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## PROCLAMATION.

JOSEPH I. LITTLE,  
Administrator.  
[L. S.]

*By His Honour the Honourable JOSEPH  
I. LITTLE, Chief Justice, Adminis-  
trator of the Government of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until  
**THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-EIGHTH** day of **MARCH** in-  
stant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** until **THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day  
of April next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further pro-  
rogate the said **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** until **THURSDAY**, the  
**TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **APRIL** next, 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 26th day of  
March, A.D., 1901.

By His Honour's Command,

**ARTHUR MEWS,**  
*Deputy Colonial Secretary.*



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*By His Honour the Honourable JOSEPH  
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trator of the Government of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of this instant month ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the TWENTY-THIRD day of MAY next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the TWENTY-THIRD 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 Govern-  
ment House, St. John's, this 23rd day of  
April, A.D. 1901.

By His Honour's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,  
*Deputy Colonial Secretary.*

# *Legislative Council of Newfoundland.*

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Second Session of the Nineteenth General Assembly.

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THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, 1901.

This being the day appointed by Proclamation 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 McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

At Three o'clock P.M. His Honour the Administrator of the Government, the Honourable JOSEPH I. LITTLE, Chief Justice, 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 Honour's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House ; and they being come thereto His Honour was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following Speech to both Houses :—

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

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

Since the close of the Special Session held in February last, the delegates from my Government have been in conference with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the treaty rights of the French on the Coasts of this Island.

I take pleasure in stating that I have received a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressing the “warm appreciation felt by His Majesty's Government of the ready compliance of the Newfoundland Government with the invitation addressed to them, and of the services rendered by the delegates.” It is added that “negotiations with France are proceeding, but that as the Premier of the Colony expressed a strong desire to return immediately to the Colony, where official duties require his presence, His Majesty's Government did not think that they ought to press him to stay longer in England.”

I cannot too strongly express the hope that the labours of the recent conference, in which my Ministers have taken such an important part, may result in an early settlement of this grave dispute.

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Since the Session of the Legislature last year, a general election has taken place and has resulted in a very strong pronouncement in favor of the policy of my Government.

I am pleased to be able to record that during the past year our fisheries have been prosecuted with a large measure of success.

The Shore cod fishery resulted in a full average in quantity, and it is gratifying to know that the cure was better than usual.

The Labrador fishery, on the other hand, resulted in a smaller catch than in either of the two previous years, principally owing to the presence of ice to a very late period on the coast, which not only prevented the crews from fishing during what is usually the most productive part of the season, but also destroyed a great deal of fishing gear ; thus depriving the fishermen of the means of catching fish even after the ice had finally left the coast.

The prices of codfish opened satisfactorily and continued exceedingly good in most of our foreign markets, and thus contributed toward what may be considered on the whole a prosperous year's business for those interested in this fishery.

The seal fisheries of the years 1900 and 1901 were very successful and resulted in good returns to all interested.

The lobster fishery appears to be a gradually failing industry, and from the experience of other countries, as well as our own, it would appear as if this fishery will be entirely destroyed, unless some vigorous measures than we have heretofore tried be adopted for its protection. The prices realized were high during the whole season, but the quality of the

pack left much to be desired and reduced considerably the total value of the catch.

The salmon fishery, as compared with recent years, proved an average one, but as an article of trade our salmon is being driven out of foreign markets by the Pacific Coast salmon. The latter, though a much inferior fish for table use, because of its coarseness and toughness, is enabled by these very qualities which cause its inferiority to better withstand the rough handling incident to its transportation by rail and sea.

The herring fishery on the coast of this Island was one of the smallest on record.

Agricultural operations resulted satisfactorily, and the crops were well above the average.

Owing to the strike at Bell Island in the summer of last year, the quantity of iron ore exported from that place fell much short of the export of the previous year. The products of our mines, generally, however, while not equal in value to those of the year immediately preceding, were in advance of those of previous years and yielded handsome returns to those whose capital was invested in the industry.

The exports of lumber last year showed a marked increase, and during the present year lumbering operations are being carried on on a much extended scale, and we may therefore expect an increasingly large production and export.

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

The Customs Revenue for the year ending June 30th last was in excess of the estimate. I have directed the esti-

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mates for this year to be prepared and forwarded to you without delay. You will be asked to make suitable provision for the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, when they visit the Colony in October next. I feel sure that it will afford you, as well as the people of the Colony generally, pleasure to testify our loyal appreciation of their Royal Highnesses' visit.

