o'clock, P. M., the House met.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members
present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Go- Governor
vernor, Lieut-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, arrives at Coun-
cil Chamber.
K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber,
and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the
President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the
Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed

Assembly
attends at Bar
of Council.

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

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

Governor's
Speech.

I am pleased to be enabled to again avail myself of your advice and co-operation in the conduct of the public affairs of the Colony.

While I cannot congratulate you upon the final result of the fishery for the past year, there is, however, reason to be grateful for the more than average success that attended the labors of our fishing population. The Seal fishery was above the average, and the Labrador Cod fishery was the largest for many year's past. A marked revival of trade and prosperity would no doubt have resulted if ready markets could have been obtained. A good harvest was reaped throughout the Island, and I rejoice that, under this and other influences, there has been some improvement in the condition of the people of the Colony, as is evidenced by an increase in our Customs' Revenue and Savings' Bank deposits, and also by a total absence of expenditure on account of able-bodied poor.

With a view to the extension of our trade relations with the United States of America, and to the removal of the bonding laws and duties which, at

present, to so large a degree, prevent the products of the Island from finding a market amongst the many millions of people of that country, the Imperial Government, at the instances of my Ministers, authorized negotiations to be opened with the Administration at Washington for a treaty of reciprocal trade between this Colony and that nation. These negotiations have been brought to a conclusion mutually advantageous to both countries, and the convention now awaits the assent of Her Majesty's Government for its ratification. It is a matter of much concern to my Government that there has been delay on the part of Her Majesty's Government in acceding to this convention, and nothing has been left undone by my Ministers to induce Her Majesty's Government to give to it their immediate assent.

Owing to the depressed conditions of the copper market, the export of copper ore from this Colony has somewhat fallen off; but I have reason to believe that an impetus will be given to mining operations during the present year, by the introduction of capital from abroad for the development of mineral deposits on the West and North-east coasts of the Island.

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

The Customs' Revenue for the year 1890 was in excess of the Estimate.

The Estimates for the coming year, which will be submitted to you, have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is compatible with the efficiency of the public service; and I venture to hope that you will be of opinion that the supplies

Speech—
(Continued.)

which my Government will ask you to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the public.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

The delegates appointed by my Government to lay before the Imperial authorities the views of the people of this Colony upon the French Treaties question had the privilege of personal communication with Her Majesty's Prime Minister and Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to this very important matter. Their efforts at the Colonial Office resulted in negotiations being opened by Her Majesty's Government with the Government of France for the withdrawal of French subjects from the West Coast or Treaty Shore of this Island, thus giving effect to the views embodied in the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, which was adopted by your Honorable Houses during the last Session of the Legislature. I am informed that the proposals made by Her Majesty's Government in these negotiations have not been favorably received by that of France.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that my Government, acting upon the authority conferred upon them by the Legislature last year, have entered into a contract with responsible parties for the construction and equipment of a railway from a point on the line of railway between Placentia and Whitbourne towards Hall's Bay, and a branch line to Clarke's Beach or Brigus, at a large reduction upon the amount provided for this work by the Rail-

way Bill of 1889. By the terms of this contract ^{Speech—}
the whole of the work has to be completed within ^(Continued.)
five years from the date thereof. It will also be gratifying to you to know that by an arrangement with the said contractors the Placentia railway is now, and will be, operated during the next five years, without cost to the Colony.

A survey for a line of railway to the West Coast of the Island, by way of the valleys of Deer Lake and Harry's Brook, has been made with a view to ascertaining definitely whether that route presents more favourable features than that already surveyed *via* Red Indian Lake. The survey has abundantly demonstrated that there are large areas of land in this direction, and particularly about Deer Lake, where a rich, loamy soil awaits agricultural development. The country, moreover, is reported upon as specially favourable to the location of a line of railway. The information obtained will enable my Government to determine which route is the most advantageous, should it be considered advisable to extend the railway west from the Exploits.

As intimated to you in my speech on the opening of the Legislature last year, a Commission was appointed to take evidence and report upon the effect of the Bait Act on the trade and commerce of this Colony. The report of the Commissioner, together with the evidence taken, shall be laid before you at an early date.

The important question of improvement in the educational institutions of the Colony, which engaged the attention of the Legislature last session, will be brought before you, and I trust that your deliberations upon this subject will result advantageously.

Speech—
(Continued.)

It will be satisfactory for you to know that the Government has, during the past summer, succeeded in procuring the services of a competent Lloyds' Surveyor. The value of such a boon to those engaged in the trade and fisheries of the Colony will, I am sure, be fully appreciated by our people.

In compliance with a request from Her Majesty's Government, it has been agreed to take a Census of the population of the Colony during the present year, and you will be requested to make an appropriation therefor. This will be a matter of special interest, as it will be the first time that there has been a simultaneous Census of the whole British Empire.

Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and other important papers will be laid before you in due course.

We have much reason to be thankful to the Almighty for the almost total disappearance of diphtheria from our midst, and for the immunity which the Colony has enjoyed from any epidemic disease or other calamity during the past year.

In now leaving you to the discharge of the important duties that will occupy your attention, I pray that your labours may be attended and directed by Divine guidance to the advancement of the interests of the Colony.

T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col.,
Governor.

12th February, 1891.

Governor
retires.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has adopted the accompanying Resolutions with reference to the course adopted by the Imperial Government in regard to a Convention for Reciprocal Trade between this Colony and the United States of America, and requests its concurrence therein. Message from
Assembly.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
Feb. 12th, 1891. }

The following Resolutions were then read :—

Whereas,—The Legislature has been informed by His Excellency the Governor in the Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session, that Her Majesty's Government has, up to this date, declined to sign the Convention for reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States of America; Resolutions.

And whereas,—This Legislature has been informed that on the eighth day of July, 1890, the delegates appointed by the Government of this Colony to proceed to England to consult and advise with Her Majesty's Government in relation to the interests of this Colony, proposed to Her Majesty's Government that the Colony should be permitted to nego-

Resolutions—
(Continued.)

tiate through Her Majesty's representative at Washington a convention for reciprocal trade with the United States of America ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that after lengthy consideration of this proposal, Her Majesty's Government did, on the eighth day of September last, intimate to the said Delegates the acquiescence of Her Majesty's Government therein, and did consent to one of the said Delegates proceeding to Washington to lay before Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary the views of the Government of this Colony upon this question, and to aid in said negotiations ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that, on the eighth day of November last, Her Majesty's Government advised the immediate return of the Colonial Secretary of this Colony to Washington, with a view to concluding the said negotiations ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that, on the sixteenth day of December, a Convention, satisfactory to the Government of this Colony, and in accordance with that proposed by the said Delegates to and accepted by Her Majesty's Government, was agreed to by the United States Secretary of State on behalf of his Government, and Her Majesty's Government has not assented to the ratification, although most strongly urged thereto by the Government of this Colony ;

And whereas,—It is deemed of paramount importance that the said Convention should be ratified without further delay ;

Be it Resolved,—That the consideration of His Excellency's Speech be deferred until there be an

expression of opinion to be communicated to Her Majesty in relation thereto. Resolutions—
(Continued.)

Resolved,—That the Legislature views with profound disappointment and alarm, the failure of Her Majesty's Government to carry out its solemn obligations to this Colony. They are aware of the interference of Canada in relation to this matter, and they cannot fail to appreciate the same as a menace to the independence of the Colony. They emphatically protest against the interests of this Colony being made subservient to those of the Dominion of Canada, and they regard the delay that has occurred in the ratification of the said Convention as entirely unjustifiable, and as evidencing an utter disregard for the prosperity and well-being of this Colony.

Resolved,—That the delay occasioned by Her Majesty's Government in ratifying the said Convention, is regarded by this Legislature as unfriendly and hostile, and is calculated to permanently disturb that loyalty for which this Colony has, in the past, been remarkable.

Resolved,—That the Legislature most strongly urges Her Majesty's Government to immediately fulfil its pledge to this Colony by ratifying the said Convention.

The Hon. Mr. Angel moved the adoption of the said Resolutions ; Adoption of
Resolutions
moved.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved the following in amendment :—

“That, whereas this House is not in possession of any information relative to the proceedings in connection with the proposed Convention, it is in- Amendment.

pedient to proceed with the further consideration of the proposed Resolutions until the House be furnished with sufficient documentary and other evidence to enable it to arrive at a correct decision on the question submitted."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel,—

Debate
adjourned.

Ordered,—That the debate on the said Resolutions be adjourned until to-morrow.

Adjourned.

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

Friday, February 13th, 1891.

House

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Motion for
adoption of
Resolutions.

The Hon. Mr. Angel moved that the Resolutions sent up, with reference to the course adopted by the Imperial Government in regard to a Convention for reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States of America, be adopted;

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved in amendment,—

“That, whereas this House is not in possession ^{Amendment.} of any information relative to the proceedings in connection with the proposed Convention, it is inexpedient to proceed with the further consideration of the proposed Resolutions until the House be furnished with sufficient documentary and other evidence to enable it to arrive at a correct decision on the question submitted.”

And the question on the Amendment having ^{Division on Amendment.} been put, there appeared—

Contents :

Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
Monroe.

Non-Contents :

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Cleary,
Rendell,
Angel,
McKay,
Skelton.

So it passed in the negative ;

And the question on the original motion having ^{Division on original motion.} been put, there appeared—

Contents :

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Angel,
McKay,
Skelton.

Non-Contents :

Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
Monroe,
Rendell.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly, and

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House ^{Message to Assembly.} of Assembly, informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Resolutions.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

Select Com-
mittee on
Address of
Thanks
appointed.

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

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Skelton, Angel, Monroe, McKay, and Rendell, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Address with reference to the Resolutions relative to the course adopted by the Imperial Government, in regard to a Convention for Reciprocal Trade between this Colony and the United States of America, and requests its concurrence therein.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
February 13th, 1891. }

*To His Excellency Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN,
Lieutenant-Colonel, Knight Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and
St. George, Governor and Commander-in-
Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to His
Excellency the
Governor.

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Resolutions, which

they respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward by telegraph to Her Majesty's Government, through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
February 13th, 1891. }

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas,—The Legislature has been informed Resolutions.
by His Excellency the Governor in the Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session, that Her Majesty's Government has, up to this date, declined to sign the Convention for reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States of America ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that on the eighth day of July, 1890, the delegates appointed by the Government of this Colony to proceed to England to consult and advise with Her Majesty's Government in relation to the interests of this Colony, proposed to Her Majesty's Government that this Colony should be permitted to negotiate through Her Majesty's representative at Washington a Convention for reciprocal trade with the United States of America ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that after lengthy consideration of this proposal, Her Majesty's Government did, on the eighth day of September last, intimate to the said Delegates the acquiescence of Her Majesty's Government therein, and did consent to one of the said Delegates proceeding to Washington to lay before Her Majesty's

Resolutions—
(Continued.) Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary the views of the Government of this Colony upon this question, and to aid in said negotiations ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that, on the eighteenth day of November last, Her Majesty's Government advised the immediate return of the Colonial Secretary of this Colony to Washington, with a view to concluding the said negotiations ;

And whereas,—The Legislature has been informed that, on the sixteenth day of December, a Convention, satisfactory to the Government of this Colony, and in accordance with that proposed by the said Delegates to and accepted by Her Majesty's Government, was agreed to by the United States' Secretary of State on behalf of his Government, and Her Majesty's Government has not assented to the ratification, although most strongly urged thereto by the Government of this Colony ;

And whereas,—It is deemed of paramount importance that the said Convention should be ratified without further delay ;

Be it Resolved,—That the consideration of His Excellency's Speech be deferred until there be an expression of opinion to be communicated to Her Majesty in relation thereto.

