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

SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, 1899.



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 **SEVENTH** day of **JULY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **ELEVENTH** day of **AUGUST** next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, at Saint John's, this 4th day of July, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
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 ELEVENTH day of AUGUST instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER next.

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 9th day of August, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALFRED B. MORINE,
Acting 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 FIFTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the THIRTEENTH day of OCTOBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the THIRTEENTH 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, St. John's, this 13th day of September A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
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 THIRTEENTH day of OCTOBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of NOVEMBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SEVENTEENTH 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 10th day of October, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
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 SEVENTEENTH day of NOVEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH day of DECEMBER next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH 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 12th day of November, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
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 FIFTEENTH day of DECEMBER instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the TWELFTH day of January next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly, until THURSDAY the TWELFTH 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 13th day of December, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
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 **TWELFTH** day of **JANUARY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** day of **FEBRUARY** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** 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 10th day of January, A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

J. I. LITTLE,
Admin'r.
[L. S.]

*By His Honor the Honourable JOSEPH I. LITTLE,
Chief Justice, Administrator of the Gov-
ernment of Newfoundland and its Depen-
dencies.*

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **SECOND** 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, at Saint John's, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1899.

By His Honor's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

J. I. LITTLE,
Admin'r.
[L. S.]

*By His Honor the Honourable JOSEPH I. LITTLE,
Chief Justice, Administrator of the Gov-
ernment of Newfoundland and its Depen-
dencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the SECOND day of MARCH next; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH day of MARCH next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the SIXTEENTH 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 27th day of February, A. D. 1899.

By His Honor's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

HENRY E. McCALLUM,
Governor.
[L. S.]

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

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 14th day of March, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

HENRY E. McCALLUM,
Governor.
[L. S.]

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

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly, until THURSDAY the THIRTEENTH day of APRIL 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 27th day of March A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary



PROCLAMATION.

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

HENRY McCALLUM,
Governor.
[L. S.]

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

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

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, Saint John's, this 13th day of April, A. D. 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Second Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly.

Thursday, May 11th, 1899.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature

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

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS.

At Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honourable the President commanded the Gentleman 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

at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

This being the first time I have met you since I assumed the administration of this Government, I take the opportunity of assuring you how deeply I feel the responsibility of my office, and how earnestly I desire to promote the true interests and general prosperity of this ancient Colony, with the fortunes of which I am proud to be associated.

My official actions will be marked by an observance of impartiality, and those strict constitutional principles so necessary for the maintenance of cordial relations between a Governor and his responsible advisers. Whilst ever ready to be guided by your loyal counsels and local experience, I shall not hesitate to offer from time to time such suggestions as may be of assistance in the cause of good government, in advancing the welfare of all classes of the community and in developing your rich latent resources.

It is a cause of profound gratification that the depression so prevalent when last you assembled has passed away, and that the circumstances of the people are generally improved.

The Cod fishery of the Island and Labrador was an average one, and improved prices made it fairly remunerative.

The Herring fishery has proved unusually profitable, owing in a great measure to the action of the Government in fixing a minimum price, and thus preventing losses such as occurred in former years. The delay experienced this spring in obtaining herring for bait emphasizes the importance of protecting this valuable industry. The law regulating the use of bait fishes, and prohibiting their exportation in bulk, is now being rigidly enforced.

The Lobster industry was prosecuted with customary vigor, and with much success. It is gratifying to observe that the opening prices this year are unprecedently high. The great and growing

value of this industry, and its precarious character, demonstrate the necessity for stringent enforcement of regulations to prevent its destruction

The Sealing voyage which has just closed was successful, and I trust its effect will be to stimulate the general business of the Colony. The Act of last Session limiting the number of the crews has been justified by the increased comfort and satisfaction of all concerned.

The crops were abundant. I regret, however, to learn that the severe frosts of the winter months have greatly reduced the quantity of potatoes reserved for seed purposes. To aid in meeting this emergency the duty on seed potatoes has been temporarily abrogated.

During the recess the Government appointed a Commission to enquire into the subject of Agriculture in this Colony. The result of their labors has been embodied in a Report, which will be laid before you.

The Act of last Session dealing with bounty for land-clearing and cultivation has imparted a wholesome impetus to agriculture, the advantages derivable from which are becoming more and more appreciated each year. The value of agriculture to the Colony cannot be over-estimated, and the development of an active interest in this pursuit will, I am convinced, aid in the solution of some of the serious problems with which you have been from time to time confronted. The number of applications to clear land under the Act, render necessary a continuance for some time longer of the Government's policy in this direction.

