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PROCLAMATION.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, 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 TENTH day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of OCTOBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of OCTOBER 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, Saint John's, this Tenth day of September, 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Is^land of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINETEENTH** 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, Saint John's, this Twelfth day of October, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, 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 **NINETEENTH** day of **NOVEMBER** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **DECEMBER** next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this Sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **JANUARY** 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, Saint John's, this Fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1896.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L.S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **JANUARY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-EIGHTH** day of **JANUARY** instant.

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L.S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of JANUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of FEBRUARY next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of FEBRUARY 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, Saint John's, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HERBERT HARLEY MURRAY,
Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Is'land of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.*

H. MURRAY,
Governor.
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **ELEVENTH** day of **FEBRUARY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **FEBRUARY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **FEBRUARY** 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, St. John's, this Eighth day of February, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
F. B. T. CARTER, *Order of St. Michael and St. George, Admin-*
Administrator. *istrator of the Government, and Commander-*
[L.S.] *in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-*
land and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the TWENTY-FIFTH day of FEBRUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of MARCH next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of MARCH 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, Saint John's, this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George, Admin-
istrator of the Government, and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.
[L.S.]

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

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Eighth day of March, A. D. 1897.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Fifth Session of the Seventeenth General Assembly.

Thursday, March 18th, 1897.

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

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

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Ad-
ministrator, Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, K.C.M.G., Administrator
arrives at Council
Chamber;
having arrived at the Council Chamber and being
seated on the Throne, the Honorable the President
commanded the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod
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 attend Speaker and
Members of
Assembly attend
Council Chamber.
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 follow-
ing gracious Speech to both Houses:

Speech.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

I am sure you will consider it eminently proper that our first act in meeting here to-day should be to express the high gratification that we feel in taking official cognizance of one of the most notable events in the history of the nation to which we belong. I refer to the Sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign the Queen. The occasion is one without precedent in the history of the Empire. No other British Monarch has reigned so long. We take a special interest in the event, because we honor and love Her Majesty for her personal qualities, for her life-long devotion to her subjects, for her faithful observance of all the obligations of a constitutional monarch; and I am certain therefore that you will deem it a high privilege to unite in passing the Address to Her Majesty that will be presented for your consideration, as expressive of your loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and Throne.

It affords me pleasure to meet you again in Session, and to be able to congratulate you on the very marked improvement in the Colony's affairs since I last had the honor of administering the Government.

The great financial crisis of 1894 will be long remembered because of the loss and misery that followed in its train, but while such is undoubtedly the case, we cannot fail to observe that the experience so dearly purchased has had a salutary effect upon the people of this Colony generally.

It has led to greater prudence on the part of those engaged in the trade and business of the country, as is manifested by the manner in which the same is now conducted. The sound financial position of the Colony, and the complete restoration of confidence therein both at home and abroad, reflect the highest credit upon the members of this Legislature, whose wise deliberations aided materially in bringing this about. It cannot but be a matter of much satisfaction to the Government, whose efforts were thus sustained by you, to find the Colony in the position that it is to-day.

Speech—
(Continued.)

It will gratify you to learn that my Ministers find themselves in a position to recommend to the Legislature the full restoration of the Road Grant. The Grant for Educational purposes was restored last Session, and much satisfaction and benefit has resulted therefrom. A small addition to this grant will be proposed for your consideration. It will take the form of a scholarship, to be known as the Victoria Scholarship, which, while commemorative of the Sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign, will also be an incentive to greater excellence and proficiency in learning.

The approaching completion of the Railway from St. John's to Port-aux-Basques, and the connection of the latter port by steamer with Sydney, Cape Breton, raises the important question of ocean travel between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. The railway will be completed early next autumn, and the Contractor, who is under agreement with the Government to operate the railway, has arranged to place a first-class, high speed steamer on the route between Port-aux-Basques and Cape Breton. This will ensure rapid

Speech—
(Continued.)

transit between Newfoundland and the neighboring continent; but, it is also a matter of great importance to business men as well as to the future development of this Colony, that an effort should be made to obtain a fast direct steam service with Great Britain. My Ministers will therefore take the necessary steps to ascertain upon what terms such a service can be procured, and what aid can be obtained from interested parties, towards the carrying out of this important object.

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

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that the Customs' Revenue for the past half year is entirely satisfactory. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you on an early date, and I rely upon you to make such provision for the public service as may be necessary.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

Since the close of last Session the Government have purchased all the rights of the Newfoundland Railway Company in this Colony upon most advantageous terms, namely, £325,000 stg., payable in bonds of fifty years at three per cent. interest. It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this transaction. The whole railway system of the Colony will now be brought under one control, and a through traffic at reasonable rates will be secured to the public. Expensive litigation, and embarrassing obstructions to the development of the Island's resources, will be obviated. It is only

reasonable to anticipate that the valuable coal areas, the working of which was prevented by the action of the Newfoundland Railway Company, will soon afford a field for labor to hundreds of our operatives. Speech—
(Continued.)

The railway system of the Colony now being the property of the Government, my Ministers have deemed it advisable to undertake the fencing of the right of way, and employment is being given to those most in need of work, in getting out the necessary material to the track.