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

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

It gives me pleasure to observe that the movement for the establishment of a Naval Reserve amongst our fishermen has met with a promising measure of success. During the past year, fifty-one of our Naval Reservists went into training for six months on board H.M.S. *Charybdis*, on the West Indian station, and it is gratifying to find that their services and conduct won the appreciation of their commanding officers. In a communication received by me from the Commodore he says :

“ We all consider them to be now a useful and efficient body of men who would be a formidable addition to our personnel. So well have they done that I have been able to advance forty to the higher rating of Qualified Seaman.”

In response to an application made by my Ministers, His Majesty's Government has offered to send H.M.S. *Calypso* to be permanently stationed here for use as a Training Ship for Newfoundlanders who enlist in the Royal Naval Reserve, and arrangements have been made whereby fishermen entering the service can take the prescribed four weeks' period of training



during the winter months, so as not to interfere with the pursuit of their ordinary avocations. My Government has dutifully acknowledged the liberality of His Majesty's Government in this matter, and has undertaken to install a system of steam-heating and to make other necessary internal alterations in the ship, required for the accommodation and comfort of our Naval Reservists. It seems to me that the opportunities offered by the Naval Reserve only require to be properly understood for them to be more fully availed of by our people, and I confidently expect that year by year large numbers will take advantage of the offer made by His Majesty's Government.

My Ministers have had under their consideration the question of revising the tariff, with a view to effect in it such changes as will remove its present inequalities and secure a more equitable distribution of taxation. They hope to be able to submit proposals for such a reduction of the taxes at present imposed on several of the necessaries of life as can be made consistently with providing a sufficient revenue for the maintenance of the public service.

Negotiations have been for some time proceeding between my Government and the Railway Contractor, touching various questions arising out of the Railway Contract, and my Ministers will introduce at an early date a measure dealing with Railway matters.

A matter calling for the serious consideration of the Legislature is the increasing scarcity of coal and its consequent advance in price, placing it beyond the means of many of our people. It is highly important that steps should be taken without delay to ascertain as fully as possible the extent

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and value of our own coal areas, and to this end I trust due provision will be made in the estimates during the present Session.

The question of reciprocity between this Colony and the United States of America is receiving the attention of my Ministers. At the request of His Majesty's Government, the Premier of this Colony visited Ottawa to discuss with the Government of the Dominion of Canada the grounds of objections that were raised by the latter to separate and distinct negotiations.

The subject of the extension of telegraph communication to the Labrador coast has also engaged the attention of my Ministers, and it is hoped that in the not distant future this great desideratum will be secured.

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

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

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

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received the following communications :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
26th April, 1901.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you that the Joint Address to the King from the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly was duly presented.

2.—His Majesty received the Address with much pleasure and has graciously given commands to express His high appreciation of the loving reference made in it to His Royal and lamented Mother and His grateful thanks for the loyal terms in which the sympathy of the Legislature of the Colony has been tendered to Him and the members of His family on the occasion of Her late Majesty's death.

3.—His Majesty was much gratified by the assurance with which the Address concluded of a most cordial welcome to their most Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on their forthcoming visit to this Colony, and He has commanded to express again the great pleasure with which He sanctioned the visit.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOS. D. LITTLE,

*Administrator.*

The Hon. E. D. SHEA,

*President Legislative Council.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

March 6th, 1901.

SIR,—

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward herewith copy of a telegram which he has received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, directing that the

thanks of H. M. Government may be conveyed to the Legislature for the renewal of the French Treaties Act.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. J. POWYS-KECK,

*Captain A. D. C.*

The Hon. the

*President Legislative Council.*

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TELEGRAM.

March 1st, 1901.

GOVERNOR ST. JOHN'S :—

Convey to Legislature thanks of H. M's Government for renewal of Treaties Act.

*Chamberlain.*

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton :—

*Ordered*—That a select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Honor the Administrator in reply to His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

*Ordered*—That the Honorables Dr. Skelton, Mr. Harris, Mr. Baird, Mr. Greene and Mr. McLoughlin be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling moved the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted :—

*Resolved*—That the Council desires to record the expression of its deep regret for the recent death of the Hon. Thomas Talbot, for many years a member of this Council, by whom and by the country at large his varied abilities were held in highest appreciation.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will on tomorrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay upon the table all correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Office, relative to the increase of the number of executive officers.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, May 30th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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THURSDAY, MAY 30th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEO. T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 23rd, were read.