Lumbering operations continue to be prosecuted on an increasing scale. The growing value of pulp areas make it advisable to carefully protect our forests, and to encourage the local manufacturing of pulp and its products.

The relative importance of the Mining industry has materially increased during the past year, whilst mining operations have been undertaken on a much larger scale than heretofore. The discovery of large iron deposits has been followed in some cases by active development, whilst negotiations are at present in progress which justify the hope of the operation of other properties on an extensive scale.

The price of copper has been high, and Newfoundland ore continues to hold a foremost place in the markets.

Since the last Session of the Legislature a Commission to enquire into the operation of the Mining Laws has been appointed. It will not complete its labors in time to lay a final report before you this Session, but some amendments of an urgent character will be recommended.

The Railway Contract of 1898 has been carried out so far as circumstances permitted. The unusually severe winter rendered a regular cross-country train service impossible of performance upon an uncompleted line. The line is, however, again in working order, and the additions to be made upon it will probably prevent any serious interference in the future. The Branch Line to Carbonear, *via* Brigus, has been in operation for some months. The line from Whitbourne to St. John's has been re-railed, and shortened by several miles. The building of the West End Branch, the erection of the terminal station, and the completion of the Burnt Bay Branch will be proceeded with.

During the past year the lands adjacent to the Railway have been surveyed, and plans carefully prepared. My Ministers confidently hope that before the end of the present year the selection of lands along the Railway under the Contracts of 1893 and 1898 will be completed, and the remainder set free from reservations or restrictions.

The paving of Water Street, St. John's, concurrently with the installation of the Electric Railway System, will be commenced at an early date.

The initiation of the Bay Steam Service has already taken place. It is to be regretted that, owing to circumstances entirely beyond control, the new boats are not yet completed. Owing to the importance of the service, substitutes have been temporarily accepted. The new Labrador steamer and two of the Bay steamers are expected to be ready by September next, and the entire fleet of seven steamers within one year.

I learn that increased efficiency in the various departments of the Civil Service has resulted from the legislation of last Session.

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

The predictions of my Government at the last Session of the Legislature as to the financial results of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1898, were unfortunately realized. In consequence of the destitution prevailing in the winter of 1897-98, the result of the short catch and low price in the season of 1897, it became necessary in order to furnish employment to inaugurate certain public works, for the expenditure on which you will be asked to make provision.

The method of appropriating and expending public money, and the system of keeping the public accounts, adopted by the Government in connection with the enforcement of the Audit Act, 1898, combined with the strict supervision and control resulting from that Act, have resulted in economy and efficiency, and amply justified the enactment of that measure.

I am pleased to state that expenditure for the current fiscal year will be under rather than over the estimate. The Public Accounts and the Estimates for the coming year will be laid before you, prepared with a due regard for the Public Service, for which, I am confident, you will make the necessary provision.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

Under the authority of the Resolutions passed by you last Session, two Delegates proceeded to London, and the results of their mission promise to be of a far-reaching and beneficial character. A Commission was appointed by Her Majesty's Government to enquire into the operation and effect of Treaties with France affecting this Colony. The Commissioners arrived in September last and proceeded to various places on the Treaty Coast and elsewhere. The enquiry into the whole subject was of an exhaustive nature, and my Ministers express satisfaction at the sympathetic disposition towards the Colony evinced by the Commissioners. I am confident that reliance may be placed upon Her Majesty's Government to take such steps as will result in the redress of those grievances by which the Colony has been so long burdened.

The proposed establishment of a Naval Reserve has met with considerable encouragement, and there can be but little doubt that should the establishment of training stations become an accomplished fact, the loyal subjects of Her Majesty resident in the Colony will eagerly avail themselves of the privilege thus accorded them of serving Queen and country, and at the same time benefitting themselves. As the training would take place, whether on land or sea, during the winter months, enrollment in the Reserve will in no way interfere with the prosecution of the Fishing industry. It is noteworthy that Newfoundland is the first Colony to which this favor has been extended.

