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*ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.*



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



First Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly,  
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## PROCLAMATION.

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HENRY McCALLUM,  
GOVERNOR.  
[L. S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY the TWELFTH day of JULY next; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the NINTH day of AUGUST next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the NINTH day of AUGUST next, 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 10th day of July, A. D., 1900.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*





## PROCLAMATION.

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HENRY McCALLUM,  
GOVERNOR.  
[L. S.]

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD,  
of the United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Ireland, Queen, De-  
fender of the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING :

**W**HEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the General  
Assembly of Our Island of Newfoundland ;

Know ye, that We do for this purpose publish this Our  
Royal Proclamation, and We do, by these presents, dissolve  
the said General Assembly; and We do hereby discharge the  
members of Our Council and of the House of Assembly of  
the said Island from further attendance in the said General  
Assembly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters  
to be made Patent under the Great Seal of the said Island.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir HENRY E.  
McCALLUM, R. E., Knight Commander of the  
Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and  
Saint George, Aide-de-Camp, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said  
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies,  
at Saint John's, in Our said Island of New-



foundland, this Seventh day of August, A. D.,  
1900, and in the Sixty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*





## PROCLAMATION.

HENRY MCCALLUM,  
GOVERNOR.  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING :

WHEREAS Royal Letters Patent of the 29th March, A.D. 1876, constituting the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, hath given and granted unto the said Governor full power and authority to summon and call together the General Assembly of the said Colony ; and whereas Writs, in due form, have been issued for a General Election of the General Assembly, under which Members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly :

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these presents, summon and call the members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the town of St. John's in the said Colony, *for the despatch of Business*, on THURSDAY, the 21st day of FEBRUARY instant, of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.



Given under my Hand and Seal at the Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this 4th day of  
February, A.D., 1901.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,

*Dept. Colonial Secretary.*



# Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

First Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1901.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at five minutes to two o'clock the House met. House meets.

## PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members Present.  
The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREEN,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING.

At two o'clock p.m. the Honorable E. D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, the Honorable George Skelton and the Honorable George Knowling, members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor, as Commissioners, having taken their Commissioners Appointed by the Governor.



seats. the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on Council, to proceed to the Honorable House of Assembly and inform the members thereof that His Excellency the Governor'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:—

Commission.

*By His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Spint Michael and Saint George, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

To the Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, President of the Legislative Council, the Honorable GEORGE SKELTON and the Honorable GEORGE KNOWLING, Members of the Legislative Council, Greeting :

Whereas, I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on the Twenty-first day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the Fourth day of this instant month ; and

Whereas it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly



together should be declared on the said day, nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you the said Honorable Edward D. Shea, Honorable George Skelton and Honorable George Knowling are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly, on the Twenty-first day of February instant, that it is my pleasure that they shall proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the  
Government House, Saint John's,  
this Twentieth day of February,  
A. D., 1901.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,  
*Deputy Colonial Secretary.*

The Honorable Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, one of the Commissioners, then said :—

Hon. E. D. Shea  
addresses  
House of As-  
sembly.

*Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly:*

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons why he has convened the present Session until you have first chosen from amongst your body some proper person to be your Speaker. Therefore it is His Excellency's pleasure that you now retire to your



Chamber and there proceed to the choice of such person and present him here at Three o'clock for His Excellency's approbation.

Assembly  
Withdraw.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, February 22nd at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1901.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members  
Present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA. *President.*  
 The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
 JOHN HARRIS,  
 GEORGE SKELTON,  
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
 JAMES BAIRD,  
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
 JOHN B. AYRE.

Governor  
arrives at Coun-  
cil Chamber;

At Three o'clock, P.M., His Excellency the Governor, Sir HENRY EDWARD McCALLUM, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Cham-



ber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the 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, Lawrence O. B. Furlong, Esq., a member for the District of St. John's East, having been presented by the Honorable W. H. Horwood, Minister of Justice, as Speaker elect, and the choice approved and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Members of  
Assembly  
attend Council  
Chamber;

Mr. Speaker  
elect presented  
and approved.

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

Governor's  
Speech. .

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

Since the last Session of this Legislature the Empire of which we are privileged to be a part has been called upon to mourn the loss of the beloved Sovereign who was for Sixty-four years our Queen. During a reign unprecedently long and glorious Her late Majesty Queen Victoria ever evinced a heartfelt interest in the welfare and prosperity of her subjects throughout Greater Britain, and by her wise and beneficial rule as a constitutional Sovereign, and by her own personality, did much to strengthen the ties of affection which unite the Colonies with the Motherland.



Speech—  
(Continued)

In no portion of this Empire has Her Majesty's death been more sincerely mourned than in her Colonial dominions, and I venture to think that in no part of these vast dominions has there been sorrow more profound than in this the oldest Colony.