The fisheries for the past season were on the whole above an average.

My Ministers have under consideration a Memorial received from the Commercial body of this city relative to the enforcement of the Bait Act, and the subject is still engaging their attention. The matter is one of such far-reaching importance, so many interest have to be considered, that the greatest care will have to be exercised in arriving at a decision. The Commercial body have been apprised of the desire of my Ministers to render them every possible assistance in obtaining markets for the product of our fisheries, and in conserving the interests of the large number of our people who are engaged in prosecuting the industry.

With a view of removing the injury and irritation that has been occasioned to our fishermen prosecuting the fisheries on the North-east and West Coasts of this Island, my Government will introduce a Bill to repeal the Act passed by the Legislature in 1888, prohibiting the use of cod-traps.

Mining has received a very great impetus, and the shipment of copper during the year yielded a

Speech—
(Continued.)

handsome return to those engaged in that particular branch. The stimulus afforded to mining by the withdrawal of duty upon supplies and machinery, has been greatly appreciated. With a view to facilitating the acquisition of mining property by those of limited means, and encouraging such to search out minerals, my Ministers have established a public Assay Office, where, free of cost, such minerals as may be discovered will be tested and reported upon. This department will be comprehensive in its character, so as to include the analysis of soils, and thus afford farmers and those about to engage in agricultural pursuits in this Colony, the means of acquiring accurate knowledge of what crops may be successfully raised in the land that they may select for a homestead.

Among the measures to be submitted for your consideration will be a Bill to provide for the trial of the charges preferred against the Directors of the Union and Commercial Banks. A most unusual condition of circumstances has precluded the Supreme Court, as at present constituted, from hearing those trials; but I am sure that you will appreciate that nothing must be allowed to interfere with the administration of justice, and that whatever legislation may be necessary to remove the difficulties to which I allude will be carefully thought out and provided by you.

In now leaving you to your deliberations, I trust that Divine Providence will guide your efforts for the promotion and welfare of this land.

F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.

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

The Commission appointing Chas. H. Hutchings, Esquire, Acting Master-in-Chancery of the Legislative Council was read by the Clerk. Mr. Hutchings's Commission read.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Address to Her Majesty the Queen, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
March 18th, 1897. }

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's devoted subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, the most ancient of Your Colonial Dependencies, avail ourselves of the earliest moment of this session to ask leave to approach the Throne and there lay the offering of our deepest homage and heart warm congratulations to Your Most Gracious Majesty on the sixtieth anniversary of your reign. Address to Queen.

This period of sovereignty, without precedent in historic annals, is still more distinguished for those

Address to Queen
—(Continued.)

noble personal attributes of which Your Majesty is so bright an exemplar. You have been to your subjects as the head of a great National family, regarding them and their interests with a maternal solicitude, and with that true sympathy in their joys and trials which finds fitting response in their loyal and grateful affection.

Nor is our appreciation limited to those qualities of heart which shone so conspicuously throughout your reign. Your cultured intellect has shown itself equal to all the demands of your exalted station as the Sovereign of a world-wide dominion. As a constitutional ruler your course has been marked by a clear and judicious discernment of the requirements and limits of the system under which it is our happiness to live, and this distinction is peculiarly significant in the present day of unrest and upheaval in countries whose forms of government have fewer safeguards or are less wisely administered.

Your Majesty's reign has been rendered further illustrious by a series of momentous events, in which our Mother Country has been a prominent actor, which have contributed to her present intellectual and commercial preëminence and to the prosperity of her people. Art and science in all their branches have progressed with unwonted speed, opening hidden sources of knowledge, and correcting or remodelling the idea of bygone time, to the great and manifest advantage of various industrial pursuits. Trade has been developed to almost boundless extent with results of astonishing success; and the expansion of the British Empire has kept pace with the general advancement, all shedding honor and renown upon the era of Your

Majesty's benign sway. In these triumphs of progress Your Majesty has always evidenced a keen and appreciative interest, and they therefore form an appropriate subject of felicitation to you on the present most auspicious occasion.

Address to Queen
—(Continued.)

That the Almighty Disposer of events may continue to bless you with length of days, to your own happiness with that of Your Royal family, and that of your loving subjects, is our fervent prayer.

Resolved,—That His Excellency the Administrator be requested to transmit this Address to Her Majesty.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
March 18th, 1897. }

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

Address to Her Majesty passed.

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

Message to Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel,—

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

Select Committee on Address of Thanks.

Ordered,—That the Honorables Messrs. Angel, Skelton and Rendell, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the following Resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:—

Resolutions on
death of Hon.
Maurice Fenelon.

Resolved,--The Council desires to record an expression of its deepest regret for the recent death of the Hon. Maurice Fenelon, one of its Members, who will be long missed from amongst them for his ability and public usefulness. The Council would convey to Mrs. Fenelon and her family their sincere sympathy in the great affliction with which they have been visited.

Resolved,--That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Fenelon.

Notices of Motion.

The Hon. Mr. Angel 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. Skelton gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill to prevent the extermination of Beavers.

Adjourned.

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

Monday, March 22nd, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

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

Minutes read.

The Honorable the President read the following communication :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
9th February, 1897.