With a view to a settlement of questions in difference between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, it was arranged between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States of America in June last, that those matters should be referred to a Joint Commission for negotiation and report. In view of the fact that this Colony as well as Canada was interested in some of the matters to be dealt with by the Commission, and of the policy which Her Majesty's Government deemed applicable to such cases, it was considered desirable that Newfoundland should take a part in the negotiations, and accordingly a representative of the Colony was appointed upon the Commission which met in Quebec in August last. The negotiations which continued until February last were interrupted by a disagreement upon an important subject of reference, in which, however, this Colony was not directly interested, and an adjournment of the sittings of the Commission took place until August next. It is hoped that the result of the negotiations will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Among the measures which you will be asked to consider will be one dealing with the formation, incorporation and winding up of joint stock and other companies.

The increase in our local steam fleet, and the extension of the Railway system render it desirable that provision be made for the regular inspection of boilers, and legislation to this end will be introduced.

At the last Session of the Legislature, provision was made for the erection of a suitable Court House. Plans have been prepared, and the work will be proceeded with.

The building at present used for a Fever Hospital is both inadequate and inaccessible. You will be requested to make the necessary provision for a suitable building.

Despatches from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be laid upon the Table of the House for your information and guidance.

Gentlemen, having now opened this Session, I ask you to proceed to business, earnestly praying that with the help of Divine Providence, your labours and deliberations may promote the weal of those whose interests and liberties are in your keeping, and may advance the cause of good order, peace and prosperity.

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

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell,—

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

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Rendell, Baird, Greene, Knowling and Ayre, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
2nd March, 1899.

SIR,—

I am directed by His Honor the Administrator, to inform you that on the 1st instant, he was pleased to grant leave of absence, during the next Session of the Legislature, to the Honorable James

Angel, a Member of the Legislative Council, who is leaving for England on urgent private affairs.

I have, &c.,

HUGH H. CARTER,
Private Secretary.

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA,
President Legislative Council.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, May 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, May 15th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS.

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

The Honourable Mr. Rendell, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency

the Governor, presented a Draft of the same, which was received and read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Rendell gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House as regards the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:—

Report of Postmaster General, 1898, and Money Order Branch of Post Office.

Report of Canada Life Assurance Company, 1898.

Report of St. John's Floating Dry Dock Company, 1898.

Report of New "Walrus" Steamship Company, 1898.

Report of Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Boot and Shoe Company, 1898.

Report of St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Consolidated Foundry Company, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Steam Screw Tug Company, 1898.

Report of the Masonic Club, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Oil Company, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Sealing Company, Limited, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Brewery, Limited, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Trading and Exploration Comp'y, 1898.

Report of Royal Stores, 1898.

Report of Furniture and Moulding Company, Limited, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Tobacco Works, Limited, 1898.

Report of Newfoundland Savings' Bank, 1898.

Report of St. John's Electric Light Company, Limited, 1898.

Report of Colonial Cordage Company, 1898.

Report of Cabot Steam Whaling Company, Limited, 1898.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, May 16th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

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

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

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Rendell,—

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Rendell,—

Ordered,—That the said Address be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Address is as follows:—

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, avail ourselves of this opportunity of offering our respectful congratulations, upon Your Excellency's appointment to the Government of this Colony.

We thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session; and we will give our best consideration to the various important subjects to which Your Excellency refers.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, }
16th May, 1899. }

The Honourable the President informs the House that His Excellency the Governor will receive the Address in Reply on Thursday next, May 18th, at half-past Eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday next, May 18th, at a quarter past Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, May 18th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 16th, were read.

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

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

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I beg to thank you for the Address which you have presented in reply to my Speech of Thursday last and for your congratulations on my appointment to the Government of this Colony. I have every confidence that as Legislative Councillors you will give your most careful attention to the various subjects which may come before you.

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

Thursday, May 18th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Friday, May 19th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Saturday, May 20th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Monday, May 22nd, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Tuesday, May 23rd, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Wednesday, May 24th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Thursday, May 25th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Friday, May 26th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Saturday, May 27th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until Monday next, May 29th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Monday, May 29th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Tuesday, May 30th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Wednesday, May 31st, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Thursday, June 1st, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 18th, (morning); Thursday, May 18th, (evening); Friday, May 19th; Saturday, May 20th; Monday, May 22nd; Tuesday, May 23rd; Wednesday, May 24th; Thursday, May 25th; Friday, May 26th; Saturday, May 27th; Monday, May 29th; Tuesday, May 30th, and Wednesday, May 31st, were read.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the following Bills, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers against Distress for Rent due to the Superior Landlord”;

“An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes, and for other purposes”;

“An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry,” and

“An Act for Codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods.”

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the said Bills were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following Documents:--

Return of Crown Land Grants issued during the year 1897-8.

Return of Mining Licenses issued during the year 1897-8.