Resolved,—That this Legislature views with profound disappointment and alarm, the failure of Her Majesty's Government to carry out its solemn obligations to this Colony. They are aware of the interference of Canada in relation to this matter, and they cannot fail to appreciate the same as a menace to the independence of this Colony. They emphatically protest against the interests of this

Colony being made subservient to those of the Dominion of Canada, and they regard the delay that has occurred in the ratification of the said Convention as entirely unjustifiable, and as evidencing an utter disregard for the prosperity and well-being of this Colony.

Resolutions—
(Continued.)

Resolved,—That the delay occasioned by Her Majesty's Government in ratifying the said Convention, is regarded by this Legislature as unfriendly and hostile, and is calculated to permanently disturb that loyalty for which this Colony has, in the past, been remarkable.

Resolved,—That the Legislature most strongly urges Her Majesty's Government to immediately fulfil its pledge to this Colony by ratifying the said Convention.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the said Address was read and adopted, and

Address adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Assembly, informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Address.

Message to Assembly.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for an Address to His Excellency the Governor asking for all Correspondence between His Excellency and the Imperial Government on the subject of the *modus vivendi* of 1890, between Great Britain and France, in regard to French Treaty rights in Newfoundland;

Notices of motion.

Also, for a copy of the reply of His Excellency to Lord Knutsford's despatch of the 10th November, 1890, which appeared in the *Royal Gazette* of December 9th, 1890;

Notices of
motion.

Also, for an Address to His Excellency the Governor, asking for Correspondence or other information received by him in relation to a renewal of the *modus vivendi*, or the arrangement of a new *modus vivendi* for the coming season.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of the House a detailed statement of expenditure incurred in connection with the sending of official delegation to London on the subject of French Treaty questions, shewing the amount incurred by or on account of each of the several members of the delegation ;

Also, to ask for copies of the Commissions or other documents, under which the Delegates were appointed, and of the instructions given to the said Delegates, and each of them.

Adjourned.

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

Wednesday, February 18th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*,

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MCKAY,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, presented a draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

Draft of Address of Thanks presented and read 1st time.

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

The Hon. Mr. Skelton gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of the House, as regards the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Notice of motion.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Harvey, Cleary, Monroe, Rendell and Angel be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, February 19th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read.

Petitions laid on
Table.

The Hon. the President laid on the Table a Petition from Michael Grills, praying for the office of Messenger to the Legislative Council ;

Also, a Petition from Joseph Baldwin, praying for the same office ;

Also, a Petition from Patrick Wall, praying for the same office ;

Also, a Petition from James Quirk, praying for the same office.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies. Referred to Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, was read a second time. Address of Thanks read 2nd time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor. 35th Rule suspended.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, February 20th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, February 20th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, <i>President.</i>	Members present.
The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,	
P. CLEARY,	
J. S. PITTS,	
G. T. RENDELL,	
J. ANGEL,	
A. M. MACKAY,	
G. SKELTON.	

The Minutes of Thursday last were read. Minutes read.

Petitions laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. McKay laid on the Table a Petition from Daniel Crotty, praying for the office of Messenger to the Legislative Council;

Also, a Petition from George Henry Scott, praying for the same office.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

To be presented.

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

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address.

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, respectfully thank Your Excel-

lency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature. Address—
(Continued.)

It is a matter of congratulation that the Seal-fishery of last Spring was above the average, and the Labrador fishery the largest for many years past.

It is satisfactory to learn that the condition of the people of the Colony has been to some extent improved, mainly in consequence of a good harvest; and it is further gratifying to be informed of the increase of revenue and Savings' Bank deposits, and of the absence of any expenditure on account of able-bodied poor.

It is a matter of much concern that delay has occurred on the part of the Imperial Government with regard to the Convention on our trade relations with the United States of America.

Respecting mining industries we trust your Excellency's anticipations will be realized by the introduction of further capital, for the development of our minerals.

It is a subject of regret to find that the negotiations opened by Her Majesty's Government with the Government of France, for the withdrawal of the French from the Treaty Shore of this Island, which would have given effect to the terms of the joint address of both Houses of the Legislature to Her Majesty the Queen during the last Session, have not been favourably received by the Government of France.

We thank Your Excellency for the information regarding Railway matters, and trust that the contract for the construction of the Hall's Bay Railway may prove in every way satisfactory.

Address—
(Continued.)

We hope that the Survey to the West Coast will be of great value in determining which route is to be preferred, should it be deemed advisable to extend the Railway West from Exploits.

We shall be glad to receive the Report of the Commission appointed to take evidence upon the effect of the Bait Act on the trade and commerce of the Colony.

Due consideration will be given to any measure submitted, respecting the improvement in our Educational institutions.

The appointment of a competent Lloyd's Surveyor cannot fail to be of great value to those engaged in our trade and fisheries.

The taking of the Census of the Colony will, on the present occasion, be a matter of peculiar interest, forming as it will a part of the simultaneous Census of the whole British Empire.

We thank Your Excellency for the promise to place before us Despatches, and other important papers.

We have great reason to be thankful to the Almighty for the abatement of diphtheria, and for the immunity the Colony has enjoyed from other calamities during the past year.

We trust that our Legislative duties may be directed by Divine guidance, to the advancement of the interests of the Colony.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
20th February, 1891. }

The Hon. Mr. Rendell, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Monroe, gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government what are the intentions and plans of the Government in reference to the Bait Act for the coming season. Notice of motion.

Whether Bait will be allowed to be supplied on any terms to the French and Americans, and if so, on what terms?

Whether Bait will be supplied to Canadians, and if so, on what terms?

The Hon. the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency on to-morrow at Eleven o'clock. Governor will receive Address of Thanks.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table:—

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Fisheries' Commission for 1890. Document laid on Table.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, February 21st, at a quarter to Eleven o'clock, A. M. Adjourned.

Saturday, February 21st, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of a
quorum.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday next, February 23rd, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, A. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, February 23rd, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
P. CLEARY,
G. T. RENDELL,
J. ANGEL,
A. M. MACKAY,
G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, February 20th, and Saturday, February 21st, were read.

Council presents
Address of
Thanks.

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

At a quarter to Twelve o'clock the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that

His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return an answer thereto in the following words:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

In acknowledging the receipt of your loyal and dutiful Address, I feel I can depend on your using your best endeavours towards the promotion of the prosperity of the Colony, and the welfare of its inhabitants; as well as on your calmly and dispassionately weighing whatever weighty questions may be brought before you.

T. O'BRIEN, *Lt.-Col.,*
Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
23rd February, 1891. }

The Hon. Mr. Angel laid on the Table a Petition from Thomas C. Kennedy, praying for the office of Messenger to the Legislative Council.

Petition laid on Table.

Ordered,—To be referred to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, February 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

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

Petitions laid on
Table.

The Hon. the President laid on the Table a Petition from James K. Burke, praying for the office of Messenger to the Legislative Council.

Ordered,—To be referred to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Questions
asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of the House a detailed statement of expenditure incurred in connection with the sending of official delegation to London on the subject of French Treaty questions, shewing the amount incurred by or on account of each of the several members of the Delegation.

Also, for copies of the Commissions or other documents under which the delegates were appointed,

and of the instructions given to the said delegates, and each of them.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied.

Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Representative of the Government what are the intentions and plans of the Government in reference to the Bait Act for the coming season; whether Bait will be allowed to be supplied on any terms to the French and Americans, and if so, on what terms. Whether Bait will be supplied to Canadians, and if so, on what terms.

Question asked.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied.

Reply.

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

Adjourned.

Monday, March 2nd, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Member present

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned for
want of quorum. The Honorable the President declared the House
adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, at half-past
Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned for
want of quorum. The Honorable the President declared the House
adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at half-past
Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Thursday, March 5th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Wednesday, February 25th;
Monday, March 2nd; Tuesday, March 3rd, and
Wednesday, March 4th, were read.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved the following Addresses, which were severally read and adopted :—

Addresses to His Excellency the Governor adopted.

To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council respectfully requests that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between your Excellency and the Imperial Government on the subject of the *modus vivendi* of 1890 between Great Britain and France, in regard to French Treaty rights in Newfoundland ;

Also, for copies of correspondence or other information received by your Excellency in relation to a renewal of the *modus vivendi* or the arrangement of a new *modus vivendi* for the coming season.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
5th March, 1891. }

To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

Address.

The Legislative Council respectfully requests that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of the reply of your Excellency to Lord Knutsford's Despatch of the 10th November, 1890, which appeared in the *Royal Gazette* of December 9th, 1890.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
5th March, 1891. }

Deputation to present Address.

Ordered,—That the Honorables Messrs. Harvey and Pitts be a Deputation to present the said Address.

Document laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents :—

Telegraphic Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies of date 18th November, 1890, in reference to the proposed Convention for reciprocal trade between Newfoundland and the United States.

Despatch from Lord Knutsford to Sir Terence O'Brien, of date 12th February, 1891, upon the same subject.

Telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of date 17th February, 1891, upon the same subject.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House a copy of a Despatch from the Government of Canada, of date 12th April, 1887, to the Right Hon. the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir H. Holland, with a copy of a report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada thereto attached, in reference to the so-called "Newfoundland Bait Act."

For copies of the replies of the Colonial Delegates, Sir R. Thorburn and Sir A. Shea, to the objections urged by the Government in aforesaid document to the passage of the Bait Act, and for copies of all telegrams sent by or to said Delegates to or from the Governments of the Dominion of Canada or of Newfoundland.

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



Notice of motion.

Minutes read.
Questions asked.

Papers laid on Table.
Papers asked for.

Monday, March 9th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

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

Questions asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Pitts asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of the House copy of a Despatch from the Government of Canada, of date 12th April, 1887, to the Right Hon. the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir H. Holland, with a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada thereto attached, in reference to the so-called "Newfoundland Bait Act";

Also, for Copies of the replies of the Colonial Delegates, Sir R. Thorburn and Sir A. Shea, to the objections urged by the Government in aforesaid document to the passage of the Bait Act, and for copies of all telegrams sent by or to said Delegates to or from the Governments of the Dominion of Canada or of Newfoundland.

Papers laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table the papers asked for.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents :—

Documents laid
on Table.

Report of Postmaster General, 1890.

Statement of Expenditure for Relief of Poor, '90.

Annual Report of Harbor Grace Water Company, 1890.

Annual Account of Expenditure of Harbor Grace Water Company, 1890.

Statement of Newfoundland Steam Sealing and Whaling Company, 1890.

General Statement of Commercial Bank, 1890.

General Statement of Savings' Bank, 1890.

Annual Report of Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of Newfoundland Coastal Steam Ship Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of Newfoundland Furniture and Moulding Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the Steam Screw Tug Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the St. John's Floating Dry Dock Company, 1890.

Annual Report of the Terra Nova Bakery, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the "Hercules" Steam Ship Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of Monroe Fibre Company, Limited, 1890.

Annual Report of the Colonial Cordage Company, Limited, 1890.

Report of R. E. Forbes, Medical Officer on the Labrador, 1890.

Notices of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government whether the Government is aware that several French Lobster Factories are in course of erection at Port-au-Port, and what action the Government intend to take in connection therewith;

Also, whether any steps are being taken or have been taken by the Government to obtain permission for and recognition of an Acting Consul, resident at St. Pierre, during the continuance of the *modus vivendi*.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House the correspondence of February, 1890, between the Newfoundland Government and Her Majesty's Government referred to in Lord Knutsford's Despatch of February 12th, 1891, and any other information on this question in the possession of the Government.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House a statement of the cost of the Hall's Bay Railway up to the time it was taken over by Contractors. Also, what arrangement has been made for the repayment of this amount to the Treasury; and how much the

Railway Contractors are to pay or to allow for work done by the Government.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Wednesday next, March 11th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 11th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
 T. TALBOT,
 J. S. PITTS,
 M. MONROE,
 G. SKELTON.