SIR,—

I have been directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that, on the 4th instant he was pleased to grant leave of absence to the Honorable John Harris, a Member of the Legislative Council of this Colony, for the purpose of travelling in Canada and the United States.

Leave of absence
to Hon. John
Harris.

I have, &c.,

J. H. W. SOUTHEY, Captain,
A. D. C. and Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble E. DALTON SHEA,
President of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Angel from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator, pre-

Draft of Address
of Thanks pre-
sented and read
1st time.

sented a draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

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

Notice of Motion.

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

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

Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies.

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

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

Beaver Preservation Bill introduced and read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers, which was read a first time, and

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

Documents laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Confederation Life Association.

Report of Equitable Life Assurance Society of Canada.

Report of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank.

Report of the Coastal Steamship Company.

Report of the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Comp'y.

Report of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Comp'y.

Report of the Newfoundland Steam Screw Tug Company. Documents laid on Table.— (Continued.)

Report of the Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Company.

Report of the Newfoundland Oil Company.

Report of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.

Report of the Colonial Cordage Company.

Report of the Monroe Fibre Company.

Report of the Floating Dry Dock Company.

The Hon. Mr. Angel laid upon the Table:—

Proposed alterations in the Fisheries' Rules and Regulations recommended by the Department of Fisheries.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, March 24th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1897.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* President present.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, March 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum. Adjourned for want of quorum.

Thursday, March 25th, 1897.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Monday, March 22nd, and Wednesday, March 24th, were read.

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

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

35th Rule suspended. Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel,—

Address of Thanks committed. Ordered,—That the said Address be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported. The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Address was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

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

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir Address of Thanks.
 FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, *Knight*
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Administrator of the Government and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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

The Sixtieth anniversary of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria is certainly an occasion to evoke an expression of loyalty and devotion on our part, and our first legislative act has been to unite with the House of Assembly in a Joint Address to our Gracious Sovereign offering our warmest congratulations to Her Majesty on the unprecedented length of Her Majesty's Reign, her exalted character as a Constitutional Ruler, and the honor and renown which have been shed on the Empire under Her Majesty's maternal and benign sway.

We learn with great pleasure, of the improved condition of the affairs of the Colony.

Address of
Thanks—

(Continued.)

Deplorable as was the financial crisis of 1894, it is satisfactory to learn that it has resulted in a more prudent conduct of the trade and business of the Country.

The action of the Legislature, combined with the Executive Committee, in the restoration of the credit of the Colony and the sound financial condition of public affairs, cannot be otherwise than eminently gratifying to all classes of the community; as also is the information that the government will be thereby in a position to recommend to the Legislature the full restoration of the Road Grant.

In connection with the Grant for Education it is pleasing to be informed that a Scholarship commemorative of the Sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Reign will be proposed for consideration.

We are glad to hear of the probable early completion of the Railway to Port-au-Basques, and the placing in connection therewith of a first class Steamer, to ply between that place and Cape Breton, and we trust that an arrangement will be satisfactorily effected for the establishment of fast direct Steam Service with Great Britain.

The transfer of the Newfoundland Railway, by purchase on the terms stated, cannot fail to be advantageous to the general interests of the Colony, and to meet with public approval. Our valuable Coal areas may thus, we trust, soon afford a field of labour to our operatives.

It is very satisfactory to learn that our mainstay, the fisheries, for the past season exceeded the average catch.

The enforcement of the Bait Act, now under the consideration of the Government, involves questions of great moment and is worthy of all the attention that can be bestowed upon it, in the interests of the trade and all engaged in the prosecution of our staple industry.

Address of
Thanks—
(Continued.)

The intended proposal of a measure in repeal of the Act prohibiting the use of Cod-traps has, doubtless, been resolved on after careful inquiry.

It is gratifying to hear of the great impetus given to our Mining industry, and the establishment of an Assay Office on favourable terms, should result advantageously in the interests of those who embark in mining and in agricultural pursuits

The apparent necessity for legislation in regard to the prosecution of the Directors of the late Banks will receive our careful consideration when any measure providing for this object is submitted.

We unite with Your Excellency in the desire that our proceedings under the guidance of Providence may promote the general welfare of the Colony.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
March 25th, 1897. }

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

Preservation of
Beaver's Bill,
read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of St. John's, St. George's Bay,

Petition on
Beavers laid
on Table,

Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay, respecting the extermination of Beavers.

Ordered,—To lie on the Table.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Saturday next, March 27th, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Saturday, March 27th, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, March 25th, were read.

Address of Thanks presented at Government House.

At a quarter to Twelve o'clock, A. M., the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator.

President reports Administrator's reply.

At 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:—

Reply.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I am thankful for your courteous Address, and especially I recognize the expression of your

devoted loyalty to the person and Throne of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in this commemorative year of Her extended and benign Reign, which you may be assured will be fully appreciated.

I am confident you will, as heretofore, in regard to all matters submitted for your consideration, willingly afford to the Country the benefit of your large experience in maturing such measures as will tend to promote the public welfare.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, March 27, 1897. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, March 29th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Monday, March 29th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Saturday, March 27th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into

Committee on
Beavers Preser-
vation Bill.