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The Hon. Dr. Skelton from the Select Committee on the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honor the Administrator presented a Draft of the same which was received and read a first time and

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

Hon. 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.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table all correspondence between the Government and the Colonial Office relative to the increase of the executive officers.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government what foundation there is for the statement in this morning's *News* that the question of giving representation to the Colonies on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is to be discussed and that Mr. Justice Emerson has been selected by the Government to proceed to England to represent the Colony ; and for all correspondence upon the subject.

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

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FRIDAY, MAY 31st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, May 30th, were 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 Honour the Administrator was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended with regard to the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator.

On motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton:—

*Ordered*—That the said Address be committed presently.

The Honourable Mr. Ayre 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 Honour the Administrator by a deputation of the whole House:—

*To His Honour the Honourable JOSEPH I. LITTLE, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland in Session convened, thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature. The various important questions referred to by Your Honour shall receive our attentive consideration.

E. D. SHEA,  
*President.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
31st May, 1901. }



The Hon. the President informed the House that His Honour the Administrator would receive the Address in Reply on to-morrow, Saturday, at half-past twelve o'clock.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government what foundation there is for the statement in the *Morning News* that the question of giving representation to the Colonies on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is to be discussed and that Mr. Justice Emerson has been selected by the Government to proceed to England to represent the Colony ; and for all correspondence upon the subject.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow Saturday, at a quarter past twelve o'clock.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, May 31st, were read.

At half past twelve o'clock the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator.

At a quarter to one o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Honour 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 just presented.

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

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, 1901.

PRESENT:

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

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

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1901.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *Peesident*.

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

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

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

The Minutes of Saturday, June 1st, Wednesday, June 5th, and Thursday, June 6th, were read.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, by command of His Honour the Administrator of the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

Returns, 1899-1900, from Department of Agriculture and Mines.

Fee Simple Mining Grants issued.

Applications for Mining Locations received.

Mining Leases for 99 years issued.

Mining Leases for one year issued.

Crown Land Grants issued.

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.

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The printing of the miscellaneous papers has been assigned to Mr. J. W. McCoubrey.

The publishing of the Debates has been assigned to the *Telegram* and the copying to the *Herald*.

E. D. SHEA,  
*Chairman I. E. Committee.*

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received messages from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the following Bills entitled respectively :—

An Act to provide for the fulfilment of the terms of a convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America relative to the disposal of Real and Personal Property.

An Act to amend "The Education Act, 1895," which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will on to-morrow call the attention of the Hon. Leader of the Government to the Official Report of the proceedings of the House of Assembly wherein the Hon. the Premier, replying to a question of the Hon. Member Mr. Morine, asking as to Mr. John Cowan's employment in the Public Service of the Colony, stated among other things that Mr. Cowan was employed paying the dividends on Commercial and Union Bank Certificates and was paid out of the money allocated for the winding up of the Banks ; and to ask the Hon. Leader of the Government by whom the allocation was made, under what

authority and the amount of same ; also, to ask for a statement of the number and amount of unrepresented certificates of each bank to date ?

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 11th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to provide for the fulfilment of the terms of a Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America relative to the disposal of Real and Personal Property" and "An Act to amend 'the Education Act, 1895'" were severally read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene called the attention of the Hon. Leader of the Government to the Official Report of the proceedings of the House of Assembly wherein the Hon. the Premier, in replying to a question of the Hon. Member Mr. Morine, asking as to Mr. John Cowan's employment in the Public Service of the Colony, stated among other things that Mr. Cowan was employed paying the dividends on Commercial and Union Bank certificates and was paid out of the money allocated for the winding up of the Banks and asked the Hon. Leader of the Government when this allocation was made, under what authority and the amount of same, and also asked for a statement of the number and amount of unrepresented certificates of each bank to date.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, by command of His Honour the Administrator, laid upon the Table:—

Report of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for year ending 31st December, 1900.

The Hon. 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 Customs Act, 1898,'" which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, 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 14th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.



FRIDAY, JUNE 14th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to provide for the fulfilment of the terms of a Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America relative to the Disposal of Real and Personal Property."

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*—That the report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Education Act, 1895.’”

