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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.

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Third Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly, 1900.

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## PROCLAMATION.

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD  
McCALLUM, Knight Commander of the  
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Michael and Saint George, Governor  
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Dependencies*

HENRY McCALLUM,  
Governor.  
[L. S.]

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until  
THURSDAY the NINTH day of NOVEMBER instant; and  
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General As-  
sembly until THURSDAY the FOURTEENTH day of DECEMBER next.

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this Sixth day of  
November, A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*





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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this Twelfth day of  
December, A. D. 1899.

By His Excellency's Command,

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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until  
THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of JANUARY instant;  
and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General  
Assembly until THURSDAY the FIRST day of FEBRUARY next;

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this 9th day of  
January, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*





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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until  
THURSDAY the FIRST day of FEBRUARY instant; and  
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General As-  
sembly until THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH next;

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

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this 30th day of  
January, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
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**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until  
THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH next; and whereas  
I deem it necessary for the consideration of matters of special  
importance to convene a Session of the said General Assembly  
to be held at an earlier date:

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, summon and call  
the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and  
meet at the town of St. John's, *for the despatch of business*, on  
MCNDAY the NINETEENTH day of FEBRUARY instant, of which  
all persons concerned are required to take due notice and  
govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this 9th day of  
February, A. D. 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALEX. ROBINSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

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Third Session of the Eighteenth General Assembly.

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*Monday, February 19th, 1900.*

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature for the consideration of matters of special importance.

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,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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 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:*

The temporary Act for giving effect to the Treaties between Great Britain and France in relation to fishery rights on the coasts of this colony having expired on the 31st December last, I have been requested by Her Majesty's Government to bring the matter before my Ministers, with a view to obtaining from the Legislature a continuation of the measure. Acting upon their recommendation I have summoned this session for the special purpose of submitting the matter for your special consideration, in view of the near approach of the time when preparations by the French for the season's fishery must begin.

I am sure that you are not unmindful of the great responsibilities which at the present moment are pressing upon Her Majesty's Government, and that a full recognition of those grave difficulties will find its due place in your deliberations and action upon the important question with which you are now called upon to deal.

I trust that Divine wisdom may direct you in all your counsels.

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



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

The Hon. Mr. Rendell laid upon the Table of the House a Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to the "modus vivendi," which was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird,—

Ordered,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

The Hon. Mr. Baird presented a Draft of the said Address, which was received and read a first time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird,—

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended with reference to the said Address.

The said Address was then read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring 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. 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 Lieutenant-Colonel 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, thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

The Bill for the temporary Extension of “The Newfoundland French ‘Treaties’ Act,” will, when it comes before us, receive our immediate and most careful consideration.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, }  
19th February, 1900. }

The Hon. the President informed the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply immediately.

At Four o'clock, P. M., the House presented the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The House returned and took recess until half-past Seven o'clock.

After recess.

The Honourable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the Address in Reply 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 to me. I feel sure that the result of your deliberations will be such as will evince a proper sense of loyalty and patriotism at this anxious time.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following letter:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
19th February, 1900. }

SIR,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has given leave of absence to the Hon. J. S. Pitts. He will return to the Colony about May 1st.

I have, &c.,

HUGH H. CARTER,  
*Act'g Private Secretary.*

The Hon'ble E. D. SHEA,  
*President, Legislative Council.*

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



*Tuesday, February 20th, 1900.*

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

The Hon. 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 continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act.'"

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties' Act,'" was read a first time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell,—

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended with regard to the said Bill,



On motion of the Hon. Mr. Rendell the said Bill was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. 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. 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 House then took recess until twenty minutes after Three o'clock.

After recess

At half-past Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Commons House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill:—

“An Act to continue for a further period ‘The Newfoundland French Treaties’ Act.”



After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech:--

*Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:*

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

The special business for which you were convened, having been completed with despatch, I am gratified to be able to release you from further attendance.

Before so doing I beg on behalf Her Majesty's Government to express to you my thanks for having agreed to a temporary extension of the 'Treaties' Act with such dignity, loyalty and unanimity.

In adopting this course, you have displayed not only a spirit of pure patriotism, and have shown that Newfoundland, --equally with the rest of Her Majesty's possessions,--responds in times of anxiety to the throb of Empire, but you have also exhibited wise statesmanship in the matter, which will assuredly advance the settlement of the long standing difficulties connected with your fisheries.

The Hon. the President then said:--It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY the EIGHTH day of MARCH next, to be then here holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,  
*Clerk, Legislative Council.*



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