Committee on the Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with
an amendment.

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.

Documents laid
on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Annual Report of the Electric Light Company, year ending 31st January, 1897.

Registrar General's Report, 1896.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Wednesday next, March 31st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, March 31st, 1897.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* President present.

The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 1st, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum. Adjourned for want of quorum.

Thursday, April 1st, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, March 29th, and Wednesday, March 31st, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill respecting the preservation of Beavers, was read a third time, and Preservation of Beaver's Bill, read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act respecting the preservation of Beavers," and the Hon. the President signed the same. Passed and entitled.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House Message to Assembly.

had passed the same, and requesting concurrence therein.

Adjourned.

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

Friday, April 2nd, 1897.

PRESENT:

President present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Saturday, April 3rd, 1897.

PRESENT:

President present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for want of quorum. The Honorable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday next, April 5th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. P., for want of a quorum.

Monday, April 5th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 1st; Friday, April 2nd, and Saturday, April 3rd, were read.

Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies, presented the following Report, which was received and read:—

Report of Select
Committee on
Printing and
Contingencies.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

5th April, 1897. }

The Select Committee on Printing and Contingencies submit the following arrangements for adoption:—

That the Officers appointed by the Council will be continued in office during the present Session.

That the present Reporters be re-appointed, and that they supply the Printer with sufficient matter, if so much be reported, with at least three columns of the paper, before Ten o'clock each day.

That the *Evening Telegram* newspaper publish the Debates of the Legislative Council on condition that it publish at least three columns daily, provided so much be furnished before Ten o'clock on

each day, and that a Speech shall not be divided except it exceed three columns.

The *Harbor Grace Standard*, *Twillingate Sun* and *Trinity Record*, to copy the Debates.

Miscellaneous Printing,—The *Times*.

Printing Journals,—The *Royal Gazette*.

GEO. SKELTON, *Chairman*.

G. T. RENDELL,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL.

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend Chap. 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled ‘Of the Representation in the House of Assembly, and the powers and privileges thereof,’” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 2nd, 1897. }

Representation
Assembly Amend-
ment Bill, read
1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled “Of the Representation in the House of Assembly and the powers and privileges thereof,” was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
to-morrow, Tuesday, April 6th, at half-past Four
o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1897.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

The Honorable the President declared the House Adjourned for
adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, April 7th, want of quorum.
at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a
quorum.

Wednesday, April 7th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, April 5th, and Tuesday, Minutes read.
April 6th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Report Report of
of the Select Committee on Printing and Contin- Committee on
gencies, was adopted. Printing and
Contingencies,
adopted,

Representation
House of Assembly
Amendment 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 Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Representation in the House of Assembly, and the powers and privileges thereof,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Messages from
Assembly.

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 Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled 'An Act to amend 'The Election Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof,'" and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

I. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 5th, 1897. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Bill sent down by the Legislative Council, entitled "An Act respecting the preservation of Beavers," without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 7th, 1897. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 7th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Election Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof,’” was read a first time, and

Election Act
Amendment Bill,
read 1st time.

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

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

Judicature Act
Amendment Bill,
read 1st time.

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

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

Adjourned.

Thursday, April 8th, 1897.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Wednesday, April 7th, were read.

Committee on Representation of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into House of Assembly Amendment Bill. Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Representation in the House of Assembly, and the powers and privileges thereof.'"

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with Amendments. 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.

Election Act, 1889, Amendment 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 Election Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof,'" 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. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Friday, April 9th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *P. esident.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 8th, were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Representation in the House of Assembly, and the powers and privileges thereof,'" as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Representation
Assembly Amend-
ment Bill, read
3rd time, as
amended.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same

Message to
Assembly.

with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments.

Second Section,—Third line.—After the word “Farewell” strike out the words “Point and to the Westward of a line drawn North and South of Farewell Point,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “Head.”

Same Section,—Fifth line.—After the word “thereto” strike out the words “which said line shall extend,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “from Farewell Head the Eastern boundary of the said District shall follow the Western Shore of Dog Bay to the head of the said Bay thence.”

Same Section,—Sixth line.—After the word “South” insert the word “true.”

Fourth Section,—Fifth line.—After the word “the” strike out the word “South,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “Middle.”

Same Section,—Sixth line — After the word “from” strike out the words “Farewell Point,” and insert in lieu thereof the words “the Head of Dog Bay.”

Messages from
Assembly.

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, 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 30th day of June, 1898, and for other purposes," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council. Messages.—
(Continued.)

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 9th, 1897. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Evidence," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 9th, 1897. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 9th, 1897. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying "Rules and Regulations respecting the

Lobster Industry, the Herring and Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon, made and prescribed by the Fisheries' Board, under and by virtue of Section 8 of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. VIII., entitled 'An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries,' in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 8th, 1897. }

Committee on
Election Act, 1889,
Amendment 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 Election Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof."

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 to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Committee on
Judicature Act
Amendment 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 Judicature Act, 1889."