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*—That the report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Customs Act, 1898,’” was read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, by command of His Honour the Administrator, laid upon the table;—

Report of the Postal Department for the year 1899-1900.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid upon the table:—

Reply to Hon. Mr. Greene’s question of the preceding day.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

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

“An Act to provide for the fulfilment of the terms of a Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America relative to the disposal of Real and Personal Property,” and

“An Act to amend ‘The Education Act, 1895,’” were severally read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

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Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled:—

“ An Act to amend ‘ The Customs Act, 1898.’ ”

The Hon. 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.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. the Leader of the Government to lay on the table the Annual Statement of the Municipal Council showing the receipts from all sources and the expenditure upon all services for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday next, June 21st, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,

GEO. T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, the bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 'The Customs Act, 1898,'" was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table the annual statement of the Municipal Council, showing the receipts from all sources and the expenditure upon all services for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

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The Hon. 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 respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes."

The said Bill on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton was read a first time and

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

The Hon. Dr. Skelton laid upon the table a further Report of the Committee of the Internal Economy of the Legislature.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 25th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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TUESDAY JUNE 25th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene—

*Ordered*,—That the House do now adjourn out of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Blandford, wife of the Hon. Samuel Blandford, a member of this Council.

Then the House adjourned until Friday next, June 28th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JOHN B. AYRE,

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 25th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes" was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. 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 Oaths.

An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry.

An Act respecting the Preservation of Game, and

An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889,



which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid on the table :—

Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Also, statement of Municipal Council expenditure asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 1st, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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MONDAY JULY 1st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE.

The Minutes of Friday, June 28th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes."

The Hon. Mr. Harris 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. Mr. Knowling the Bills sent up entitled respectively :—

"An Act respecting Oaths," and

"An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry"

were severally read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Game" be read a second time, when there appeared for the motion—

*Contents*, (4) :

Hons. Messrs. Skelton,  
Harris,  
Knowling,  
Baird.

*Non-Contents*, (5) :

Hons. Messrs. Greene,  
Rendell,  
Blandford,  
Bowring,  
Ayre.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling 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.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling gives notice that he will on to-morrow introduce a Bill respecting Inflammable Oils and Gases.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay upon the table of the House a statement giving the names of all parties who passed entries for goods, the character and quantity of such goods, with the number of such entries on Saturday last.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, July 2nd, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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TUESDAY, JULY 2nd, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
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,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Dr. Skelton moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes," as amended, be read a third time—

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment—

That the said Bill be re-committed, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then re-committed.

The Hon. Mr. Harris 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. Mr. Knowling the House went into committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Oaths.”

The Hon. Mr. Bishop in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry.”

The Hon. Mr. Blandford 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. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889.”

The Hon. Mr. Pitts 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 notice the Hon. Mr. Knowling introduced a Bill respecting Inflammable Oils and Gases, which said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay upon the table of the House a statement giving the names of all parties who passed entries on goods, the character and quantity of such goods, with the number of such entries, on Saturday last.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. 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 to amend Chapter 54 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of the Law Society, Barristers and Solicitors,” and

“An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the Town of Carbonear.”

The said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, 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 3rd, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

The Minutes of Tuesday last were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes," 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 :—

Fifth Section, third line—strike out the word "break."

Add as Section 9.

9.—Nothing in this Act shall prevent any person from capturing or securing any young or old foxes for purposes of domestication or propagation.

Re-number Section 9 Section 10.

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

"An Act respecting Oaths," and

"An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889,"

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

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



Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill respecting Inflammable Oils and Gases was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the town of Carbonear" was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday next, July 5th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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FRIDAY, JULY 5th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
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,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 3rd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry" be read a third time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment that the said Bill be re-committed, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the committee had made some 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. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting Inflammable Oils and Gases.

The Hon. Dr. 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. Mr. Greene the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the town of Carbonear.”

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon a Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes” without amendment.

L. O'B. FURLONG,  
*Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
July 4th, 1901. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has appointed the following members of the House of Assembly, namely—Mr. Earle, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Morine and Mr. Dawe, to be a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the Preservation of the Seal Fishery, with power to sit during recess, and requests that the Legislative Council be pleased to appoint a Select Committee to co-operate with the said Committee of the House of Assembly.