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

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked Questions asked. the Hon. Representative of the Government whether the Government is aware that several French Lobster Factories are in course of erection at Port-au-Port, and what action the Government intend to take in connection therewith ;

Also, whether any steps are being taken, or have been taken, by the Government to obtain permission for, and recognition of, an acting Consul, resident at St. Pierre, during the continuance of the *modus vivendi.*

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied. Reply.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked Question asked. the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay

on the Table of this House the Correspondence of February, 1890, between the Newfoundland Government and Her Majesty's Government, referred to in Lord Knutsford's Despatches of February 12th, 1891, and any other information on this question in the possession of the Government.

Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied, and said that the correspondence asked for would be shortly laid on the Table.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Monroe asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House a statement of the cost of the Hall's Bay Railway up to the time it was taken over by Contractors. Also, what arrangement has been made for the repayment of this amount to the Treasury; and how much the Railway Contractors are to pay or to allow for work done by the Government.

Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey replied, and said that the papers asked for would be laid on the Table shortly.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Health Act, 1889," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON, *Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
March 10th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill Public Health Bill read 1st time. sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend 53 Vict., Chapter 20, entitled 'An Act to Amend the Public Health Act, 1889,'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Monday next, March 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, March 16th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
 The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
 T. TALBOT,
 J. ANGEL,
 G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 11th, were Minutes read. read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Public Health Bill read 2nd time. of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend 53 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled 'An Act to Amend the Public Health Act, 1889,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Document laid on Table. Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents :—

Telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies of 12th March, 1891, to Governor O'Brien, renegotiations with France.

Accounts of the Pilots' Commissioners for 1890.

Report of the Medical Health Officers, Saint John's, for 1890 and 1891.

Report of the Officer in charge of the Fishery Protection at Cape John, 1890.

Report of Examiner-in-Chief of Masters and Mates for 1890.

Report of the Union Bank, 1890.

Statement of the Canada Life Insurance Company for 1890.

Adjourned.

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

Wednesday, March 18th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, March 16th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled 'An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1889.'" Committee on Public Health Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed. House resumes.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and Report received.

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

The Hon. Mr. Harvey presented the following Report, which was received, read and adopted :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 16th, 1891. }

The Committee on Printing and Contingencies beg to report that they have arranged for the Printing of the Debates by the *Evening Telegram*, to be copied by the *Times*, *Colonist*, *Harbor Grace Standard*, *Twillingate Sun* and *Trinity Record*; also, the Reports to be supplied in pamphlet form by the *Colonist*. Report of Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

To do Miscellaneous Printing,—*Times*.

Printing Journals,—*Royal Gazette*.

Mr. Shea and Mr. Pittman appointed Reporters for present Session at \$300 each.

(Signed,) A. W. HARVEY, *Chairman*.
JAS. ANGEL,
G. T. RENDELL,
PHILIP CLEARY,

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills entitled, respectively, “ An Act to amend 53 Victoria, Cap. 14, entitled ‘ An Act to amend Title 28, Chap. 109, of the Consolidated Statutes,’ entitled ‘ Of Masters and Servants,’ ” and “ An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens,” to which they request the concurrence of the Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 18th, 1891. }

Masters and
Servants and
Aliens Bill read
1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey the following Bills, entitled respectively, “ An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 14, entitled ‘ An Act to amend Title 28, Chapter 109, of the Consolidated Statutes,’ entitled ‘ Of Masters and Servants’ ”; and “ An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens,” were severally read a first time, and

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

Correspondence
laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table certain Correspondence from 5th June, 1890, to 16th March, 1891, relative to the Newfoundland Fishery question, and the proposed Arbitration on the Lobster question.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Thursday, March 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, March 19th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 18th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend 53 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled 'An Act to Amend the Public Health Act, 1889,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Public Health Bill read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend 53 Vic., Cap. 14, entitled 'An Act to Amend Title 28, Cap. 109, of the Consolidated Statutes,' entitled 'Of Masters and Servants,'" was read a second time, and

Masters and Servants Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Aliens Bill read 2nd time.

entitled "An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Pitts
presents His
Excellency's
replies to
Addresses of
Council.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts, from the Deputation appointed to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the *modus vivendi* of 1890 between Great Britain and France, and on the subject of the renewal of this *modus vivendi* for the coming season, or the arrangement of a new *modus vivendi* ;

Also an Address for copy of reply of His Excellency to Lord Knutsford's Despatch of the 10th November, 1890, which appeared in the *Royal Gazette* of December, 9th, 1890, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Addresses and reply thereto as follows :—

T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col.,
Governor.

The Governor begs to acknowledge the Address of the Legislative Council, requesting that he will cause to be laid before it Copies of Correspondence on the subject of the *modus vivendi* of 1890 between Great Britain and France ; also on the subject of the renewal of this *modus vivendi* for the coming season, or the arrangement of a new *modus vivendi*.

In reply, he has to inform you that in anticipation of your wishes, he some time ago applied to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for a collection of papers upon the whole subject of the French fishery question. He has now these papers in his possession, and they will be presented to you as soon as he receives telegraphic in-

formation that they have been presented to the Imperial Parliament.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 11th March, 1891. }

NEWFOUNDLAND.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 20th Nov., 1890. }

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on this day of your Lordship's Despatch, as per margin. *

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

The Right Honourable

LORD KNUTSFORD, G. C. M. G.,
&c., &c., &c.

* No. 66 of 10th November.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 35th Rule of this House as regards the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53 Victoria, Cap. 14, entitled 'An Act to amend Title 28, Chapter 109, of the Consolidated Statutes,' entitled 'Of Masters and Servants.'"

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Document:—

Ex-Document laid on Table.

Rules and Regulations made by Fisheries' Commission under 52 Victoria, Cap. 6.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

Ordered,—That the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Message to
Assembly.

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have appointed a Select Committee of their body consisting of the following: The Honorable Messrs. Harvey, Monroe and Angel, for the purpose of drafting Addresses to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament upon the subject of the Fishery clauses of the Treaties with France relating to Newfoundland, and respectfully request that the House of Assembly will be pleased to appoint a Select Committee of their body to join with the said Committee of the Council upon the subject.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
19th March, 1891. }

Notice of
motion.

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider the Despatches laid before this House on Wednesday last, in relation to the French Shore Question, so called, and particularly a declaration contained in said Despatches of the British Government's intention to procure the enactment by the British Parliament of a law giving powers to Naval officers similar to those formerly exerciseable under an Act passed in the Reign of George III., and repealed in 1871; and that he will then propose certain Resolutions protesting against the enactment of such a law, demanding delay until the views of this Legislature can be more fully represented, and proposing steps which

should be taken for more effectually pressing upon the British Government, Parliament and people, the opinion of the Legislature and the people of this Colony.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 20th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, March 20th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 14, entitled 'An Act to amend Title 28, Chapter 109, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Masters and Servants.'"

Committee on Masters' and Servants' Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

House resumes.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received,

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

35th Rule suspended as regards Masters' and Servants' Bill.

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 14, entitled ‘An Act to amend Title 28, Chapter 109, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of Masters and Servants.’”

Masters' and Servants' Bill, read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to Assembly.

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

Committee on Aliens Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens.”

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

House resumes.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council, in reply to the message this day re-

ceived from the Legislative Council, that they have appointed the following gentlemen as a Select Committee of this House, to be joined with the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of conferring in relation to the Despatches received from Her Majesty's Government relative to the French Treaties question which were yesterday laid upon the Tables of both branches of the Legislature, namely,—The Honorable the Premier, the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the Honorable Edward P. Morris, Mr. Morine, Mr. Shea, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Speaker.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 19th, 1891. }

The Hon. Mr. Harvey from the Joint Committee appointed to consider the Despatches relative to the French Treaties question, presented the following Resolutions, which were received, read and adopted:—

Resolutions on French Treaties presented and adopted.

Resolved,—That a Delegation, to be selected from Members of the Legislature, be appointed by the Legislature to proceed forthwith to lay before the British Parliament and people the reasons of this Colony opposing the proposed legislation in reference to the French Treaties question, and that in the meanwhile the Committee proceed to consider the propositions which the Delegation shall be empowered to make for the settlement of the whole question.

Resolutions.

Resolved,—That the Delegation proceed to England immediately for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

President's
name added to
Select Commit-
tee on French
Treaties
question.

Ordered,—That the name of the Hon. the President be added to the Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the Despatches from Her Majesty's Government relative to the French Treaties question.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, March 21st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, March 21st, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SEHA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Monday next, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, March 23rd, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY.

The Minutes of Friday, March 20th, and Saturday, March 21st, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor :—

Telegram received the 21st March, 1891, by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Telegram from Secretary of State

“ Inform President and Speaker, in reply to their telegram, Bill will not come on in House of Lords for second reading before 16th April, ample time therefore before that date for such further communication as may be desired, but in absence of effective Colonial Legislation securing observance of Treaties and temporary arrangements with France, Her Majesty’s Government must proceed with the Act.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cleary, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens,” as amended, was read a third time Aliens Bill, as amended, read 3rd time and passed.

and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with an Amendment, and requesting their concurrence.

The Amendment is as follows :—

Amendment.

Seventh Section,—Sixth line,—Strike out the word “an,” and insert in place thereof the words “a naturalized.”

Notice of
motion.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries’ Commission and for other purposes.”

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 24th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 24th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

P. CLEARY,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

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

At 4.45 o'clock, p. m., His Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill :—

An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 14, entitled "An Act to amend Title 28, Chapter 109, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Masters and Servants.'" Governor assents to Masters and Servants Bill.

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

Fisheries Com-
mission Bill
read 1st time.

Pursuant to notice, Hon. Mr. Harvey introduced a Bill to amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes," and the same was read a first time, and

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

Notice of
motion.

Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th Rule of this House with reference to the Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes."

Hon. the President informed the House that he had received from the House of Assembly the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that it has had under consideration the Amendments sent down by the Council in and upon the Bill, entitled "An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens," and would ask the Honorable Legislative Council to be pleased to re-consider the same for the reasons accompanying, namely :—

That there can hardly be a naturalized alien, there may be a free born British subject, and a naturalized British subject, and "an alien"; and there is no objection in the English law to a naturalized British subject holding a ship, and the Section is only introduced out of abundance of caution to prevent an alien holding a British ship or part thereof.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, March 23rd, 1891.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

Ordered,—That this House do recede from their Council recedes from Amend-ment on Aliens Bill.
 Amendments in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens,” and, on like motion, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and the Bill read 3rd time and passed.
 Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Hon. Mr. Harvey, as Chairman of Joint Com- Report of Joint Committee on French Rights presented and adopted.
 mittee appointed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, upon the matters contained in the Despatches laid upon the Table by command of His Excellency the Governor, relating to French Treaty rights, presented the following Report:—

The Select Committee, appointed by the Legis- Report.
 lative Council to confer with the Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly upon the matters contained in the Despatches laid on the Table by command of His Excellency the Governor relating to French Treaty rights, beg to report the following Resolutions:—

Resolved,—That five persons, two from the Council and three from the Assembly, be appointed a delegation; and that the Government and Opposition parties in the Council be permitted to name a representative each, the Government party in the House of Assembly two representatives, and the Opposition one representative.

Resolved,—That when a majority of the Delegates agree to any basis of arrangement and settle-

ment, the delegation shall recommend it to the Legislature, and that each member of the delegation shall be bound by a decision of a majority of the Legislature and pledged to use his best effort to procure adoption afterwards by the Legislature of any arrangement made by the delegation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. HARVEY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
March 23rd, 1891. }

Which was received and read, and, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, adopted.

Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 23rd March, 1891.

Telegram from
Secretary of
State to the
Governor.

TELEGRAM.

“The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs duly received telegram of 20th, conveying Resolutions.

“Following answer was given to-day to questions in House of Commons :—

“The Secretary of State telegraphed on Saturday to the Governor of Newfoundland, requesting him to inform President of the Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly that the Bill to give effect to the *modus vivendi* would not be proceeded with in the House of Lords until the 16th of April, allowing ample time for such further communication from the Parliament of Newfoundland as

they might think it right to make; but it would be necessary, if the Colony fail to make Legislative provisions for the observance of existing Treaties and the temporary arrangements with France, for Her Majesty's Government to proceed with the Bill.

“There will be a provision in Imperial Bill suspending its operation if and when Newfoundland Legislature passes law sufficiently providing for carrying out fishery engagements as required by Her Majesty's Government.”

The Hon. the President laid on the Table telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

TELEGRAM.

“Inform President of Council and Speaker of House of Assembly that telegram received. Telegraph when Delegates leave.”

Telegram from Secretary of State to the Governor.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, March 25th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Member present.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 26th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Thursday, March 26th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 24th, and Wednesday, March 25th, were read.

Fisheries Commission Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill to amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

35th Rule suspended.

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the Bill "To amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes.'"

Committee on Fisheries Commission Bill.

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

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

House resumes.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend- Bill reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time, and Read 3rd time
and passed.

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries’ Commission, and for other purposes,’” and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, Message to
Assembly. with message, that this House had passed the same, and requesting their concurrence therein.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon’ble Message. Legislative Council that, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislature to consider the matters relating to French Treaty rights, it has appointed the Hon. Sir W. V. Whiteway, K. C. M. G., the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Mr. Morine, to be a delegation from this House to co-operate with the Members appointed by the Council in accordance with the terms of the Resolutions.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 25th, 1891. }

Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until Saturday, March 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, March 28th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

P. CLEARY,

G. T. RENDELL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

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

Notice of motion. The Hon. Mr. Cleary gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. the Representative of the Government at what time our Lloyd's Surveyor may be expected to arrive here.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Telegram :—

Telegram received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 26th March, 1891.

Telegram. " Referring to your telegram of the 25th inst., Bill revives Sections 12 and 13 of 5th George IV., Cap. 51, and empowers the Queen, by order of Privy Council, to suspend its operation if Newfoundland

Legislature passes law making sufficient provision for carrying out, under the Queen's Instructions, fishery engagements with France, including any temporary arrangements made either before or after passing of Act, for adjusting differences. Copy of Bill will be sent as soon as circulated here."

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

Messages from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Postal Service of this Colony," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

Message.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 28th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

Message.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 28th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Postal Service of this Colony," and "An Act to

Postal and Merchandize Marks' Bills, read a first time.

amend the Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888," were severally read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

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

Monday, March 30th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
T. TALBOT,
G. T. RENDELL,
A. M. MACKAY,
G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday, March 28th, were read.

Postal Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Postal Service," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Merchandize Marks' Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

In reply to a question of which the Hon. Mr. Reply. Cleary had given notice, he being now absent, the Hon. Representative of the Government said it had been announced that our Lloyd's Surveyor would leave England for here on the 14th April.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-Adjoined. morrow, Tuesday, March 31st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, March 30th, were Minutes read. read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committee on of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Com- Postal Bill. mittee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Postal Service."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

House resumes.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend- Bill reported, ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Merchandize
Marks' Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

House resumes.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Correspondence
laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Harvey, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table:—

Correspondence relating to a proposed convention to regulate questions of Commerce and Fishery between the United States and Newfoundland; also, Correspondence from Lord Knutsford to Sir T. O'Brien, of date March 12th, 1891, in reference to "fixed settlements" on the French Treaty Shore.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey,—

Ordered,—That the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Message.

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly in reply to their Message of the 25th inst., that in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legis-

lature to consider the matters relating to French Treaty Rights, they have appointed the Hon. Mr. Harvey and the Hon. Mr. Monroe, to be a Delegation from this House to co-operate with the Members appointed by the House of Assembly in accordance with the terms of the Resolutions.

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(Signed,) E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
31st March, 1891. }

The Hon. Mr. Monroe gives notice that he will, on an early day of next session, ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Acts in relation to the taking and killing of Seals and the prosecution of the Seal-fishery, and especially as to the date of sailing of Steamers on said voyage, and of the time of killing of Seals by the crews of Steam-vessels.

Notice of motion.

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

Adjourned.

Wednesday, April 1st, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. SKELTON.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum,

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Thursday, April 2nd, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SEHA, *President*.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 31st, and Wednesday, April 1st, were read.

Postal Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Postal Service," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to Assembly.

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

Merchandize Marks' Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to Assembly.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble ^{Message.} Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to Amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 21, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,'" to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 1st, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble ^{Message.} Legislative Council that it has passed the Bill, sent down from the Council, entitled "An Act to Amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes,'" with some amendments, to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 1st, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accom- ^{Message.}panying Address to His Excellency the Governor, in which they respectfully request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 1st, 1891. }

ADDRESS.

Address to the
Governor.

To His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. O'BRIEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly beg to acquaint Your Excellency that they have appointed a Delegation, consisting of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Hon. Mr. Monroe, the Hon. the Premier, His Honor the Speaker of the Assembly, and Mr. Morine (one of the members for Bonavista), to proceed immediately to England to lay before the British Parliament and people the reasons of this Colony for opposing the proposed legislation now before the Imperial Parliament in reference to the French Treaties question, and respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate and pay out of the general revenue of this Colony such sums as may be necessary towards the expenses of the said Delegation, and the Council and Assembly will make due provision for the same.

GEO. H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 1st, 1891. }

Assembly's
Amendments on
Fisheries' Com-
mission Bill read
1st and 2nd time,
committed and
passed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Amendments made by the Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Formation

of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes,' ”
were read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Amendments without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Amendments were then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Bill Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Bill read first time.
sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 21, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,’ ” was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Address Address to the Governor adopted re Delegates' expenses.
to His Excellency the Governor for an appropriation of money for the expenses of the Delegation to England on the French Treaties question, was read and adopted.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House Message to Assembly.
of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said Address.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, April 3rd, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,
T. TALBOT,
J. S. PITTS,
A. M. MACKAY,
G. SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday, April 2nd, were read.

Resolutions from Bonavista re Act 5th Geo. IV., cap. 51, presented. The Hon. the President presented certain Resolutions from the inhabitants of Bonavista, passed at a public meeting, protesting against the proposed re-enactment of the Act 5 Geo. IV., Cap. 51, which were received and read.

Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Bill read 2nd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Harvey, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 21, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Report of Joint Committee on French Treaties Questions presented. The Hon. Mr. Harvey, from the Joint Select Committee appointed by the Legislature to consider the question of French Treaty rights, presented the following Report, which was received and read :—

Report. The Joint Select Committee, appointed by the Legislature to consider the question of French Treaty rights, beg to report that they have drafted the accompanying Petition to the British Houses of Parlia-

ment, which they now present for the consideration of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. HARVEY,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 3rd, 1891. }

To the Honorable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

We, the Legislative Council and House of As-^{Petition.}sembly, in Session convened, beg leave to approach your Honorable House to appeal to you for protection and support under circumstances which have filled the minds of all classes in this country with profound anxiety and dismay.

Your Honorable House is aware that the old time difficulties, consequent upon the Treaties between Great Britain and France on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries, have of late years assumed even unaccustomed gravity, producing painful and ceaseless agitation among our people. Two Delegations proceeded from here during last session to represent to Her Majesty's Government the exorbitant growth of the claims of the France under alleged sanction of Treaties, and the further injustice wrought to the community of Newfoundland. Their efforts for redress have been so far unsuccessful, and we are now confronted with a new evil, essentially more intolerable than those with which experience has made us but too familiar.

We refer to the proposal of Her Majesty's Government, by a Bill now before Parliament to re-enact

Petition—
(Continued).

the Act of Geo. 4, Cap. 51, for the better conduct of the Treaties between Great Britain and France respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries, which Act was repealed in 1871.

This Act embodied provisions of an arbitrary and oppressive character, wholly repugnant to those principles of liberty and justice which are held to be the basis of modern British legislation. They conferred upon the officers of Her Majesty's ships engaged in the Fisheries protective service, who were entrusted with the settlement of Treaty disputes, powers of summary adjudication independent of all the restrictions and safeguards which British law has devised for the defence of the inherent rights of British subjects. These powers extended to most severe penal inflictions, and were beyond all appeal. And when it is remembered that they were exercised by persons unacquainted with legal procedure, and whose peculiar training and habits of thought and action dictated unquestioning submission to their decrees, it must be manifest that extreme hardship and injustice were the frequent and inevitable results.

It may be alleged that while yet the Act of Parliament in question was on the Statute Book, it had been allowed to lapse into comparative desuetude—so incompatible with modern civilization would have been the application of this barbarous law. But, unhappily, the record of the years 1887, 1888 and 1889 gives instances of its enforcement under assumed authority, with disastrous consequences to the property and industry of some of Her Majesty's subjects engaged in the Fisheries of Newfoundland.

We submit that this law could not now possibly be rendered applicable to the circumstances which it

is designed to meet. All social and general conditions in Newfoundland, and particularly on those parts of the Coasts affected by the Treaties have undergone a radical and complete change, in the many years that have elapsed since the law under consideration was enacted. There was then no resident population in these localities. Population has long since settled there in considerable numbers, and trade and various sources of employment have become developed and yield their contributions to our Customs' Revenue. Several years ago Her Majesty's Government confirmed the occupation of the Coast by acceding to the desire of the residents for representation in the House of Assembly, and for the appointment of Magistrates and police. They are periodically visited by the Supreme Court on Circuit; they have regular communication with the rest of the Country, and with Canada by mail and passenger steamers; in a word, all the ordinary institutions of civil life to the extent to which the means of the Colony enable it to provide them. The permanence of their position being thus conclusively assured and recognized, it can hardly be necessary to point out with what cruel severity, with what destructive effect the proposed law would operate upon the trade, the industries and every other appreciable interest of this section of our people. It must be clear beyond reach of doubt that to recall this instrument of coercion in their case would be to outrage the feelings and the rights of the law-abiding and loyal inhabitants of this whole dependency of the British Crown.

We would, therefore, most earnestly implore your Honorable House by all your honored and

Petition—
(Continued).

revered traditions, to desist from inflicting upon the people of this country the calamity of such an enactment as that which is now in contemplation.

We would remind your Honorable House that Her Majesty's Government and that of France have lately agreed on arbitration respecting the Newfoundland fisheries; this tribunal, however, proposing to deal with one question only, and this the recent question of the Lobster fishery. This partial proceeding has been decided not only without reference to the Newfoundland Government, but against their emphatic protest. We, too, on the part of the Colony, beg to present an equally emphatic protest against a course adopted in direct violation of the principles of that constitutional form of Government which it is our privilege to possess.

We would, in conclusion, respectfully invoke the aid of your Honorable House for the protection of the Treaty rights of Newfoundland against the demands of the French for an exclusive fishery, including Lobster fishing on those portions of Coast where they hold acknowledged privileges. The rights of British subjects have been on several occasions declared, and the pretensions of the French disallowed by some of the ablest of the Statesmen of Britain,—notably by Lord Palmerston, and only last year by the Marquis of Salisbury. We feel that your Honorable House will recognize the justice of our prayer that the definitions of these high authorities shall not continue to be mere theoretic pronouncements which France is permitted to contravene, but shall be carried out in their true significance and to their full practical effect.