Return of applications for Mining Locations received during the year 1897-8.

Return of Surveyor General's Consolidated Cash Account from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898.

Return of Timber Licenses issued during the year 1897-8.

Return of Mining Leases issued during the year 1897-8.

Return of Fee-Simple Mining Grants issued during the year 1897-8.

Return of Applications and Certificates under the Act "For the Encouragement of Agriculture."

Report of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 1898.

The Commission appointing the Hon'ble K. Bishop a Member of the Legislative Council (provisionally), was read by the Clerk.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, June 5th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 5th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 1st, were read.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 St. John's, Newfoundland,
 June 1st, 1899.

SIR,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has given leave of absence to the Hon'ble Samuel Blandford until the end of the present Session of the Legislative Council.

I have, &c.,

G. D. TIMMIS, Capt.,
Private Secretary.

The Hon'ble the President of the
 Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers against Distresses for Rent to the Superior Landlord," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts moved that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes, and for other purposes," be now read a second time.

And the question having been put, there appeared--

<i>Contents, (6):</i>	<i>Non-Contents, (5):</i>
Hons. Messrs. Pitts,	Hons. Messrs. Talbot,
Rendell,	Harris,
Baird,	Skelton,
Bowring,	Knowling,
Ayre,	Greene.
Bishop.	

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

"An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry," and

"An Act for Codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

"An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries";

"An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,' " and

"An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Copyright,' "

Which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor,—

Report of Confederation Life Association, 1898.

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

Tuesday, June 6th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, June 5th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers against Distresses for Rent due to the Superior Landlord,"

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes and for other purposes."

The Hon'ble Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts moved "that the Report be received," when there appeared,—

Contents, (5):

Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
Rendell,
Baird,
Ayre,
Bishop.

Non-Contents, (5):

Hons. Messrs. Talbot,
Harris,
Skelton,
Knowling,
Greene.

And the votes being equal, the Hon'ble the President gave his casting vote in favor of the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts,—

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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry."

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, 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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for Codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods."

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling 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 made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, June 7th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 6th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers against Distresses for Rent due to the Superior Landlord," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes, and for other purposes," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

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

"An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry," and

“ An Act for Codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods,” were severally read a third time and passed, and the Hon’ble the President signed the same.

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

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

“ An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths ’ ” ;

“ An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries,” and

“ An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of Copyright,’ ” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act relating to Advances made by Public Commissioners on account of Public Works and Services.”

On motion of the Hon’ble Mr. Pitts, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

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

Thursday, June 8th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President,*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

At a quarter to Five o'clock, P. M., the Honourable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable George T. Rendell, and the Honourable James Baird, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Hon'ble the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Hon'ble House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that His Excellency's Commissioners desire their attendance in the Council Chamber; and they being come thereto, the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:—

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

[L. S.]
HENRY MCCALLUM,
Governor.

To the Honourable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Hon'ble George T. Rendell and the Hon'ble James Baird, Greeting :

Whereas at and during the Session of this General Assembly of this Island now being holden the following Bills were passed by the

Legislative Council and House of Assembly, viz.:— ‘An Act to protect the Goods of Lodgers against Distresses for Rent due the Superior Landlord’; “An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes, and for other purposes”; “An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry”; “An Act for Codifying the Law relating to the Sale of Goods.”

And Whereas I, the Governor, have seen and considered the said Bills so passed and entitled, as aforesaid, you, the said Honourables Edward D. Shea, George T. Rendell and James Baird, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly that it is my pleasure to assent to these Bills.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 8th day of June, A. D., 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Titles of the said Bills having been severally read.

The Hon'ble Edward D. Shea, one of the said Commissioners, then signified His Excellency the Governor's assent to the said Bills, severally.

The House of Assembly then withdrew and the Commissioners retired.

The Hon'ble the President resumed his seat.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.’”

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling 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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries."

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Copyright.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

"An Act respecting the Law Society," and

"The Companies Act, 1889."

Which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, were severally read a first time, and

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

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

Monday, June 12th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

Tuesday, June 13th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 8th, and Monday, June 12th, were read.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, June 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 19th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

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

“ An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,’ ” and

“ An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘ Of Copyright,’ ” were severally 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 Messages, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries.”

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Law Society," 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'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "The Companies Act, 1899," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, June 20th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, June 19th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 2,—Sub-section (2).—In the eleventh line of Sub-section (2), after the word "the," strike out the word "first."