L. O'B. FURLONG,  
*Speaker.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }  
July 4th, 1901. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling—

*Ordered*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to co-operate with the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the Preservation of the Seal Fishery, and

*Ordered*,—That the Hons. Messrs. Blandford, Baird and Bowring do form such Committee, and

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly to this effect.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid on the table statement asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, July 8th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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MONDAY JULY 8th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, July 5th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill respecting Inflammable Oils, Gases and other Explosives was read a third time, and

*Ordered*,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled “An Act respecting Inflammable Oils, Gases and other Explosives,” and

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with message requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the town of Carbonear,” 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 :—

Fourteenth Section, third line—After the word “Brigade” strike out the words “or of the Chief Officer of the Constabulary Force in Carbonear.”

Seventeenth Section, second line—After the word “ladder” insert the word “each.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry.”

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 54 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of the Law Society Barristers and Solicitors’” was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. 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 for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.”

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

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOS. GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,

The Minutes of Monday, July 8th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry" was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 54 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Law Society Barristers and Solicitors.'" "

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.



After some time the House resumed.

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

*Ordered,*—To be committed to-morrow.

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

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MONDAY, JULY 15th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JAMES S. PITTS.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 10th, were read.

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Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

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 tomorrow.

The Hon. Mr. Rendell gives notice that he will on tomorrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if it is intended that an additional main water pipe shall be laid this year either by the Government or Municipal Council from Windsor Lake to St. John's, so as to increase the supply of water to the city.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday next, July 17th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOS. GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING.

The Minutes of Monday July 15th were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Rendell asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if it is intended that an additional main water pipe shall be laid this year either by the Government or the Municipal Council from Windsor Lake to St. John's, so as to increase the supply of water to the City.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. 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 to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,’” and

“An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals and the Acts in amendment thereof.’”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the said Bills 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 July 22nd, at half-past four o'clock, P.M.

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MONDAY, JULY 22nd, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors'" was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals' and the Acts in amendment thereof" be now read a second time.

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*Ordered*,—That the consideration of the said Bill be deferred until Friday next and that it stand first on the Order of the Day.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday next, July 26th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

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FRIDAY, JULY 26th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

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

The Minutes of Monday, July 22nd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals' and the Acts in amendment thereof" was read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.'"

The Hon. Mr. Angel 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 Hon. 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 Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898," which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, 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 29th, at half-past four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 29th, 1901,

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLAUGHLIN,  
GEOERGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Friday, July 26th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Sale of Intoxieating Liquors'" was read a third time and passed and the Honorable 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. Mr. Knowling, the House went into Committee on the



Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timbers, Mines and Minerals and the Acts in amendment thereof.'"

The Hon. Mr. Harris 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 Honorable the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the amendments made by the Assembly and upon the Bill sent down entitled "An Act respecting Inflammable Oils, Gases and other explosives."

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the said amendments were read a first time and

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

The Hon. Mr. Knowling gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House as regards all Bills, Addresses, etc., now before the House (except the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898") and all other matters to come before the House during the present Session.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30th, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Monday, July 29th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals' and the Acts in amendment thereof," 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 :—

1.—Add the following as Section 3 of said Bill—

3.—The Governor in Council may, after the notice provided in Section 51 of the said Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), grant to the proprietor of a mill of the capacity required by Sub-section 11 of said Section a license to cut timber for the period in said Section provided without the condition on the part of the lessee to erect a mill or mills in connection with his limit.

2.—Re-number Sections 3 to the end.

4.—Add the words “the approval of” after the word “date” in the sixth line of Section 4 of the said Bill.

Strike out the words “and no application shall be considered until such survey has been made and the said boundary lines cut” in the seventh and eighth lines of said Section 4.

Strike out the word “application” and substitute therefor the word “license” in the tenth line of said Section 4.

5.—Strike out the words “or timber” in second line of Section 7 and substitute therefor the words “for lumber purposes.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other purposes” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Bishop 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 (3) :*

Hons. Messrs. Bishop,  
Rendell,  
Bowring.

*Non-Contents (9) :*

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,  
McLaughlin,  
Angel,  
Harris,  
Skelton,  
Blandford,  
Baird,  
Ayre,  
Pitts.

So it passed in the negative.

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

*Contents (8) :*

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,  
McLaughlin,  
Angel,  
Harris,  
Skelton,  
Blandford,  
Baird,  
Pitts.

*Non-Contents (4) :*

Hons. Messrs. Bishop,  
Rendell,  
Bowring,  
Ayre.