We beg to inform your Honorable House that we have appointed the Honorables Sir William Valance Whiteway, K. C. M. G., Augustus W. Harvey, M. L. C., Moses Monroe, M. L. C., His Honor the Speaker of the House of Assembly (George H. Emerson, Esq.,) and Mr. Alfred B. Morine, M. H. A., as a delegation to present this remonstrance; and we pray that they may be heard at the Bar of your Honorable House.

Petition—
(Continued).

The Hon. Mr. Harvey gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the adoption of the Petition to the British Houses of Parliament reported from the Joint Committee, respecting the proposed re-enactment of the Act 5th Geo. IV., Cap. 51.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, April 4th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Saturday, April 4th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables A. W. HARVEY,

T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Friday, April 3rd, were read.

Minutes read.

Committee on Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 21, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.'"

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

House resumes.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Petition to British Parliament adopted.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Harvey, the Petition to the British Houses of Parliament, reported from the Joint Committee respecting the proposed re-enactment of the Act 5 Geo. IV., Cap. 51, was adopted.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, April 6th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 6th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable	E. D. SHEA, <i>President.</i>	Members present.
The Honorables	A. W. HARVEY,	
	T. TALBOT,	
	J. S. PITTS,	
	J. ANGEL,	
	A. M. MACKAY,	
	G. SKELTON.	

The Minutes of Saturday, April 4th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communication from the Hon. Mr. Monroe :—

Note from Hon. M. Monroe transmitting Governor's leave of absence to him.

ST. JOHN'S, April 6th, 1891.

HON. E. D. SHEA,
President Legislative Council ;—

SIR,—

I beg respectfully to enclose the reply of His Excellency the Governor to my request for leave of absence during the time I am engaged on the Delegation from Legislature, on the matters relating to French Shore, and which I would be obliged you would lay before the Council.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

M. MONROE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 4th April. }

SIR,—

Under the circumstances, I have much pleasure in granting you the leave you ask for.

Yours faithfully,

T. O'BRIEN,
Governor.

To the Hon'ble M. MONROE, M. L. C.

Births, Marriages and Deaths Registration Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 21, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,' " as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to Assembly.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with an Amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

Amendment.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Second Section,—Fifth and sixth lines,—Strike out the words "either to the Registrar General in St. John's, or."

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 8th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 8th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.* Member present.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 9th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum. Adjourned for want of quorum.

Thursday, April 9th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SEHA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,
J. S. PITTS,
G. T. RENDELL,
J. ANGEL,
A. M. MACKAY,
G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, April 6th, and Wednesday, April 8th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly :— Messages from Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accom- Message.

panying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen's Insurance Act," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 8th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying for ratification of the Convention lately arranged with the United States of America, and they request that the Legislative Council will be pleased to concur in the same.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
the 8th day of April, 1891. }

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

Address to the
Queen.

We, Your Majesty's humble and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland in Session convened, having had under consideration the Correspondence and Despatches relative to the negotiations lately had between Great Britain and the United States of America for the improvement of Commercial relations between the United States and this Colony, and having considered the Convention submitted by the United States' Secretary of State to Your Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at Washington, are deeply impressed with the great advantages which

would ensue to this Colony from the operation of such a Convention.

We learn from the said Despatches that hitherto Your Majesty's Ministers deemed it inexpedient to comply with the request of the Government of this Colony that the said Convention be ratified.

We believe that while the completion of the proposed arrangement will so materially tend to the prosperity of this Colony, Canadian interests would not be affected to such an extent as would justify the withholding of such material benefits from the people of Newfoundland; and we most humbly submit that the negotiations having been entered upon with Your Majesty's assent, and having been completed to the satisfaction of the Government of this Colony, with the assistance of Your Majesty's Minister at Washington, we might reasonably have expected Your Majesty's assent to the Convention so agreed to.

On behalf of the people of this Your Majesty's oldest Colony, who have ever exhibited the greatest loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's person and Throne, we now humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased to ratify the said Convention.

Deign Most Gracious Sovereign to accept our profoundest expressions of loyalty and affection.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, }
April 8th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen's Insurance Act," was read a first time, and Bank Fishermen's Bill read 1st time,

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

Address to the
Queen read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, praying for the ratification of the Convention lately arranged with the United States of America, was read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Debate with
closed doors.

Ordered,—That the Debate on the said Address be conducted with closed doors.

Motion for
adoption of
Address.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot moved that the said Address be adopted.

And the question having been put, there appeared,—

Contents : *Non-Contents :*

Division.

Hons. Messrs. Talbot, Angel, Mackay, Skelton.	Hon. Messrs. Pitts, Rendell.
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Passed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Address was then adopted and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said Address.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 10th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, April 10th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Members
present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

G. SKELTON.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, April 11th. for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

Saturday, April 11th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Member present.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday next, April 13th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

Monday, April 13th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Member present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

G. T. RENDELL.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, April 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

Tuesday, April 14th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for want of quorum. The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, April 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P.M., for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, April 15th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present. The Honorable Mr. SKELTON, *Senior Member present, presiding.*

Adjourned for want of quorum. The Honorable Mr. Skelton declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Thursday, April 16th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for want of quorum. The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, at half-past Four P. M., for want of a quorum.

Friday, April 17th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members
present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 9th, Friday, April 10th, Saturday, April 11th, Monday, April 13th, Tuesday, April 14th, Wednesday, April 15th, and Thursday, April 16th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen’s Insurance Act,” was read a second time, and Bank Fishermen’s Bill
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:— Messages from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have adopted, without amendment, the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 21, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.’” Message.

J. A. CLIFT,

Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
The 13th day of April, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Hon'ble Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture,'" to which they request the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 13th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Temperance Act, 1889," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 14th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Victoria, Chap. 18,' entitled 'An Act to amend Title XXVI, Chap. 100, of the Consolidated Statutes,' entitled 'Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's,'" to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 15th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills, entitled respectively,— Agricultural and Pilot's Bill read 1st time.

“ An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled ‘ An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture,’ ” and

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘ An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 18,’ entitled ‘ An Act to amend Title XXVI, Chap. 100 of the Consolidated Statutes,’ entitled ‘ Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's,’ ” were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend the Temperance Act, 1889,” was read a first time, and Temperance Bill read 1st time.

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

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

Monday, April 20th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Committee on Bank Fishermen's Insurance Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen's Insurance Act."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Agricultural Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 18,' entitled 'An Act to amend Title XXVI., Cap. 100, of the Consolidated Statutes,' entitled 'Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's,'" was read a second time, and

Pilotage Bill
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Temperance Act, 1889," was read a second time, and

Temperance Bill
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

Message from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Rules, entitled "Rules and Regulations respecting the Lobster Industry and Cod and Herring Fishery, made under and by virtue of Section 16 of an Act passed in the Fifty-second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries' Commission, and for other purposes,'" to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

Message.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 20th, 1891. }

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the adoption of the Rules relating to the Lobster Industry and Cod and Herring Fishery.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 22nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday last, were read.

The Hon. the President read to the House the following Telegram :—

Telegram.

“ LEGISLATURE—NEWFOUNDLAND :

“ Will be heard, Bar Lords, before second reading; good public reception; interview, Salisbury, Saturday. Bill much more objectionable than reported; legalizes all future arrangements without concurrence of Colony or Parliament, and applies Act George to them.”

Bank Fishermen's Insurance Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen's Insurance

Act," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on Agricultural Bill.} of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture.' "

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amend- ^{Bill reported.} ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion ^{Committee on Pilot's Bill.} of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 18,' entitled 'An Act to amend Title XXVI., Cap. 100, of the Consolidated Statutes,' entitled "Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.' "

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amend- ^{Bill reported} ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Temperance
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Temperance Act, 1889.”

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively, “An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Churches, Theatres, and other Public Buildings,” and “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries,” to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 21st, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill ^{Egress Public Buildings' Bill} sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the means of ^{read 1st time.} Egress from Churches, Theatres, and Public Buildings," was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill ^{Game Bill read 1st time.} sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until ^{Adjourned.} Friday next, April 24th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, April 24th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. SKELTON.

The Honorable the President declared the House ^{Adjourned for want of quorum.} adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Saturday, April 25th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Member present. The Honorable Mr. SKELTON, *Senior Member present, presiding.*

Adjourned for want of quorum. The Honorable Mr. Skelton declared the House adjourned until Monday next, April 27th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, April 27th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present. The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Wednesday, April 22nd, Friday, April 24th, and Saturday, April 25th, were read.

Agricultural Bill read 3rd time and passed. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act for the Promotion of Agriculture,'" as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, Message.
with Message, that this House had passed the same
with an Amendment, and requesting concurrence
therein.

The Amendment is as follows:—

First Section, Sixth line,—Between the word Amendment.
“agriculture” and the word “one,” insert the words
“consisting of nine persons.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Pilots' Bill read
3rd time and
passed.
of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled
“An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year
of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An
Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 18,’ entitled ‘An Act
to amend Title XXVI., Cap. 100, of the Consolidated
Statutes,’ entitled ‘Of Pilots and Pilotage for the
Port of St. John’s,’” was read a third time and
passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Temperance Bill
read 3rd time
and passed.
motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up,
entitled “An Act to amend the Temperance Act,
1889,” was read a third time and passed, and the
Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Egress Public
Buildings' Bill
read 2nd time.
motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up,
entitled “An Act to regulate the means of Egress
from Churches, Theatres, and other Buildings,” was
read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Game Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Fishery Rules
and Regulations
adopted.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Rules and Regulations respecting the Lobster Industry and the Cod and Herring Fisheries, made under and by virtue of Section 16 of an Act passed in the 52nd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to provide for the Formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes,” were adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Rules and Regulations.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to Regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery,” in which they respectfully request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. A. CLIFT,

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
25th April, 1891. }

Acting Speaker,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," was read a first time, and

Seal Fishery
Bill read 1st
time.

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

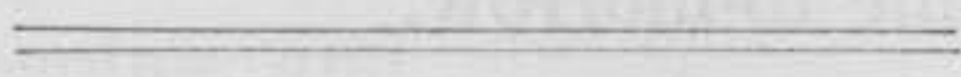
The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government whether the Act of the last Session of the Legislature, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes,'" has received Her Majesty's assent, or whether it has been disallowed;

Notices of
motion.

Also, when the Report of the Commission on the Bait Act, the Reports of the Inspectors of Public Schools, and the Returns required under the Insurance Act, 51 Vic., Cap. 25, will be laid on the Table of this House.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday next, April 29th, 1891, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.



Wednesday, April 29th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, April 27th, were read.

Committee on Egress of Public Buildings.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Churches, Theatres, and other Buildings."

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on Game Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries."

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amend- Bill reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Mr. Seal Fishery Bill
Skelton moved that the Bill sent up, entitled “An read 2nd time.
Act to regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery,”
be read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved in amend- Amendment.
ment, that the said Bill be read a second time this
day six months.

And the question on the Amendment having Division.
been put, there appeared,—

<p><i>Contents, (4) :</i> Hons. Messrs. Pitts, Rendell, Angel, McKay.</p>	<p><i>Non-Contents, (2) :</i> Hons. Messrs. Talbot, Skelton.</p>
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So it passed in the affirmative.

And the question on the original motion having Amendment
been put, it passed in the negative on a similar divi- passed.
sion as the foregoing, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Rendell asked Question asked.
the Hon. Representative of the Government whether
the Act of the last Session of the Legislature, en-
titled “An Act to amend the Act 51 Vic., Cap. 5,

entitled 'An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes,' " has received Her Majesty's assent, or whether it has been disallowed.

Reply. The Hon. Mr. Talbot replied that the Act has been disallowed by Order in Council.