You will, I feel sure, take an early opportunity of expressing your sympathy with the Royal Family in their bereavement, and your loyalty to His Majesty the King.

As you are doubtless aware, the temporary Act for giving effect to the Treaties between Great Britain and France in relation to fishery rights on a portion of the Coast of this Colony, expired on the Thirty-first day of December last. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has invited my Ministers to send a delegation to London to confer with His Majesty's Government on the subject of the Treaty Question, preparatory to the opening of negotiations by His Majesty's Government with the Government of France with a view to a final settlement of the matters in dispute between the two countries. My Ministers have complied with the invitation extended to them by His Majesty's Government, and it is to be hoped that the conference now about to take place, and the negotiations which will take place between His Majesty's Government and the Government of France, may result in a settlement of this long-standing dispute which will prove acceptable to the Legislature and the people of this Colony. In the meantime, and pending the negotiations shortly



to be initiated, His Majesty's Government asks your Legislature to continue the present Act for the ensuing season, and I have, upon the advice of my Ministers, summoned this session for the special purpose of submitting the matter for your immediate consideration.

Speech—  
Continued.

I feel sure that in view of the special circumstances under which the request of His Majesty's Government is made, it will receive at your hands a gracious and willing response.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I am in receipt of a cable message from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies acquainting me that His Majesty the King, who remembers with pleasure that Newfoundland was the first Colony which he visited, desires that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York should pay a brief visit to St. John's on their return voyage from Canada in the autumn. His Majesty the King is confident that their Royal Highnesses will receive a cordial welcome from his loyal people in his oldest Colony. As at present arranged, their Highnesses will arrive at St. John's on the 21st October and leave on the 24th October.

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



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

Governor  
Retires.



Minutes Read.

The Minutes of yesterday, the 21st day of February were read.

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

*Mr. President:*

Message from  
Assembly.

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying address to His Majesty the King, and also, the accompanying address to His Excellency the Governor as to the transmission of the same, and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

L. O. B. FURLONG,

*Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
February 22, 1901. }

*To the King's Most Excellent Majesty :*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

Address.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland in Session convened, respectfully beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our profound devotion and homage on your accession to the Throne.

We are moved on this occasion by feelings seemingly not in accord yet really in a natural unison. As the representatives of Your Majesty's



most ancient Colony we heartily grieve for the death of our beloved Queen, under whose beneficent sway all the British Colonies have attained unwonted progress ; while we cannot but rejoice that she is succeeded by a son whose mind and heart have been formed by so wise and bright an exemplar.

Address—  
Continued.

Her late Majesty won singular distinction as the unswerving upholder, through a long reign, of the principles of Constitutional Government, and was justly revered as the noblest type of womanhood that ever held the sceptre of Britain. She ruled her subjects with womanly affection, evincing itself in their days of joy and of sorrow by words and deeds of sympathy, amongst the humblest dwellers in the land, as well as in the ranks of the titled and high-born. And how full was their return of love, how truly their Queen reigned in their hearts, has been abundantly manifested in the grief of the whole nation for the magnitude of its loss.

In conveying to Your Majesty our warmest sympathy in the pain of your bereavement, we feel how much this must be assuaged by the memories of the great life that has closed. We fervently pray that Heaven may grant to Your Majesty a long reign, stored with blessings to yourself and to the Empire, and that your rule may be directed by the wisdom and goodness which we regard as Your Majesty's rightful inheritance.

We take occasion to express our deep gratitude for Your Majesty's gracious message, which



Address—  
Continued.

has this day been conveyed to us by His Excellency the Governor, acquainting us of the high honour which Your Majesty has done this Colony in proposing the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and we beg to assure Your Majesty of a most cordial welcome for their Royal Highnesses from the people of Newfoundland.

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*To His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to  
Governor.

We, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, have passed the accompanying Address to His Majesty the King and most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Passed the House of Assembly, 22nd day of February, 1901.

L. O'B. FURLONG,

*Speaker.*



Passed the Legislative Council, 22nd day of February, 1901.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the said Addresses were severally read and adopted, and

Addresses read and adopted.

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

Message to House of Assembly.

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

Speech Read.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton,

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

Committee on Address of Thanks.

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

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

Communication from Government House.



Also, Blue Book for 1898-1899.

Also, Correspondence relating to Court of Appeal Conference, asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid upon the table the following Report from Internal Economy Commission :—

The Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature beg to present the following Report under the provisions of Section 10 of the Act 61 Vic., Cap. 1:—

#### ASSEMBLY :

Mr. M. A. Devine has been appointed Supervisor of Debates.

Messrs. W. H. Martin, W. K. Pratt, W. B. Warren, R. F. Power and R. White have been appointed Reporters.