In the Schedule 1.—In the second line after the word "Gas-work," insert the words "Electric works."

In the Schedule 3.—In the first and second lines strike out the words "by Steam."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts moved that the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Advances made by Public Commissioners on account of Public Works and Services," be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon'ble Mr. Knowling moved in Amendment, "that the said Bill be read this day six months."

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

Contents, (6):

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
Talbot,
Skelton,
Harris,
Greene,
Bowring.

Non-Contents, (6):

Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
McLoughlan,
Rendell,
Baird,
Ayre,
Bishop.

And the votes being equal, the Hon'ble the President gave his casting vote against the Amendment.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion having been put, there appeared,—

Contents, (6):

Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
McLoughlan,
Rendell,
Baird,
Ayre,
Bishop.

Non-Contents, (6):

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
Talbot,
Skelton,
Harris,
Greene,
Bowring.

And the votes being equal, the Hon'ble the President gave his casting vote in favor of the motion.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs,” and

“An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers.”

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs,” was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers,” was read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts laid on the Table, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 27th May, 1899:

May 1st, 1899.

The following to form the Internal Economy Commission for the Session of 1899, under 61 Vic., Cap. 1, Sec. 4:—Hon'ble E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council; Hon'ble James Pitts; Hon'ble E. R. Bowring; His Honor H. Y. Mott, Speaker of the House of Assembly; Hon'ble Sir James S. Winter; Hon'ble A. B. Morine, and Hon'ble M. H. Carty.

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon'ble Representative of the Government in this Chamber, if any Order or Proclamation was issued by Commodore Bourke prohibiting the Sale of Goods by the owners of licensed lobster factories on the West Coast to illicit lobster packers;

If the same was brought to the notice of the Government, and what action was taken thereon, and if such prohibition is legal;

Also, to ask the Honourable member to lay upon the Table of this Chamber a copy of the Report of Messrs. Goodridge and Perez,

Commissioners appointed to visit other Countries with a view to the extension of our Fish Markets;

Also, to ask if the Hon'ble Member for Trinity, Mr. R. H. Watson, was commissioned by the Government to visit and inspect the Public Wharves and Breakwater in the District of Trinity; and if so to lay on the Table a copy of his instructions;

Also, for a detailed statement of the Expenditure under the head of—(1), Circuit Courts; (2), Civil and Criminal Prosecutions, for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

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

Wednesday, June 21st, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, 20th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, enti-

ted "An Act relating to Advances made by Public Commissioners on account of Public Works and Services."

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Law Society."

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, 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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "The Companies Act, 1899."

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," 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'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble Representative of the Government, if any Order or Proclamation was issued by Commodore Bourke, prohibiting the Sale of Goods by the owners of licensed factories, on the West Coast, to illicit Lobster packers;

If the same was brought to the notice of the Government, and what action was taken thereon, and if such prohibition is legal.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts replied that the papers were in course of preparation.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble Representative of the Government to lay upon the Table a copy of the Report of Messrs. Goodridge and Perez, Commissioners appointed to visit other Countries, with a view to the extension of our Fish Markets.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts replied that the papers were in course of preparation.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble Representative of the Government, if the Hon'ble Member for Trinity, Mr. R. H. Watson, was commissioned by the Government to visit and inspect the Public Wharves and Breakwaters in the District of Trinity; and if so to lay on the Table a copy of his instructions.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts replied that the papers were in course of preparation.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene asked the Hon'ble Representative of the Government for a detailed statement of the Expenditure under the heads of—(1), Circuit Courts; (2), Civil and Criminal Prosecutions for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts replied that the papers asked for were in course of preparation.

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

Report of the Standard Life Assurance Company, 1898.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Election Law," which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, was read a first time, and

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

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

Friday, June 23th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Advances

made by Public Commissioners on account of Public Works and Services," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Amendment is as follows:—

Section 6.—Ninth line,—After the word "prosecution" strike out all the words of the section.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Law Society," and "The Companies Act, 1899," were severally 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 Messages that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs."

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling 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'ble Mr. Bowring, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers."

The Hon'ble Mr. Harris 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Election Law," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly, acquainting the Council that they had passed the Amendments send down in and upon the Bill, entitled "An Act to provide for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries," without Amendment.

Also, a Message requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.'"

Which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts laid upon the Table information asked for by the Hon'ble Mr. Greene in his Questions of the 21st instant.