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. Mr. Knowling the amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down entitled “An Act respecting Inflammable Oils, Gases and other Explosives” were read a second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

*Ordered*,—That the 33rd Rule of this House be suspended as regards all Bills, Addresses, etc., now before the House, except the Bill entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other Purposes,” and all other matters to come before the House during the present Session.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Hon. Leader of the Government—

1.—As to whether it is within the province of this House to modify the provisions of Section 5 of the Railway Bill so as to make it compulsory upon the Government to sell at par the issue of debenture stock therein provided for.

2.—To ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if it is true (as reported) that an agreement has been made between the Executive and the Contractor as to the purchase by the Contractor of the said issue of debenture stock at a discount upon its face value said to be at 14 per cent.

3.—If this be not so at what rate of discount upon such debentures the Contractor has agreed to take the same.

4.—A statement of the public debt of this Colony and the annual interest payable thereon.

5.—A statement discriminating the amount of public debt which is payable on account of Railway in the Colony.

6.—To inform the House as to the details of any private or secret arrangement made by the Government with the Contractor in respect of this Contract the details of which are not included in or to be inferred from the Bill, especially with regard to said debentures and the face value thereof.

The Hon. Mr. Knowlieg gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House with regard to the Bill entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other Purposes.”

The Hon. 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 St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892,’” and

“An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances,”

which said Bills, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, 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 31st, at half-past four o’clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables JAMES McLAUOHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 30th were read.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Ayre asked the Hon. Leader of the Government for a statement :

1.—As to whether it is within the province of this House to modify the provisions of Section 5 of the “Railway Bill,” so as to make it compulsory upon the Government to sell at par the issue of Debenture Stock therein provided for ;

2.—Also, to ask the Leader of the Government if it is true (as reported) than an agreement has been made between the Executive and the Contractor as to the purchase by the Contractor of the said issue of Debenture Stock at a discount upon its face value said to be 14 per cent. ;

3.—If this be not so, at what rate of discount upon such Debentures the Contractor has agreed to take the same ;

4.—A statement of the Public Debt of this Colony and the annual interest payable thereon ;

5.—A statement discriminating the amount of Public Debt which is payable on account of Railways in this Colony ;

6.—To inform the House as to any private or secret arrangement made by the Government with the Contractor in respect to this Contract, the details of which are not included in or to be inferred from the Bill, especially with regard to said Debentures and the face value thereof.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied and laid on the table a statement of Public Debt from 1834 to December 31st, 1900.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898’ and for other purposes.”

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee on the amendments sent up to the Bill entitled “An Act respecting Inflammable Oils, Gasses and other Explosives.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.



After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the amendments without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

The said amendments were 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 the House had passed the said Amendments without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the ‘St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892,’ was read a second time and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Baird in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting certain retiring allowances” was read a second time and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel 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 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.

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 Bill entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other Purposes.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other Purposes’” was read a third time, as amended, 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 Hon. 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 Election Act of 1889,’”

“An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of Lotteries,’”

“An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of Life Insurance Companies,’” and

“An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.”

Also, a message concurring in the amendments made by the Council in the Bill entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals.’”

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

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Dr. 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.

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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 105 of of the Consolidated Statutes, (Second Series), entitled 'Of Life Insurance Companies'" was read a first and 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 Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,*—That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered,*—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr Rendell in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes, (Second Series), entitled ‘Of Lotteries’ was read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the said Bill be now read a second time,

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Angel moved in amendment,

That the said Bill be read this day six months,

And the question on the amendment having been put, it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly concurring in the amendment made by the Council in and upon the Bill entitled “An Act to amend the ‘Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other purposes.”

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, August 1st, at eleven o’clock P.M.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

The Minutes of Wednesday, July 31st, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bills sent up entitled respectively:—

“An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain expenses of the Public for the financial years ending respectively the thirtieth day of June, one thousand, nine hundred and one, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand, nine hundred and two, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,” and

“An Act respecting the Salaries of District Court Judges.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Salaries of District Court Judges" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. 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. 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. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for granting to His 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, nine hundred and one, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand, nine hundred and two, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. 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. 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. the President informed the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature at three o'clock to-morrow, Friday.

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

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 1901.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLIN,  
GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP.

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

At Three o'clock, P.M., His Excellency the Governor Sir Cavendish Boyle, K.C.M.G., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne, the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of Black Rod attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and members thereof 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:—

1.—“An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony.”