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bills Revenue, Supply and Evidence Amendment Bills, read 1st time. sent up, entitled, respectively,—

“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 from the First day of July, 1897, to the Thirtieth day of June, 1898, and for other purposes”;

“An Act to amend the Law of Evidence,” were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Skelton gives notice, that he will, Notice of Motion on to-morrow, move the House into Committee of the Whole on the Fishery Rules and Regulations sent up from the House of Assembly.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned. Monday next, April 12th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, April 12th, 1897.

- House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
- PRESENT:
- Members present. The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.
- Minutes read. The Minutes of Friday, April 9th, were read.
- Judicature Act Amendment 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 to amend the Judicature Act, 1889," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble 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 Election Act Amendment 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 Election Act, 1889, and the Acts in amendment thereof."
- The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- Reported with Amendment. 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.

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

Revenue, Supply and Evidence Amendment Bills, read 2nd time.

“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, from the First day of July, 1897, to the Thirtieth day of June, 1898, and for other purposes,” and

“An Act to amend the Law of Evidence,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Rules and Regulations, sent up from the House of Assembly, respecting the Lobster Industry, the Herring and Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon, made and prescribed by the Fisheries' Board under and by virtue of Section 8 of the Act 56 Victoria, Cap. VIII., entitled “An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries.”

Committee on Rules and Regulations relating to Fisheries.

The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the said Rules and Regulations with an Amendment.

Reported with an Amendment

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Rules and Regulations were then passed, as amended, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Rules passed, as amended.

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 concurrence therein.

Amendment on
Fishery Rules
and Regulations.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Fifty-fourth Section,—Thirty-fifth line.—After the word “LaPoile” insert the words “nor shall Bultows be used before the 20th day of September in any year, within four miles Northward or Westward of the Shore, including Green Island, Stone Island, Gull Island, and Cape Island, between Blackhead, Bonavista Bay, and Cape Bonavista, or within three miles Northwards or Eastwards of the Shore between Cape Island, Bonavista Cape, and Spillar’s High Rock, Trinity Bay.

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 begs to request that the Legislative Council will be pleased to furnish it with a statement of the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 9th, 1897. }

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until tomorrow Tuesday, April 13th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Tuesday, April 13th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, April 12th, were read. Minutes read.

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 Election Act, 1889,' and the Acts in amendment thereof," was read a third time, as amended, and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Election Act
Amendment Bill,
read 3rd time,
as amended,
and passed.

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.

Message to
Assembly.

The Amendment is as follows:

Section 26.—Sub-section 3,—Fifth line,—After the word "of," strike out the word "two," and insert in lieu thereof the word "one."

Amendments on
Election Act, 1889,
Amendment 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 for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

Committee on
Revenue Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Progress reported. The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Committee on
Supply 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 for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for Defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, from the first day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven, to the thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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.

Adjourned

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

Tuesday, April 20th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

JOHN HARRIS.

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 13th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, 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, from the first day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven, to the thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight and Ninety-eight, and for other purposes," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Supply 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 to
Assembly.

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

Evidence Amend-
ment Bill, read
3rd time and
passed.

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. Mr. Skelton laid on the Table the following Document :

Document laid
on Table.

Annual Report of the Newfoundland Department of Fisheries, for the year 1896.

Adjourned.

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

Wednesday, April 21st, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

GEORGE SKELTON.

Minutes read.

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

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 requests 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 Mer-

chandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," by striking out the words "by him," in the third line of the second Section of the said Bill contained.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 20th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

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 "by him," in the third line of the second Section of the said Bill. Message to Assembly.

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Representation in the House of Assembly, and the Powers and Privileges thereof,'" without Amendment; also, that it has passed the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Election Act, 1889,'" without Amendment; and also, that it has passed the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Rules and Regulations sent

Messages.—
(Continued.)

up respecting the "Lobster Industry, the Herring and Cod Fisheries, Trout and Salmon," made and prescribed by the Fisheries Board, under and by virtue of Section 8 of the Act 56 Vic., Cap. VIII., entitled "An Act respecting the Department of Fisheries," without Amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 20th, 1897.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Resolution in relation to the Rules and Regulations made by the Fisheries Board, and laid upon the Tables of both Branches of the Legislature during the present Session with the Amendments therein made and concurred in by both Houses, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 29th, 1897.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved,—That the Legislative Council and House of Assembly hereby confirm the Rules and Regulations made by the Fisheries Board, and laid upon the Table of both branches of the Legislature during the present Session, with the Amendments therein made and concurred in by both Houses.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, April 20th, 1897.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

Messages—
(Continued.)

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely, ‘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’; and ‘An Act to continue for a further period ‘The Newfoundland French Treaties Act,’” in which it request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 20th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Resolution relating to the Fishery Rules and Regulations sent up from the House of Assembly was adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Resolution confirming Fishery Rules, passed.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bills sent up, entitled, respectively, “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,” and “An Act to continue for a further period ‘The Newfoundland French Treaties Act,’” were severally read a first time, and Road and French Treaties’ Bills, read 1st time.

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

Document
laid on Table.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton laid upon the Table the following Document:

Return of Lost Letters, 1896.

Adjourned.

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

Thursday, April 22nd, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

JOHN HARRIS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 21st, were read.

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

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bills sent up, entitled Road and French Treaties' Bills, read 2nd time. respectively,—

“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,” and

“An Act to continue for a further period “The Newfoundland French Treaties’ Act,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 23rd, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, April 23rd, 1897.