Question asked. Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Rendell asked when the Report of the Commission on the Bait Act, the Reports of the Inspectors of Public Schools, and the Returns required under the Insurance Act 51 Vic., Cap. 25, will be laid on the Table of this House.

Reply. The Hon. Mr. Talbot replied that it was inexpedient to lay the Report of the Commission on the Bait Act upon the Table, but that the other papers would be laid on the Table.

Messages from Assembly. The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message. The House of Assembly respectfully requests the Hon. the Legislative Council to be pleased to allow it to amend the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer," &c., by inserting the phrase "Section I." in the first line of Section III. of the said Bill, in place of Section II.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 28th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble ^{Message.} Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 27th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legisla-^{Message.} tive Council that they concur in the Amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill to amend the Law relating to Agriculture.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 27th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot the Bill sent ^{Crown Lands' Bill read 1st time.} up, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884," was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will, ^{Notices of motion.} on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House the Despatch disallowing the Municipal Act of last Session.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-^{Adjourned.} morrow, Thursday, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, April 30th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 29th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

Ordered,—That the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Message to Assembly.

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, in reply to their Message of the 28th April instant, that they consent to the Assembly's amending the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries," by inserting the phrase "Section I.", in the first line of Section III. of the said Bill, in the place of "Section II."

E. D. SHEA,

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
30th April, 1891. }

The Hon. the President read the following communication :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
28th April, 1891. }

SIR,—

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has this day received the following telegram from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which you are at liberty to communicate to the Legislature.

Letter from
Private Secretary transmitting Telegram.

“ I stated in the House of Lords yesterday that
“ Newfoundland Bill will be passed in House of
“ Lords, but second reading in House of Commons
“ will not be taken until after Whitsuntide; and if
“ Colonial Legislature before then passes an Act
“ making satisfactory provision for carrying out, 1st,
“ *modus vivendi*; 2nd, decision of Lobster arbitration;
“ and 3rd, all existing Treaties and Declarations, Bill
“ will not be further proceeded with.”

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CECIL FANE,

Private Secretary.

The Hon. ROBERT BOND, M.H.A.,

Colonial Secretary.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to Regulate the means of Egress from Churches, Theatres, and other Buildings,” was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Egress Public Buildings' Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Message.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows :—

Amendments on
Egress Public
Buildings' Bill.

First Section,—First line,—After the word “Churches,” insert the word “Orphanages.” In the same line, after the word “Schools,” insert the word “Theatres.”

Fifth Section,—Second line,—After the word “Act,” insert the words “other than provided for by the next preceding Section.”

Educational
Reports laid on
Table.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot laid upon the Table the following Reports :—

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Church of England Boards, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Roman Catholic Boards, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.

Report of the Public Schools of Newfoundland under Methodist Boards, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.

Crown Lands'
Bill read 2nd
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act of 1884,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Rendell asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table of this House the Despatch disallowing the Municipal Act of last Session.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot laid upon the Table the Despatch laid on Table.
Despatch asked for.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on Game Bill read 3rd time and passed.
motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Message from Assembly.
Legislative Council that it has passed the following Bills, entitled respectively, "An Act to amend the Newfoundland Judicature Act, 1889, and the Judicature Act, 1890;" "An Act to amend the Jury Law;" "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within this Colony, in certain cases;" "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, 1891, and for other purposes;" "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony;" and "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;" to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 30th, 1891. }

Judicature,
Assessment of
Water Rates,
Jury Law,
Revenue,
Road, and
Supply Bills,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled, respectively,

"An Act to amend the Newfoundland Judicature Act, 1889, and the Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1890."

"An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within the Colony in certain cases."

"An Act to amend the Jury Law."

"An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

"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 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 31st day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one, and for other purposes," were severally read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

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

Friday, May 1st, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 30th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was read a second time, and

Revenue Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

Supply, Road, Jury Law, Judicature, and Water Rates Assessment Bills, read a 2nd time.

"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 31st day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one, and for other purposes."

"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 amend the Jury Law.”

“ An Act to amend the Newfoundland Judicature Act, 1889,” and the “Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1890,” and

“ An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within the Colony in certain cases,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly beg to acquaint the Legislative Council that they have adopted the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “ An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Churches, Theatres, and other Public Buildings.”

J. A. CLIFT,

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 30th, 1891. } *Acting Speaker.*

Also, the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message to
Assembly con-
sented to In-
spection of
Journals.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that in the Assembly on this day, on motion of Mr. Thompson, it was ordered,—

“ That a Select Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council for the purpose of search as to the proceedings had by the

Legislative Council in relation to the Bill lately sent up from this House to the Council, entitled 'An Act to regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery,' and that it was further ordered, "That the following gentlemen do form such Select Committee, namely, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Whiteley;" and that it was further ordered, "That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, requesting that such Select Committee be permitted to search the said Journals for the said purpose"; and the Assembly accordingly requests that the said Committee may be permitted to search the said Journals for the said purpose.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 30th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Assembly consenting to the Inspection of the Journals of the Council in reference to the proceedings upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," by the Committee of the Assembly appointed for that purpose, in the office of the Clerk, or at such time as may be found convenient by the Assembly, and notified to the Clerk.

Message to
Assembly con-
senting to
inspection of
Journals.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government if any reply has been sent to the Cable Message received from Lord Knutsford on the 28th April, and which was laid on the Table of this Chamber yesterday; and, if so, to lay copy of the same on the Table.

Notices of
motion.

Adjourned.

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

Monday, May 4th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Friday, May 1st, were read.

Petition from
St. John's
Municipal
Council.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot laid upon the Table a Petition from the St. John's Municipal Council, praying that the Bill, entitled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within the Colony in certain cases," be not passed.

Committee on
Crown Lands'
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act of 1884."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

Message from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly requests the Hon'ble the Legislative Council to be pleased to allow it to amend the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," by striking out the words "from the United States" in the 4th line of the 22nd Section of the said Bill contained.

Message.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 4th, 1891. }

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "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 31st day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes."

Committee on
Supply Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill reported,

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Message to
Assembly
consenting to
their amending
Revenue Bill.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that the Council consents to their amending the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” by striking out the words “from the United States” in the 4th line of the 22nd Section of the said Bill.

Committee on
Revenue Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,” was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

ill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on
Road Bill.

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

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889, and the Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1890." Committee on Judicature Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Jury Law." Committee on Jury Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Petition against
Water Rates
Bill read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Petition from the St. John's Municipal Council, praying that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within the Colony in certain cases," be not passed, was read.

Committee on
Water Rates
Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to regulate the Assessment of Property for Water Rates within the Colony in certain cases."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Question asked.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Pitts asked the Hon. Representative of the Government if any reply has been sent to the Cable Message received from Lord Knutsford on the 28th April, and which was laid on the Table of this Chamber yesterday; and, if so, to lay copy of the same on the Table.

Reply.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot replied.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively,—“An Act to amend 53 Victoria, Chapter 26, entitled ‘An Act to amend 52 Victoria, Chapter 24,’ entitled ‘An Act

for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes,' ” and “ An Act to provide for the improvement of Education,” to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 2nd, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Message. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, 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,” to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 4th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“ An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 26, entitled ‘ An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 24,’ entitled ‘ An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes.’ ”

“ An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education,” and

“ 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,” were severally read a first time, and

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

Publication
Consolidated
Statutes, Edu-
cation and
Indemnity Bills,
read 1st time;

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

Tuesday, May 5th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Monday, May 4th, were read.

Crown Lands' Bill, as amended, read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act of 1884," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments on Crown Lands' Bill.

First Section, second line,—After the figures "1884," insert the words "as amended by the Act passed in the 48th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884.'"

Sub-section (*d.*), seventh line,—After the word “dollars,” insert the words “or its equivalent in labour in exploring and developing such mining location.” Amendments on Crown Lands' Bill.— (Continued.)

Sub-section (*e.*),—At the end of the said Sub-section add the following words, “or its equivalent in labour in exploring and developing such mining location.”

Insert as the Second Section the following :—

“2.—Any person holding from the Crown Lands' Office a lease for mining purposes, under the Acts of 1884 and 1885, the necessary survey having been made, and expenses incurred in prospecting and developing the lands under such lease, shall be entitled to a renewal of the lease if applied for within twelve months from the passing of this Act, for a further term of ten years, upon payment into the Crown Lands' Office of the sum of twenty-five dollars.”

Re-number Section 2 as Section 3, and add at the end of the said re-numbered Section the words, “before any Stipendiary Magistrate.”

Re-number Sections 3 and 4 as Sections 4 and 5, respectively.

Re-number Section 5, first line,—Expunge the word “Sections,” and insert in place thereof the word “Section”; and after the figures “63,” in the same line, insert the words “as amended by the Act passed in the 48th year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884.’”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively :—

Revenue,
Supply and
Road Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

“An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies” ;

“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 31st day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes” ; and

“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,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bills be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Judicature Bill,
as amended,
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Newfoundland Judicature Act, 1889, and the Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1890,” as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendment is as follows :—

Amendment on
Judicature Bill.

First Section, first line,—Expunge the figure “2,” and insert in place thereof the following, “Sections of the Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign

of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889.’”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Jury Law,” was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Jury Law Bill,
read 3rd time
and passed.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively:—

“An Act to amend 53rd Victoria, Chapter 26, entitled ‘An Act to amend 52nd Victoria, Chapter 24, entitled ‘An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes’” ; Publication
Consolidated
Statutes, Im-
provement of
Education, and
Indemnity Bills,
read 2nd time.

“An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education” ; and

“An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of the Colony” ; were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 6th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 6th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 5th, were read.

Committee on Publication of Consolidated Statutes Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 26, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 24, entitled 'An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes.'"

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Committee on Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Monday. Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, 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 service of the Colony,” was committed to a Committee of the whole House. Committee on Indemnity Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 7th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Thursday, May 7th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 6th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

Publication Consolidated Statutes and Indemnity Bills, read 3rd time and passed.

“An Act to amend 53rd Vic., Cap. 26, entitled ‘An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 24, entitled ‘An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes,’” and

“An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him out of the Public Treasury for the service of the Colony,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble ^{Message.} Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively, “An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court”; “An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the Town of St. John's”; and “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the Construction and Equipment of a Line of Railway towards Hall's Bay, and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes,’ ” to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 7th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd ^{Railway, Admiralty, and Industrial Exhibition Bills, read 1st time.} year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the Construction and Equipment of a Line of Railway towards Hall's Bay and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes’ ”;

“An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court”; and

“An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the Town of St. John's,” were severally read a first time, and

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

Adjourned. On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, May 8th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, May 8th, 1891.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday last, were read.

Admiralty
Jurisdiction Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Industrial
Exhibition Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the Town of St. John's," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, May 9th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, May 9th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Friday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction in the Supreme Court." Committee on Admiralty Court Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the Town of St. John's." Committee on Industrial Exhibition Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Resolutions relative to the proposed legislation on the French Treaties question, to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 8th, 1891. }

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions
on French Treaties
Question.

Whereas this Legislature did, on the 31st day of March last past, appoint certain Delegates to proceed to London for the purpose of bringing before the British Parliament the views of this Legislature and of the people of the Colony respecting certain legislation about to be introduced by Her Majesty's Government in relation to the French Treaties question in Newfoundland.

And whereas the said Delegates have not succeeded in inducing Her Majesty's Government to with-

draw the proposed legislation, and it has been read a second time in the House of Lords. Resolutions -
(Continued.)

And whereas the said Delegates have advised this Legislature that they deem it advisable that this Legislature should immediately pass temporary Bill enforcing *modus vivendi*, arbitration award, and Treaties in present manner, for this season, provided that the Imperial Bill is dropped, that compensation is secured to possible sufferers, under award, and the principle is admitted of the creation of Courts to discharge judicial functions now performed by Naval Officers, which temporary legislation is to be made into permanent Bill.