The publishing of the Debates has been assigned to the *Evening Telegram*.

The copying of the Debates has been assigned to the *Evening Herald*, *Harbour Grace Standard*, *Brigus Vindicator* and *Twillingate Sun*.

The printing of the Journal and miscellaneous papers has been assigned to the *Evening Telegram*.

#### COUNCIL :

Messrs. R. Pitman, J. W. Gleeson and G. Carty have been appointed reporters to the Council.



*Also*,—The Correspondence relative to the visit of the Hon. Mr. Bond to London, any Minute of Council relative to his mission and his powers to negotiate or conclude terms, and the latest information from him as to the success of his mission ;

*Also*,—If he is to be assisted by any other Member of the Government, and if any provision has been made for defraying the expenses of the mission.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at a quarter to Eleven o'clock a.m. Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING.

The Minutes of Friday last were read. Minutes Read.

At Eleven o'clock the Council proceeded to Government House with the Address to His Council presents Address



Majesty the King and the Address to His Excellency the Governor.

At half-past Eleven o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Addresses and to return an answer thereto in the following words :—

Governor's  
Reply.

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

I beg to thank you for the Address which you have handed to me for transmission to the King's Most Excellent Majesty. The loving sympathy displayed by the loyal people of Newfoundland with His Majesty and the Royal Family on the occasion of our irreparable national bereavement has been most touching. I feel confident that your love for the Royal Family will be fully manifested on the occasion of the proposed visit to the Colony of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

The Hon. the President laid upon the Table the following :—

Certified Copy  
of Minutes  
approved.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 20th February, 1901.

Internal  
Economy  
Commission.

The following to be the Internal Economy Commission under 61 Vic., Cap. 1, Section 4—  
Hon. E. D. Shea, Hon. John Harris, Hon. George



Skelton, His Honor the Speaker, Hon. the Premier,  
Hon. E. P. Morris, Hon. E. M. Jackman.

Certified true copy,

ARTHUR MEWS,  
*Deputy Colonial Secretary.*

On motion made the House adjourned until Adjourned.  
Monday next at half-past Four o'clock p.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.* Members Present.  
The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL.  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Saturday, February 24th were Minutes read.  
read.



Question asked.

Pursuant to notice the Honorable Mr. Greene asked the Honorable the Leader of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House all correspondence between the Colonial Office and our Government relative to the renewal of the Modus Vivendi for the years 1898-9-90; also, the correspondence relative to the visit of Mr. Bond to London. Any Minutes of Council relative to his mission and his powers to negotiate or conclude terms. The latest information from him as to the success of his mission; also, if he is to be assisted by any other member of the Government, and if any provision has been made for defraying the expenses of the mission.

Information laid on Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knowling laid certain correspondence on the Table and said other information was in course of preparation.

Draft Address presented and read 1st time.

The Honorable Dr. Skelton from the select Committee 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.

Notice of Suspension.

The Honorable Dr. Skelton 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.

Adjourned.

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



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

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

The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
 JAMES ANGEL,  
 JOHN HARRIS,  
 GEORGE SKELTON,  
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
 GEORGE KNOWLING,  
 D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
 JAMES BAIRD,  
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
 JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of the present Session was read a second time.

Address in Reply read 2nd time.

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

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Suspension of 33rd Rule.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the said Address.

Committee on Address.



The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Report be received.

Address of  
Thanks, read a  
3rd time and  
Passed.

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

To be Presented  
by Deputation  
of the Whole.

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 :—

Address of  
Thanks.

*To His Excellency Sir HENRY EDWARD MCCALLUM, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Aide-de Camp to His Majesty the King, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The Legislative Council in Session convened thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.



We sincerely deplore with Your Excellency <sup>Address—</sup>  
<sub>(Continu</sub> the death of our beloved Queen, the memory of whose long and glorious reign will be ever treasured by Her subjects throughout the Empire. As Colonists we love to recall the anxious interest evinced by Her late Majesty in the well-being of these dependencies, while we recognize how much Her endearing personality contributed to strengthen our bonds of union with the parent country. The civilized world mourns Her demise as a loss to humanity and we believe that not within the British dominions is there deeper sorrow than in the hearts of the people of Newfoundland.

In an Address from both Houses of our Legislature we have assured His Majesty the King of our sympathy with Him and the Royal Family in their bereavement and of our loyalty to the Throne.

The subject of the renewal of the *modus vivendi* in relation to the Fishery rights of the French on a portion of the Newfoundland Coast, shall receive our attentive consideration. We trust that the conference of our delegate with the Imperial Government, and the negotiations between the latter and the Government of France will result in a satisfactory settlement of this long pending question.

His Majesty's visit to Newfoundland, and the fact that this was the first Colony so honored, are still and most agreeably remembered here. We gratefully appreciate His Majesty's desire that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of



Address—  
Continued.