House meets. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorables THOMAS TABLOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON.

Minutes read. The Minutes of Thursday, April 22nd, were read.

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

Committee on
Road 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 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. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

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 ^{Committee on}
of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into Com-^{French Treaties'}
mittee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to ^{Bill.}
continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland
French Treaties' Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

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 ^{Message from}
he had received the following Message from the ^{Assembly.}
House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the
Legislative Council that it has passed the accom-
panying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts
relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company," in
which it requests the concurrence of the Legisla-
tive Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker,

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 22nd, 1897.

Harbor Grace
Water Company
Bill, read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company," was read a first time, and

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

Adjourned.

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

Monday, April 26th, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.
The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JOHN HARRIS,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

Minutes read.

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

Road and French
Treaties' Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

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

"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"; and

"An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act,'" 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 to Assembly.

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 Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company,” was read a second time, and Harbor Grace Water Company Bill, read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, April 27th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Tuesday, April 27th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS.

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

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 Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company.” Committee on Hr. Grace Water Company Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely, “An Act to amend ‘The Deer Preservation Act, 1896,’” and “An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the possession of Banks,’” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 27th, 1897.

Deer Preservation and Warehouse Receipts Bills, read 1st time.

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

“An Act to amend ‘The Deer Preservation Act, 1896,’” and

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the possession of Banks,’” were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Wednesday, April 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Wednesday, April 28th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON.
JOHN HARRIS,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

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 Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same. Harbor Grace Water Company 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 to Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,— Deer Preservation and Warehouse Receipts Bills, read 2nd time.

"An Act to amend 'The Deer Preservation Act, 1896,'" and

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the possession of Banks,’” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed 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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
April 27th, 1897. }

Summary Jurisdiction
of Magistrates
Bill, read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,” 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 Thursday, April 28th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, April 29th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON.

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 28th, were read.

Minutes read.

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 Deer Preservation Act, 1896."

Committee on
Deer Amend-
ment Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled 'An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the possession of Banks.'"

Committee on
Warehouse
Receipts Amend-
ment Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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.

Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates 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 respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed 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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), ‘Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s,’” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
April 28th, 1897. }

Pilots Bill,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), ‘Of

Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, April 30th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M. Adjourned.

Friday, April 30th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,— Deer Preservation and Warehouse Receipts Bills, read 3rd time and passed.

“An Act to amend ‘The Deer Preservation Act, 1896,’” and

“An Act to amend the Act 58 Victoria, Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the possession of Banks,’” 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 to Assembly.

Committee on
Summary Juris-
diction 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 respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace."

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely, "An Act respecting Insane Persons," and "An Act to amend the 'Post Office Act, 1891,'" in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 29th, 1897.

Insane and Post
Office Bills, read
1st time.

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

"An Act respecting Insane Persons," and

"An Act to amend the Post Office Act, 1891," were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Skelton gives notice that he will, Notice of Motion.
on to-morrow, move the Suspension of the 35th
Rule of this House with regard to all Bills, Ad-
dresses and other business coming before this House
for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
Monday next, May 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock,
P. M.

Monday, May 3rd, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Summary Juris-
of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled diction of Magis-
“An Act respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of trates Bill,
Magistrates and Justices of the Peace,” was 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 to
with Message, that this House had passed the same Assembly.
without Amendment.

Pilots, Insane and
Post Office Bills,
read 2nd time.

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

“An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), ‘Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s’”; and

“An Act respecting Insane Persons,” and

“An Act to amend the Post Office Act, 1891,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

35th Rule
suspended.

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

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended with regard to all Bills, Addresses and other business coming before this House for the remainder of the Session.

Adjourned.

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

Tuesday, May 4th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON.

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

The Minutes of Monday, May 3rd, were read.

Minutes read.

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 Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), 'Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's.'"

Committee on
Pilots Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

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. Skelton, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Insane Persons."

Committee on
Insane Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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
Post Office 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 Post Office Act, 1891.'"

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 3rd, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting 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.

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

Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLoughlan,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

Minutes read.

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

Pilots, Insane and
Post Office Bills,
read 3rd time
and passed.

"An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), 'Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John's'";

"An Act respecting Insane Persons," and

"An Act to amend 'The Post Office Act, 1891,'" were severally 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.

Seal-fishery 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 respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed 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,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely,—“An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace”; “An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John’s,” and “An Act to Incorporate the Vicar Apostolic of St. George’s,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O’B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, May 3rd, 1897.

Bills for Incorporation of Roman Catholic Bishops of St. John’s and Harbor Grace and Vicar Apostolic of St. George’s,
read 1st time.

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

“An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John’s”;

“An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace,” and

“An Act to Incorporate the Vicar Apostolic of St. George’s,” were severally read a first time, and

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

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

Thursday, May 6th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Committee on Sealfishery Bill.
of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the House went into
Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act
respecting the Prosecution of the Seal Fishery."

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Reported.
Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time, as Read 3rd time and passed,
amended, 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 some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments on
Seal-fishery Bill.

Section 1,—Line three.—After the word “the” strike out the word “tenth,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “seventh.”