And whereas this Legislature, after the most careful consideration of the Delegates' proposal, deemed it necessary to ask for fuller information before arriving at a conclusion respecting their proposal, and resolutions to that effect were cabled by this House to the said Delegates.

And whereas the reply received this day from the said Delegates does not furnish a satisfactory explanation to the Legislature of the action taken by the Delegates, nor even bear out the construction of the Delegates that the legislation proposed is of a merely temporary nature.

Resolved,—That this Legislature cannot assent to the proposal made by the Delegates, or to pass any measure of legislation whatsoever.

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be cabled to the Delegates.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Resolutions on the subject of the French Treaties question and the action of the present delegation thereon, to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 5th, 1891. }

Resolutions on
French Treaties
Question.

Whereas this House did, on the 6th instant, pass certain Resolutions relative to proposals submitted to the Legislature of this Colony by the Delegates appointed by it to express to the British Parliament and people this Colony's objections to the Bill proposed to be enacted by the Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of carrying into effect engagements with France respecting Fisheries in Newfoundland.

And whereas, since the passing of the same, the said Delegates have furnished that fuller information which this House expressed its desire for by a Resolution adopted and transmitted to the said Delegates on the Seventh instant.

And whereas it doth now appear to this House that the proposals made to the Imperial Government and Parliament by the said Delegates, without the approval of this Legislature, embodied the only terms that would likely meet with the

approval of the British Parliament, and thus prevent more objectionable legislation.

Resolved,—That whilst this House strongly protests against the injustice of the legislation demanded by the Imperial Government, it will adopt a measure of legislation in the direction indicated by the said Delegates, on the understanding that the conditions of future permanent legislation shall be approved of by the Colony.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to the Hon'ble Legislative Council asking permission to withdraw the Resolutions sent up to them from this House on the 8th inst., and asking concurrence in the foregoing Resolution.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege on the Resolutions on the French Treaties question sent up this day.

Committee of Privilege on French Treaties Question.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the said Resolutions with an amendment.

Resolutions as amended reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Resolutions, as amended, were then adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Resolutions passed.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly assenting to the withdrawal of the Resolutions on the French Treaties question, and the action of the present Delegation thereon, sent up on May 8th; and also that the Council had passed the Resolutions of date May 9th, on the same subject,

Message.

with an amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Expunge the first Resolution, and insert in place thereof the following words:—

Amendment on Resolutions on French Treaties Question.

Resolved,—That this House will adopt such legislation as may be necessary to carry into effect the proposals made to the Imperial Government and Parliament by the said Delegates.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it concurs in the Amendment made by the Council in and upon the Resolutions upon the subject of the French Treaties question, and the action of the present Delegation thereon, sent up this day, and has passed the same without amendment.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 9th, 1891. }

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, May 11th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 11th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Saturday, May 9th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

Admiralty Court and Industrial Exhibition Bills read 3rd time and passed.

“An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court,” and

“An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the Town of St. John’s,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bills be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education.”

Committee on Education Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the following Resolution :—

Resolution reported to refer Bill to Select Committee.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the Bill, entitled “An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education.”

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon’bles Messrs. Talbot, Pitts and Rendell be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, May 13th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Wednesday, May 13th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Monday, May 11th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon'ble Motion for 2nd reading of Railway Bill. Mr. Talbot moved that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the construction and equipment of a Line of Railway towards Hall's Bay, and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes,' " be read a second time; when there appeared for the motion,—

<i>Contents, (4) :</i>	<i>Non-Contents, (2) :</i>	
Hons. Messrs. Talbot, Cleary, Angel, Skelton.	Hons. Messrs. Pitts, Rendell.	Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts gives notice that he will, on Notice of motion. to-morrow, ask the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table any Despatches or Cables received with reference to the Railway Bill now before the Council.

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

Friday, May 15th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 13th, were read.

Committee on Railway Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the construction and equipment of a Line of Railway to Hall's Bay, and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes.'"

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Pitts asked the Hon. Representative of the Government to lay on the Table any Despatches or Cables received with reference to the Railway Bill now before the Council. Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot replied.

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

Monday, May 18th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, <i>President.</i>	Members present.
The Honorables T. TALBOT,	
J. ANGEL,	
A. M. MACKAY,	
G. SKELTON.	

The Minutes of Friday, May 15th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act passed in the 53rd year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend 52nd Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the construction and equipment of a Line of Railway towards Hall's Bay, and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Railway Bill read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon'ble Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively "The Conveyancing Act, 1891," and "An Act for authorizing the raising a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony," to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May, 14th, 1891. }

Loan Bill read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for authorizing the raising a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony," was read a first time, and

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

Conveyancing Bill read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "The Conveyancing Act, 1891," was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 19th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, May 18th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act for authorizing the raising a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony,” and

Loan and Conveyancing Bills read a 2nd time.

“The Conveyancing Act, 1891,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the Suspension of 35th Rule of the House in reference to all Bills and other business coming before this House for the remainder of the Session.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. the President added the names of the Hons. Messrs. Talbot and Pitts to the Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies, owing to the absence from the Colony of the Hons. Messrs. Harvey and Monroe.

Hons. Messrs. Talbot and Pitts appointed a Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

Message from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Council, in and upon a Bill sent up to them, entitled “An Act to amend the Crown Lands’ Act, 1884,” with some Amendments, and requests its concurrence in the same.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 19th, 1891. }

Assembly’s
Amendments
read 1st and
2nd time ;

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Crown Lands’ Act, 1884,” were read a first and second time, and

Passed.

On motion, were adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same, and

Message.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Amendments.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 20th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Wednesday, May 20th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 19th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for authorizing the raising a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony." Committee on Loan Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. Bill reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "The Conveyancing Act, 1891." Committee on Conveyancing Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress
reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Committee on
Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education.”

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress
reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Messages from
Assembly.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes,” and “An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1890,” to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 19th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the following Bills, entitled respectively “An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of Ship-building,” and “An Act to Incorporate the St. John’s Electric Tramway Company,” (which Bills accompany this Message,) to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 19th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to amend 51 Vic., Chap. 5, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s, and for other purposes’ ”; Municipal, Crown Lands’ and Ship-building Bills, read 1st time.

“An Act to amend the Crown Lands’ Act, 1890,” and

“An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of Ship-building,” were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McKay, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Incorporate the St. John’s Electric Tramway Company,” was read a first time, and Electric Tramway Company Bill, read 1st time.

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

The Hon. the President laid on the Table certain Correspondence and Resolutions from the Delegates in relation to the object of their Mission on the French Treaties question. Correspondence from Delegates laid on Table.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 21st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

House meets.

Thursday, May 21st, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MCKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 20th, were read.

Loan Bill read 3rd time and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for authorizing the raising of a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Committee on Education Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education."

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Bill reported. Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

Crown Lands',
Ship-building
and Municipal
Bills, read
2nd time.

“ An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1890” ;

“ An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of Ship-building,” and

“ An Act to amend 51 Vic., Chap. 5, entitled ‘ An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes,’ ” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

Message from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “ An Act to amend the District Courts' Act, and the Act 52 Victoria, Cap. 25, and an Act entitled ‘ Of Illegitimate Children,’ to which it requests the concurrence of the Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 21st, 1891. }

District Courts'
Bill read
1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the District Courts' Act, and the Act 52 Vic., Cap. 25, and an Act entitled 'Of Illegitimate Children,'" was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

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

Saturday, May 23rd, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members
present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 21st, were read.

Education Bill
read 3rd time
and passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Improvement of Education," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same

with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Strike out the first Section, and insert in place thereof:— Amendments on
Education Bill.

“I.—The Governor in Council may appoint a Board of Commissioners consisting of nine laymen, of whom three shall be members of the Church of Rome, three members of the Church of England, two members of the Methodist Church, and one representing the Presbyterian and other Protestant denominations. The Commission, representing each denomination shall be appointed by the Governor in Council in the nomination of the ecclesiastical bodies they represent, and their term of office shall be two years, subject to re-nomination and re-appointment. Inspectors of Schools, and persons engaged in teaching, shall not be eligible for appointment.”

Section II.—Sub-Section “(c.),” second line—At the end thereof, insert the words “of Board Schools.”

The same Section, Sub-Section “(d.),” second line—After the word “Teachers,” insert the words “of Board Schools.”

The same Section, Sub-Section “(h.),” second and third lines—Strike out the word “increases,” and insert in place thereof the words “votes made”; and from the third line strike out the word “alone.”

Section V.—First line—Strike out the word “seven,” and insert in place thereof the word “five.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to Amend the Crown Lands’ Act, 1890,” Committee on
Crown Lands’
1890 Amend-
ment Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

District Courts' Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the District Courts' Acts, and the Act 52 Vic., Cap. 25, and an Act entitled 'Of Illegitimate Children,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned.

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

Tuesday, May 26th, 1891.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday, May 23rd were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Crown Lands' Act, 1890, Bill, read 3rd time of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1890," and passed. was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up, entitled "The Conveyancing Bill discharged from the Order. Conveyancing Act, 1891," be discharged from the Order.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committee on Ship-building Bill. of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement and Improvement of Ship-building."

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Bill reported. Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committtee on Municipal Bill. of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes.'"

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

District Courts' Bill discharged from the Order.

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the District Courts' Acts, and the Act 52 Vic., Cap. 25, and an Act entitled 'Of Illegitimate Children,' " be discharged from the Order.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. McKay,—

Electric Tramway Bill discharged from the Order.

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the St. John's Electric Tramway Company," be discharged from the Order.

Message from Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message.

The House of Assembly requests the Legislative Council to furnish it with the amount of the Council's Contingencies for the present Session.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 26th, 1891. }

Adjourned.

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

Wednesday, May 27th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,
P. CLEARY,
J. S. PITTS,
G. T. RENDELL,
J. ANGEL,
G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 26th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session, presented a Report of the same, which was received and read, and

Report on printing and contingencies read.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Report without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Report was then adopted, and

Adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had adopted the said Report.

The Report is as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to the Printing and Contingencies, report

Report.

Report—
(Continued.) 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 of the Legislative Council	...	\$240	00
Eleven Members of the Legislative Council		1,320	00
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council...		600	00
Contingent Expenses of the Clerk	...	112	15
Usher of the Black Rod	... ..	600	00
Contingent Expenses of Usher of Black Rod		349	77
John Howley, Esq., retiring allowance	...	700	00
Edward Shea, Esq., reporting debates	...	300	00
Do. for extra services	...	50	00
Robert Pittman, Esq., reporting debates	..	300	00
Do. for extra services	..	50	00
Acting Master-in-Chancery	... ..	700	00
Extra pay for services	... ..	150	00
Door-keeper of Council	... ..	200	00
Assistant Door-keeper	... ..	190	00
Messenger Boy	... ..	45	00
Fireman of Legislative Council	... ..	65	00
Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Times</i>	... ..	351	00
Proprietor of <i>Evening Telegram</i> , Printing			
Debates	... ..	160	00
Proprietor of <i>Times</i> , Copying Debates	...	100	00
Proprietor of <i>Standard</i> , Copying Debates.		100	00
Proprietor of <i>Colonist</i> , Copying Debates...		100	00
Proprietor of <i>Twillingate Sun</i> , Copying			
Debates	... ..	100	00
Proprietor of <i>Trinity Record</i> , for Copying			
Debates	... ..	100	00
Newspapers for Council and Members du-			
ring Session	... ..	178	30

Estimated Expenses for Printing and Bind-		Report—
ing Journal	\$500 00	(Continued.)
Binding Newspapers	20 00	
Acting Clerk for attending Select Com-		
mittees	50 00	
Regulating Clocks... ..	10 00	
	\$7,741 22	

T. TALBOT,
Chairman.

JAMES S. PITTS,
JAMES ANGEL,
PHILIP CLEARY,
G. T. RENDELL.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
May 25th, 1891. }

The Hon. the President informed the House Message from
that he had received the following Message from the Assembly.
House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legisla-
tive Council that they have passed the Bill now sent
up, entitled “An Act for the purpose of carrying
into effect engagements with France respecting Fish-
eries in Newfoundland,” to which they request the
concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 26th, 1891. }

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon.
Mr. Talbot,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House 35th Rule
be suspended in reference to all Bills and other busi- suspended.

ness coming before this House for the remainder of the Session.