Cornwall and York shall confer upon us a similar honor next October, and His Majesty may be fully confident that their Royal Highnesses will receive a glad and loyal welcome from the inhabitants of His most ancient Colony.

Message  
from Assembly.

The Honorable 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 continue for a further period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act.”

Newfoundland  
French Treaties  
Act read 1st  
time.

The said Bill on motion of the Honorable Mr. Knowling was read a first time.

Notice of  
Motion.

The Honorable Mr. Knowling gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House as regards the Bill entitled “An Act to continue for a further period the Newfoundland French Treaties Act.”

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Knowling

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

Information  
laid on Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knowling laid upon the Table further correspondence asked for by the Honorable Mr. Greene relative to the Honorable Premier's mission to London.



The Honorable the President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech on to-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A.M., at Government House.

Address in Reply to Speech.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, February 27th, at a quarter to 11 o'clock, A.M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

Members Present.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
 GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
 JAMES ANGEL,  
 JOHN HARRIS,  
 GEORGE SKELTON,  
 GEORGE KNOWLING,  
 D. JOSEPH GREENE.

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Minutes read

At Eleven o'clock the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

Council presents Address in Réply.

At half-past Eleven o'clock the House having returned the Hon. the President reported that His



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

Governor's  
Reply.

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

I thank you for the Address which you have presented to me and for your graceful, loving references to the irreparable loss which the Nation has sustained by the death of our beloved Queen. I feel confident that the welcome which you will give the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York in October next, will be of such a nature that it will form a fitting close to the Royal tour and be evidence to His Majesty the King that His visit to Newfoundland is held in grateful remembrance.

It will be a source of much gratification, not only to the Colony, but to the Nation at large, if the negotiations which are now pending with the Government of France, lead to a satisfactory solution of the long-standing vexatious questions connected with the Fishery rights of that Power.

HENRY McCALLUM,

*Governor.*

Recess.

The House then took recess until half-past Four o'clock, P.M.

After recess—

The Honourables Samuel Blandford, James Baird, Edgar R. Bowring and John B. Ayre entered the Council Chamber.



Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to continue for a further period 'The Newfoundland French Treaties Act'" was read a second time.

Newfoundland  
French Treaties  
Act read 2nd  
time.

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

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

33rd Rule  
suspended.

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

Committee on  
Newfoundland  
French Treaties  
Act.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Reported  
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.

Newfoundland  
French Treaties  
Act read 3rd  
time and passed

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

Message to  
Assembly.

The Honorable the President informed the House that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Thursday, February the 28th, at Three o'clock, P.M.

President in-  
forms Council  
of Governor's  
intention to  
close Session.



Adjourned.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at a quarter to Three o'clock, P.M.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1901.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Members Present.

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.  
 The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
 JAMES ANGEL,  
 JOHN HARRIS,  
 GEORGE SKELTON,  
 SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
 JAMES BAIRD,  
 EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
 JOHN B. AYRE.

Members Present.

The Minutes of Wednesday last were read:

Messege to Assembly.

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 Honorable the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod 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 Bill:—



“An Act to continue for a further period <sup>Bills assented to-Continued.</sup>  
‘The Newfoundland French Treaties Act.’”

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

*Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the* <sup>Governor's</sup>  
*Legislative Council :* <sub>Speech.</sub>

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

“The special business for which this Session of the Legislation was convened having been completed, I have much pleasure now in releasing you from further attendance.

“It affords me much satisfaction to observe the manner in which the request of His Majesty's Government for the re-enactment of the French Treaties' Act has been complied with by your Honourable Houses, and especially does it afford me gratification that your proceedings in this mat- have been marked by unanimity.

“I feel sure that your patriotic conduct will be fully appreciated by His Majesty's Government and that it will facilitate the initiation of the contemplated negotiations with the Government of France. I earnestly hope that these negotiations may result in a settlement of the Treaties' Question favourable to this Colony.



Governor's  
Speech—  
(Continued).

“This will be the last occasion that I shall address you, as I leave the Colony next week on promotion to the Governorship of Natal. I am glad, therefore, to have this opportunity of publicly thanking my Ministers, both past and present, for their uniform support and co-operation, and Legislators generally for their courtesy and assistance when discussing with them the direction in which progress and improvement could best be made.

“Much is required still to ameliorate the social, economic, and educational condition of the community. It will be with heartfelt interest that I shall watch the measures to this end, which I trust will be introduced with the least possible delay for the wise and beneficent consideration of this Legislature ; and I indulge in the hope that, under Divine Providence, they will be discussed and passed in a spirit of patriotism and unanimity. Farewell.”

The Hon. the President then said :—

Prorogation.

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Thursday, the 28th day of March next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

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



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