Same Section,—Line seventh.—After the word “said” strike out the word “tenth,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “seventh,”

Section 6,—Line two.—After the word “the” strike out the word “ninth,” and insert in lieu thereof the word “sixth.”

Same Section,—At the commencement of line fourth, strike out the word “ninth” and insert in lieu thereof the word “sixth.”

Insert as new seventh Section the following:

“7.—No Steamer or Sailing Vessel shall carry more than four persons for every seven tons of her registered tonnage; and for every trip made by such Steamer or Sailing Vessel with more persons than aforesaid, the owner or other person on whose account such Steamer or Sailing Vessel shall have been sent on such trip shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five hundred dollars.”

Re-number Section 7 as Section 8.

Re-number Section 8 as Section 9.

Re-number Section 9 as Section 10.

Re-number Section 10 as Section 11.

Re-number Section 11 as Section 12.

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

Bills for Incorporation of Roman Catholic Bishops of St. John's and Harbor Grace and Vicar Apostolic of St. George's, read 2nd time.

“An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's”;

“An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace,” and

“An Act to Incorporate the Vicar Apostolic of St. George's,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Friday, May 7th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

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

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 Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John's,” Committee on Bill for Incorporation of Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's.

- The Hon. Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- 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'ble 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 Bill to Incorporate Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace. 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 Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace."
- The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.
- After some time the House resumed.
- 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 to Assembly. Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.
- Bill to Incorporate Vicar Apostolic of St. George's. 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 Incorporate the Vicar Apostolic of St. George's."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and <sup>Read 3rd time
and passed.</sup>
passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the
same.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the
Legislative Council that it has passed the accom-
panying Bills, namely, “An Act to Indemnify His
Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland for cer-
tain sums of money advanced by him from the
Colonial Treasury for the Service of the Colony,”
and “An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the Consoli-
dated Statutes (Second Series), entitled ‘Of Coast
Fisheries,’” in which it requests the concurrence
of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 6th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent <sup>Indemnity Bill,
read 1st and
2nd time.</sup>
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 read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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 to Assembly.

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

Coast Fisheries' Bill, read 1st and 2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled 'Of the Coast Fisheries,'" was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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'ble 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.

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

Saturday, May 8th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

The Minutes of Friday, May 7th, were read.

Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton, from the Select Com-
mittee 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 Contingen-
cies, read.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Com-
mittee of Privilege.

Committee of
Privilege.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Report without
Amendment.

Reported.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Adopted.

The said Report was then adopted, and

Message to
Assembly.

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 :—

Report.

The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to Printing and Contingencies, report that they have examined the accounts of the Acting Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod, and have considered the other charges and expenses, and find them as follows :

The President of the Legislative Council	\$ 240.00
The Members of the Council, for their services	960.00
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council	600.00
Acting Master-in-Chancery of the Legislative Council	400.00
Usher of the Black Rod.....	600.00
Edward Shea, reporting Debates.....	375.00
Robert Pittman, reporting Debates....	375.00
Door-keeper	225.00
Assistant Door-keeper and Messenger..	200.00
<i>Times</i> , Miscellaneous Printing	130.00
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , ditto.	10.00
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , publishing Debates .	160.00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i> , copying Debates	100.00
<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , copying Debates.....	100.00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , copying Debates	100.00
Binding Newspapers	20.00
Newspapers for Council for year and Members during Session	83.90
Contingencies of the Clerk	69.31
Contingencies of Black Rod	88.81
Fireman	65.00

Estimate for Printing and Binding	
Journals	\$400.00
Board of Works for Coal and Electric	
Light	100.00
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	\$5,402.02
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GEO. SKELTON, *Chairman.*

G. T. RENDELL.

JAS. ANGEL.

JAMES McLOUGHLAN.

JOHN HARRIS.

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 provide for the Survey, Location, Construction, Completion, Equipment, Maintenance and Operation of certain Lines of Railway, and for other purposes,” and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
 May 7th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Survey, Location, Construction, Completion, Equipment, Maintenance and Operation of certain Lines of Railway, and for other purposes,” was read a first time, and

Railway Bill read
1st time.

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

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday, May 10th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 10th, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JAMES ANGEL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Saturday, May 8th, were read.

Railway 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 provide for the Survey, Location, Construction, Completion, Equipment, Maintenance and Operation of certain Lines of Railway, and for other purposes," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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'ble the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment. Message to Assembly.¹

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely, “An Act to amend the Law relating to Education”; “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for Defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony from July 1st, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven, to June 30th, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, and for other purposes,” and “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Keeping of Dogs,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 7th, 1897. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Education,” was read a first and second time, and Education 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.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment. Reported,

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 to
Assembly.

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

Supply Bill read
1st and 2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for Defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony from July 1st, 1897, to June 30th, 1898, and for other purposes," was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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'ble 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.