Fisheries Treaties Bill read first and second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the purpose of carrying into effect engagements with France respecting Fisheries in Newfoundland," was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with an amendment and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Amendment.

Second Section,—Fourth line—After the figures "1891," insert the words "or any continuation thereof pending the arbitration aforesaid."

Petition laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts laid upon the Table a Petition from Edgar Bowring, C. F. Bennett & Co., W. B. Grieve and others, Ratepayers, Property Owners and Citizens of St. John's, praying that the Municipal Bill or certain Sections thereof be deferred until the next Session of the Legislature.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill ^{Ship-building Bill re-com-} sent up, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement ^{mited.} and Improvement of Ship-building," was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third ^{Read 3rd time} time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed ^{and passed.} the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assem- ^{Message.} bly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Fourth Section—First line,—After the word ^{Amendments.} "vessels," insert the words "engaged in the foreign trade of this Colony or."

Same Section—Second line,—After the word "fisheries," insert the words "from any port in this Colony."

Same Section—Same line,—After the word "elsewhere," strike out the words "prosecuting the deep sea and Labrador fisheries."

Same Section—Fifth line,—After the word "proceed," insert the words "on any foreign voyage or." The same line,—Strike out the word "with," and insert in place thereof the word "in."

Amendments—
(continued.)

Same Section—Sixth line,—After the word “fishery,” insert the words “or fisheries.” The same line,—After the word “proceed,” insert the words “or any foreign voyage or.” Seventh line,—After the word “fishery,” insert the words “or fisheries.”

Fifth Section—Third Sub-Section—Ninth line,—After the word “General,” insert the following “The Deputies to be appointed by the Lloyd’s Surveyor under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid by the Receiver General such fees as the Governor-in-Council may determine upon the Certificate of the Lloyd’s Surveyor. And at the end of the said Sub-Section insert the following:—“Any Surveyor giving a false certificate under this Act shall, on conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months.”

In the title of the Bill—After the word “Act,”—in the first line, insert the words, “to provide for Newfoundland Lloyds’ Classification and Registry of Shipping, and.”

Petition read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts, the Petition from the Ratepayers, Property Owners, and Citizens of St. John’s, in reference to the Municipal Bill, was read.

Committee on
Municipal Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s, and for other purposes.’”

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a ^{Read 3rd time} third time and passed, and the Hon. the President ^{and passed.} signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, ^{Message.} with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council ^{Amendments.} in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s, and for other purposes’”:

Section IV. — Sixth line, — After the word “every,” insert the word “male.”

Same Section — Eighteenth line,—After the word “ratepayer,” strike out the remainder of the Section.

Section VII.—Second line,—After the word “therefor,” expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert in place thereof the following:—“A Chairman shall be elected by the Council, who shall hold office until the expiry of each term of three years, or until his seat on the Council shall become vacant, or until he shall resign his said office, or until his removal by a vote of five members of the Council. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of

Amendments—
(continued.) Chairman, the Council shall proceed, within one month of such vacancy occurring, to elect a member of the Council to fill the same.”

Expunge Section XII.

Section XXI.—Sub-Section *p.*—Third line,—Strike out the word “running.”

The same Section—Sub-Section *ll.*—Second line,—Strike out the words, “banks,” “banker.” Third and fourth lines,—Strike out the words, “telegraph,” “telephone,” “insurance.”

The same Section—Sub-Section *bbb.*—Fourth and fifth lines,—Strike out the words, “by and with the advice of the Executive Council.”

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Hon. Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “An Act for the Improvement of Education,” with some Amendments, to which it requests the concurrence of the Council; and that it has passed the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act for the purpose of carrying into effect Engagements with France, respecting Fisheries in Newfoundland,” without Amendment.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 27th, 1891. }

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, May 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Thursday, May 28th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 27th, were read. Minutes read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the improvement of Education," were read a first and second time, and Amendments on amendments on Educational Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Amendments with an Amendment. Amendments reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

The said Amendments were then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, informing them that the Council had passed the said Amendments with an Amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Amendment.

Section one of said last Amendments—Third line, —Strike out the words, “on the nomination of the Ecclesiastical bodies they represent”; in the eighth and ninth lines also the words. Insert as follows in lieu thereof:—“Provided that the Ecclesiastical head of each denomination shall have previously approved of such appointment or appointments, respectively, by letter to the Governor in Council.”

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have adopted the Council's Amendments in and upon a Bill, entitled “An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building, without Amendment.”

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 28th, 1891. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have have adopted, without

Amendment, the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and for other purposes.'"

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 28th, 1891. }

The Hon. the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to close the Second Session of the Sixteenth General Assembly on Saturday next, the 30th instant, at Two o'clock, P. M. President informs House Session will close.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, May 29th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, May 29th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, <i>President.</i>	Members present.
The Honorables T. TALBOT, P. CLEARY, G. T. RENDELL, J. ANGEL, G. SKELTON.	

The Minutes of Thursday, May 28th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Message from
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the Council's amendments on the Assembly's amendments on the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for the improvement of Education," with an amendment, to which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
29th May, 1891. }

Amendments on
amendments on
Educational Bill
read 1st and
2nd time and
adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendment made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and upon the amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for the improvement of Education," were read a first and second time, and on motion, were adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message.

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, May 30th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, May 30th, 1891.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, <i>President</i> . The Honorables T. TALBOT, P. CLEARY, G. T. RENDELL, J. ANGEL, G. SKELTON.	Members present.
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The Minutes of Friday last were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature,” to which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council. Message from
Assembly.

J. A. CLIFT,
Acting Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
 May 29th, 1891. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature,” was read a first and second time, and Contingency
Bill read 1st and
2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Bill reported.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time and passed.

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

Message.

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

Governor arrives at Council Chamber to close Session.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. TERENCE N. OBRIEN, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Legislative Assembly, and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

Bills assented to. An Act to provide for Newfoundland Lloyds' Classification and Registry of Shipping, and for the encouragement and improvement of Ship-building.

An Act to amend 51 Vic., Cap. 5, entitled "An Act to provide for the management of the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's, and other purposes."

An Act to amend the "Merchandize Marks' Act, 1888."

An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 21, entitled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths." Bills assented to
—(Continued.)

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 for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

An Act respecting the Postal Service.

An Act to amend the Masters' and Servants' Act of 1890.

An Act to provide for the improvement of Education.

An Act to provide for holding an Industrial Exhibition in the town of St. John's.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 4, and to make further provision for the construction and equipment of a Line of Railway towards Hall's Bay, and of a Branch to Brigus or Clarke's Beach, and for other purposes."

An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of this Colony.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the preservation of Game and Deer, and also to amend the Law relating to Inland Fisheries.

An Act to amend 53 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled "An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1889."

- Bills assented to
- (Continued.)
- An Act to amend 52 Victoria, Cap. 8, entitled "An Act for the promotion of Agriculture."
- An Act to amend 53 Victoria, Chapter 26, entitled "An Act to amend 52 Vic., Cap. 24, entitled 'An Act for the Publication of the Consolidated Statutes.'"
- An Act to amend an Act passed in the 53rd year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend 52nd Victoria, Chapter 18, entitled 'An Act to amend Title XXVI., Chapter 100, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.'"
- An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fifty-second year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of a Fisheries Commission, and for other purposes."
- An Act to amend the Jury Law.
- An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1884.
- An Act to amend the Crown Lands' Act, 1890.
- An Act to amend the Temperance Act of 1889.
- An Act respecting the Exercise of Admiralty Jurisdiction by the Supreme Court.
- An Act to amend the Bank Fishermen's Insurance Act.
- An Act to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens.
- An Act to regulate the means of Egress from Churches, Theatres, and other Public Buildings.
- An Act for the purpose of carrying into effect Engagements with France respecting Fisheries in Newfoundland.

An Act to amend the Newfoundland Judicature Act, 1889, and the Judicature (Amendment) Act, 1890. Bills assented to
—(Continued.)

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 31st day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one, and for other purposes.

An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the Service of this Colony.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following

S P E E C H :

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

Having assented to the various important enactments which have occupied your attention during the last three months, I am glad to be enabled to bring your labours for the past Session to a close, and thus allow you to return to your ordinary engagements. Speech.

I thank you for the careful deliberation which you have bestowed upon those measures which have been submitted to you, and I trust that they will prove of material advantage to the several interests affected.

Speech -
(Continued.)

It is a matter of congratulation that the delegates appointed by your Honorable Houses to lay before the British Parliament the views of the Legislature and people of the Colony respecting the Bill introduced by the Imperial Government for the purpose of carrying into effect engagements with France respecting fisheries in Newfoundland, have been successful in eliciting the sympathy of the British Parliament and people, and that the temporary measure of legislation enacted by you has been held to be sufficiently comprehensive to induce the withdrawal of the Imperial Bill.

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

I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the maintenance of the Public Service.

The large increase which you have made in the grant for education, and which is to provide additional compensation to teachers, will, I trust, not only aid a most deserving class of public officials, but will also promote a larger degree of efficiency in our Educational Institutions.

The loan which you have authorized with a view to the purchase of the Newfoundland Railway, will enable my Government to remove conflicting interests and bring under one control the whole Railway system of the Colony.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The convention for reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States of America, to which

I adverted in my Address on the opening of this Session of the Legislature, has not yet received Her Majesty's assent. I hope that the difficulties which have prevented the ratification of such an arrangement may ultimately be removed.

That the interests of the industrial classes have not failed to engage your attention and secure your sympathy, is amply attested by the passage of the amendments to the Crown Lands' Act, which will facilitate the acquisition and working of our mineral lands, and encourage the introduction of capital for the utilization of our forests; and also, by the passage of the Bank Fishery and Ship-building Acts, which, while duly guarding the rights of the employer, extend protection to the seamen and fishermen of the Colony.

As affecting the prosperity of all classes, I rejoice to be able to congratulate you upon the result of the Sealing voyage, and I venture to indulge in the hope that this may be an omen of fuller success in all those industrial operations in which the people of this Colony are engaged.

T. O'BRIEN, Lieut.-Col.

May 30th, 1891.

Governor.

The Hon. the President then said:—It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of JULY next, to be then here holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,
Acting Clerk Legislative Council.

I referred in my Address on the opening of this Session of the Legislature, has not yet received His Majesty's answer. I hope that the difficulties which have prevented the publication of such an answer might now ultimately be removed. I trust that the interests of the industrial classes have not failed to engage your attention and secure your sympathy, in a duly attested by the passage of the amendments to the Crown Lands Act, which will facilitate the acquisition and working of our mines and forests, and encourage the introduction of capital for the cultivation of our forests; and also by the passage of the Bank Bill, and other measures, which while duly guarding the rights of the creditor, extend protection to the merchant and farmer of the Colony.

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of the Session, and I venture to indulge in the hope that this may be an index of later success in all those industrial operations in which the people of this Colony are engaged.

T. O'BRIEN, Esq.,
Governor.

The Hon. the President, then said: "It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that the General Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday the sixteenth day of May next to be then held in session; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly."

HUGH B. GARTER,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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