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

Report of the Roman Catholic Schools of Newfoundland, for the year ended 31st December, 1898.

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

Monday, June 26th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, June 23rd, were read

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

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

The Hon'ble Mr. McLoughlan 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1895,'" which said Bill, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, was read a first time, and

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Greene gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce a Bill concerning Marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

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

Friday, June 30th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Election Law," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1895,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, the Hon'ble Mr. Greene presented a Bill concerning Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister, which was read a first time, and

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

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

Monday, July 3rd, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President,*

The Honourable JOHN B. AYRE.

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

Tuesday, July 4th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, June 30th, and Monday, July 3rd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill concerning Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister was withdrawn from the House, and the second reading thereof from the Order of the Day, by consent of the House.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals from this Colony," and "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Personal Actions

at Law, and for other purposes," which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, were read a first time, and

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

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

Wednesday, July 5th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

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

“An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals from this Colony,” and

“An Act to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Personal Actions at Law, and for other purposes,” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow,

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

Monday, July 10th, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourable the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 11th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Tuesday, July 11th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 5th, and Monday, July 10th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1895.'"

The Hon'ble Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act to amend the Act 61 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act respecting Salaries,'" and "An Act relating to Bounty for Ship-building and Survey of Shipping," which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, 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, July 12th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, July 12th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 11th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1895,'" as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 4.—Strike out the word "officiating" in the 6th line.

In the same line—After the word "Church," insert the words "resident or officiating in such district."

In the 15th line of said section—After the word "re-appointment," insert the words "at the end of the next, second or other succeeding year."

Section 5.—In the 17th line—After the word "re-appointment," insert the words "at the end of the next, second or other succeeding year."

Section 6.—In the 6th line—After the word “actually,” insert the words “resident or.”

Same section.—14th line—After the word “re-appointment,” insert the word “at the end of the next, second or other succeeding year.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals from this Colony,” was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling 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'ble Mr. Greene, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Personal Actions at Law, and for other purposes.”

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the 61 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled ‘An Act respecting Salaries,’” 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Bounty for Ship-building and Survey of Shipping," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

"An Act to amend 'The Judicature Act, 1889'";

"An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," and

"An Act relating to Light Dues."

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Judicature Act, 1889,'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer," was read a first time, and

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, July 14th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, July 14th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 12th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals from this Colony," was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Personal Actions at Law, and for other purposes," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

The Amendment is as follows :—

In the Title of the said Bill, after the words “relating to,” strike out the words “the Limitation of Personal Actions at Law, and for other purposes,” and insert in lieu thereof, the words “Sealers Wages and Supplies.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Act 61 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled ‘An Act respecting Salaries.’”

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act relating to Bounty for Ship-building and Survey of Shipping,” was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon'ble Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889,” 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'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer,” 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'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

"An Act to amend the Law relating to Trial by Jury";

"An Act relating to Crown Lands";

"An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the raising of Loans authorized by the Legislature, and the Auditing of the Public Accounts";

"An Act to provide for the payment of Debentures lost or destroyed";

"An Act to continue the Encouragement of Agriculture";

"An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company";

"An Act respecting the Preservation of Game";

"An Act to amend the Customs' Act, 1898," which said Bills were read a first time, and

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

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

Report on the Mineral Statistics of Newfoundland for the year 1898, by James P. Howley, F. G. S.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pitts gives notice, that he will, on to-morrow, move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., and that it stand first on the Order of the Day.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, July 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Saturday, July 15th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,

JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, July 14th, were read.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts,—

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., for the remainder of the Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 61 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled 'An Act respecting Salaries,'" was read a third time and passed, and the Hon'ble the President signed the same.

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

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

The Hon'ble Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment,

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Bowring, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Deer."

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling 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 presently.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act relating to Light Dues."

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Trial by Jury," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of Debentures lost or destroyed," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue the Encouragement of Agriculture," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

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

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Harbor Grace Water Company," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the raising of Loans authorized by the Legislature, and the Auditing of the Public Accounts," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Bowring, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Game," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Customs' Act, 1898," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances”;

“An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1898”;

“An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the financial years, ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine, and the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service”;

“An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Public Service of the Colony”;

“An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of Saint John's,”

Which said Bills, on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, were severally read a first time, and

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

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

Report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly, acquainting the Council that the Assembly had passed the Amendments send down in and upon the following Bills, entitled respectively,—

“An Act relating to Advances made by Public Commissioners on account of Public Works and Services”;

“An Act to amend ‘The Education Act, 1895,’ and

“An Act to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Personal Actions at Law, and for other purposes,” without Amendment.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, July 17th, at half-past Four o’clock, P. M.