Dogs' Bill read
1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Keeping of Dogs," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Adjourned.
to-morrow, Tuesday, May 11th, at half-past Four
o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 11th, 1897.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

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

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON.
SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

The Minutes of Monday, May 10th, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion Dog Bill read
2nd time.
of the Hon Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled
"An Act to amend the Law relating to the Keep-
ing of Dogs," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amend- Reported.
ment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Inflammable Oils,” in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
May 10th, 1897. }

Inflammable Oils
Bill read 1st and
2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Inflammable Oils,” was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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 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 Communication from the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
11th May, 1897.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acquaint you that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to close the Fifth Session of the Seventeenth General Assembly on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, at Two o'clock, P. M.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

The Hon'ble the President,
Legislative Council.

On motion made, the House adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, May 12th, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M. Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 12th, 1897.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 12th, were read.

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 begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, namely, "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," and "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature," in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

L. O'B. FURLONG,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
May 11th, 1897. }

Local Affairs Bill
read 1st and 2nd
time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," was read a first and second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and <sup>Read 3rd time
and passed.</sup>
passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the
same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the Bill sent <sup>Contingency Bill
read 1st and
2nd time.</sup>
up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent
Expenses of the Legislature," was read a first and
second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently. ^{Committed.}

The Hon. Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and <sup>Read 3rd time
and passed.</sup>
passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the
same.

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

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Gov-<sup>Governor arrives
at Council
Chamber,</sup>
ernor, Sir HEBBERT HARLEY MURRAY, K.C.B., hav-

ing 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 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 Bills:—

House of Assembly
attend Council
Chamber.

Bills assented to. 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 to Defray the Expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, from June 30th, 1897, to July 1st, 1898.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the Construction of Roads, Streets and Bridges, and other Public Works within this Colony, and for the Protection and Preservation of the same.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for Defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony, from June 30th, 1897, to July 1st, 1898.

An Act to Indemnify His Excellency the Governor for certain sums of money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of the Colony.

An Act to provide for the Survey, Location, Construction, Completion, Equipment, Mainten-

ance and Operation, of certain Lines of Rail-
way, and for other purposes. Bills assented to
—(Continued).

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

An Act respecting Inflammable Oils.

An Act respecting the Summary Jurisdiction of Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.

An Act to amend the Act 58 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled "An Act respecting Warehouse Receipts and other Securities in the Possession of Banks."

An Act to Incorporate the Vicar Apostolic of St. George's.

An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Harbor Grace.

An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company.

An Act to continue for a further period "The Newfoundland French Treaties Act."

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Keeping of Dogs.

An Act to amend the Law of Evidence.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Preservation of Deer.

An Act to amend "The Post Office Act, 1891."

An Act respecting Insane Persons.

An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled "Of the

Bills assented to
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Representation in the House of Assembly and the Powers and Privileges thereof.”

An Act to amend “The Judicature Act, 1889.”

An Act to amend the Law relating to Education.

An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled “Of Pilots and Pilotage for the Port of St. John’s.”

An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs.

An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers.

Bills reserved.

His Excellency the Governor reserved the Bills entitled, respectively,—

An Act to amend “The Election Act, 1889,” and the Acts in Amendment thereof; and

An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled “Of the Coast Fisheries,” for the signification of Her Majesty’s pleasure thereon.

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech to both Houses:

Speech.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

I am glad that the completion of Legislative business enables me to relieve you from further attendance in Session. The many important measures to which I have just given my assent, bear evidence of the labor that you have devoted to your functions,

The Act authorizing the conclusion of contracts ^{Speech—} for the extension of the railway to important centres of trade in Conception Bay and Green Bay, is certain to increase the earning power of the main line between this city and the great northern bays, and render the railway system of greater benefit to the people of the Colony. The authority that you have conferred upon the Governor in Council in that Act will be exercised with caution, and a due regard to the future well-being of our Island. _{(Continued).}

The grant that you have made for the repair of public wharves and other works, was no doubt rendered necessary by reason of the usual public works grants having been omitted from the Supply Bill since the financial disaster of 1894. I hope that the money thus voted for useful public purposes in the respective localities will be wisely and impartially assigned, and that when so assigned it will not be used for mere electioneering purposes. It is gratifying to know that you have been able to make the appropriations referred to, and also those under the head of Supplementary Supply, out of the revenue for the past fiscal year.

I observe that it is your desire that a Commission be appointed to take evidence in regard to the prosecution of the Seal-fishery. I am fully in accord with you as to the wisdom of thus dealing with this important matter.

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

I thank you for the liberal provision that you have made for the public service. Your appropriations shall be expended with exactitude and strict economy.

Speech—
(Continued).

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The loyal address to Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, adopted by your Honorable Houses, congratulating Her Majesty upon the near approach of the Sixtieth Anniversary of her accession to the Throne, has been forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for presentation to Her Majesty.

We must appreciate the honor accorded to the Colony in having been invited to take part in the Imperial celebration of that auspicious occasion, and I am quite certain that Her Majesty's subjects throughout this Island, drawn together by one common bond of loyalty and devotion, will join in the congratulations of the vast Empire under the beneficent sway of Her Majesty.

In now discharging you from the onerous duties in which you have been engaged, I would renew to you the assurance of my cordial wishes for your welfare, and the continued improvement of the fiscal affairs of the Colony.

H. MURRAY.

Prorogation

The Honorable the President of the Council then said: It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Thursday the Seventeenth day of June next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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