Monday, July 17th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables THOMAS TALBOT,
 JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,
 JOHN HARRIS,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Saturday, July 15th, were read.

• Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon’ble Mr. Greene, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act relating to Crown

Lands," as amended, was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Amendments are as follows:—

Section 3,—Sub-section 1.—Strike out the word "six" and substitute therefor the word "three."

Section 6,—Sub-section (a).—After words "eighteen inches in the ground," insert the words "and standing not less than twenty-four inches above the ground."

Insert after sub-section (b) as sub-section (c), the words following:—

"(c). The Minister of Agriculture and Mines shall cause to be made and kept in his department a register in which shall be entered the name of every applicant for a lease, the date of the application and the amount of the fee paid thereon, and every such entry shall be numbered with consecutive numbers from one upwards or as may be desirable. Every application shall at the time of the filing thereof be endorsed with the name of the applicant, the date of the filing, the amount of the fee paid or payable thereon and a number corresponding with a number of the entry thereof in the register. Every applicant shall be entitled to receive from the Minister of Agriculture and Mines, or his Deputy, a receipt for his application and for the fee paid, and such receipt shall contain the number and particulars required to be entered in the register and endorsed on the application."

In the same Section strike out the letter (c) and substitute therefor the letter (d).

At the end of the Sub-section, hitherto described as (c) and now described as (d), after the words "issue a lease," insert the words "provided that such notice shall be posted by the Minister of Agriculture and Mines not later than six months from the date of the filing of the notice first in this sub-section aforesaid,"

In the same Section, strike out the letter (d) and substitute therefor the letter (e).

In the same Section, strike out the letter (e) and substitute therefor the letter (f).

In the same Section, insert as sub-sections (g), (h) and (j), the following :—

“(g). The lessee of a Mining location, with the consent of the Governor-in-Council, may pay in advance the whole or any part of the rental reserved in any lease of a Mining location, and the amount of such payment in advance shall be the present value of the annual rentals so pre-paid, computed at the rate of three per centum per annum interest.”

“(h). The payment of the rental, as aforesaid, in advance for the entire term, shall entitle the lessee to a lease for ninety-nine years free from liability to forfeiture for any cause whatever.”

“(j). The Governor in Council may grant any Mining location in fee simple to the lessee thereof or his assigns upon payment of any amount agreed upon, provided that such amount be not less than six thousand dollars for each location.”

Section 10,—After the words “Crown land,” insert the words “or across a public road.”

Section 13,—Sub-section (b),—After the word “Legislature,” in the second, seventh. and tenth lines of the said sub-section, insert in each case the words “or otherwise ”

Section 14,—Sub-section 2,—After the word “grant” insert the word “or,” and strike out the words “or license” in the first line of said sub-section.

Section 18,—In the sixth line, strike out the words “one-half,” and substitute the words “one-fifth.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1898," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Knowling in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial years ending respectively, the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight, the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine, and the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to authorize the raising of a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the Public Service of the Colony," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Talbot in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Honourable the President informed the House that he had received Messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up, entitled respectively,—

“An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes” ;

“An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to provide for the Exchange of Debentures, for Debentures lost or destroyed,’ ” and

“An Act to authorize the Coinage of \$100,000 in Silver.”

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes,” was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. McLoughlan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to provide for the Exchange of Debentures, for Debentures lost or destroyed,” was read a first and second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Bishop in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to authorize the Coinage of \$100,000 in Silver,” was read a first and second time and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 18th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, July 18th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
 GEORGE SKELTON,
 GEORGE KNOWLING,
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,
 JAMES BAIRD,
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,
 JOHN B. AYRE,
 JAMES S. PITTS,
 ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, July 17th, were read.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly begs to acquaint the Honourable Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendments sent down by the Council in and upon the Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Crown Lands,” without Amendment.

H. Y. MOTT, *Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
 July 18th, 1899. }

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a Message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 60 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the St. John’s Street Railway Company, and for other purposes.’”

The said Bill, on motion of the Hon’ble Mr. Pitts, was read a first time, and

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, July 19th, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday, July 19th, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*,

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 18th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pitts, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 60 Victoria, Cap. 20, entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the St. John's Street Railway Company, and for other purposes,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon'ble Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received,

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

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

The Hon'ble the President informed the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on this day at Twelve o'clock.

At Twelve o'clock, His Excellency the Governor Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honourable 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, entitled respectively :—

An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled
“Of Copyright.”

An Act to amend the Election Law.

An Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled
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An Act respecting Companies

An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals from this Colony.

An Act for providing for Notice of and Enquiry into Accidents occurring in certain Employments and Industries.

An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889.

An Act to provide for the Inspection of Boilers

An Act respecting the Administration of Local Affairs.

An Act respecting the Law Society.

An Act relating to Sealers' Wages and Supplies.

An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled
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An Act for the Preservation of Deer.

An Act to amend the Act 61 Vic., Cap. 8, entitled “An Act respect-
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An Act relating to Light Dues.

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

An Act to continue the Encouragement of Agriculture.

An Act to amend “The Revenue Act, 1898.”

An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Municipal Affairs of the
Town of St. John's.

An Act authorizing the raising of a Sum of Money, by Loan, for the
Public Service of the Colony.

An Act respecting the Public Revenue, the raising of Loans autho-
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An Act to authorize the Coinage of \$100,000 in Silver.

An Act to authorize certain payments under the Road Service of the
Colony by Cash Notes, and for other purposes.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Sums of Money for de-
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An Act to amend “The Education Act, 1895.”

An Act to amend the Law relating to Trial by Jury.

An Act to provide for the payment of Debentures lost or destroyed

An Act for the Preservation of Game.

An Act to amend "The Customs' Act, 1898."

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth year of the Reign of present Majesty, entitled "An Act to provide for the exchange of Debentures, for Debentures lost or destroyed."

An Act to amend 60 Vic., Cap. 20, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the St. John's Street Railway Company, and for other purposes."

An Act relating to Crown Lands.

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

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I am pleased to be able to release you from the labours of a Session which, while of comparatively brief duration, has been productive of a large amount of useful legislation.

The improvement in the general economic conditions of the Colony to which I referred with satisfaction at the opening of the session, has, I am glad to be able to say, continued. The prospect of profitable realization of our staple products in foreign markets has inspired confidence and stimulated activity in commercial operations generally. A still further increase in remunerative employment to the people may also be looked for from mining operations, which it is expected will shortly be extended on a large scale, and the general outlook for the future is full of hope.

Your deliberations have resulted in the adoption of several measures of undoubted public utility. The alterations in the mining laws will remove difficulties which retarded bona fide enterprise, while protecting the public interest against the retention of large mineral areas without development. The benefits resulting from the bounty for clearing land under the Act of last Session, already so largely availed of, have fully justified the further appropriation which you have now made for the same purpose.

The comprehensive measure relating to the formation, incorporation, and management of Joint Stock Companies will encourage the investment of Capital; and the several Acts for providing safeguards against accidents and negligence will afford valuable protection both to life and property.

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

The result of the financial operations of the Colony for the fiscal year which has just closed affords reason for gratification. Notwithstanding the reductions made last year in the duties upon certain articles of large consumption, and the adoption of a new tariff containing numerous items which were largely experimental, the revenue reached such a total amount as to leave but a trifling deficit upon current account. The slight increase in the tariff of duties which you have now made will have the effect of equalising revenue and expenditure, and of establishing confidence in the credit of the Colony.

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the general public service of the Colony, which shall be expended with due regard both to economy and efficiency. I also note with satisfaction the appropriations which you have made for works and improvements of great public utility.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty's Government to enquire into and report upon the subject of French Treaty rights and claims in this Colony have made their report, but I have not yet been furnished with a copy to lay before you. The expiry of the temporary *modus vivendi* in relation to the lobster industry on the thirty-first of December next, and the fact that no legislation has been enacted or asked for for the continuance of that arrangement, tend to strengthen the hope for some early adjustment of all questions in difference under the treaties, upon terms which will be advantageous to the interests of the Colony.

With a view to acquiring a personal knowledge of the facts pertaining to the Colony, its people, and conditions generally, I propose shortly to proceed upon a tour of visitation which will include all the

most important towns and settlements of the Colony, and other points of interest in connection with its industries and resources. I trust that the information thus obtained may assist me in my earnest desire to direct all my labours and counsels towards the promotion of the best interests of the Colony and its people.

In now releasing you from the demands which the discharge of your public duties has entailed, I trust that in your various avocations in life the blessings of Providence may attend you.

The Honourable 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 FIFTH day of OCTOBER next, then and there to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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