2.—“ An Act for granting to His 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 nine hundred and one, and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and two, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.”

3.—“ An Act to amend ‘ The Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898,’ and for other purposes.”

4.—“ An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances.”

5.—“ An Act respecting the Salaries of the District Court Judges.”

6.—“ An Act to amend the Judicature Act, 1889.”

7.—“ An Act respecting Oaths.”

8.—“ An Act respecting a Marine Court of Enquiry.”

9.—“ An Act to amend ‘ The St. John’s Municipal Act, 1892.’ ”

10.—“ An Act to amend the Law relating to Courts of Quarter Sessions, Magistrates and Justices of the Peace.”

11.—“ An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘ Of the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.’ ”

12.—“ An Act respecting Inflammable Oils, Gases and other Explosives.”

13.—“ An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘ Of Crown Lands, Timber, Mines and Minerals,’ and the Acts in amendment thereof.”

14.—“ An Act to amend ‘ The Customs Act, 1898.’ ”

15.—“ An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the Town of Carbonear.”

16.—“ An Act to amend ‘ The Election Act, 1889.’ ”

17.—“ An Act to provide for the Fulfilment of the Terms of a Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America relative to the Disposal of Real and Personal Property.”

18.—“ An Act to amend ‘ The Education Act, 1895.’ ”

19.—“ An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers and Foxes.”

20.—“ An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘ Of Life Insurance Companies.’ ”

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 :*

As this is the first time that I have had the pleasure of meeting you in Session, I would convey to you an expression of my earnest desire to heartily co-operate with you in promoting the advancement of this Colony.

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It is a matter of much gratification to me that the occasion of our meeting finds the Colony in a condition of general prosperity.

I am glad that the completion of the public business enables me to terminate a Session the unusual duration of which must, I fear, have occasioned you much inconvenience.

I do not deem it necessary to remark, in detail, on the many useful measures of the Session to which I have assented. Of all the subjects of your legislation, that of the new Railway Contract, embracing the Act of Incorporation of a Company, has naturally been regarded as the question of greatest moment. It involves not only a very radical change in the Railway Contract of 1898, by which the ownership of the Railway and Telegraph systems immediately revert to the Government of the Colony, together with the Crown Lands conveyed to the Railway Contractor under the Contract of 1898, but also an enterprise of internal progress and development of a different character and wider scope than any with which the Legislature of the Colony has heretofore been called upon to deal. In arriving at a decision relative to this matter you have doubtless experienced grave anxiety and responsibility. I have shared your sense of responsibility. The measure is in strict accord with the strongly expressed views of the constituencies, and I hope therefore that this result of your labours will exercise a beneficial influence upon the future of Newfoundland, amply realizing the anticipations of our people.

The Act which you have passed respecting Crown Lands is very important, and will doubtless prevent the locking up of timber areas by company promoters, and encourage *bona fide* capitalists to invest in works that will give increased employment to the labouring classes.

The provision which you have made for the extension of the Telegraph system to the Labrador will certainly be received with much favour by the fishermen who resort to that Coast.

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

I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the maintenance of the Public Service ; also, for the liberal provision which you have made for the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, evincing as it does the loyalty of His Majesty's subjects in this, the oldest of His Colonial possessions.

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

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

I rejoice to be able to congratulate you on the result of the Seal Fishery of the past spring. I trust that it may be regarded as an augury of still greater success in all those industrial operations in which the people of this Colony are engaged.

In taking leave of you for a time I desire to express my best wishes for your prosperity, and re-assure you that the interests and welfare of this Dependency of His Majesty will ever remain objects of my most earnest solicitude.

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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 nineteenth day of SEPTEMBER next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

**HUGH H. CARTER,**

*Clerk of the Legislative Council.*

REPORT OF INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE,  
REFERRED TO ON PAGE 29.

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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 :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The printing of the Journal has been assigned to the *Evening Herald*, at the same rates, according to the class of work, as allowed for the Assembly Journal.

The printing of the miscellaneous papers has been assigned to Mr. J. W. McCoubrey, at the same rates as last year.

The publishing of the debates has been assigned to the *Telegram*, at \$250, and the copying to the *Herald*, *Brigus Vindicator*, *Harbour Grace Standard* and *Twillingate Sun*, at \$100 each.

The reporters appointed, and their salaries, are:—Messrs. R. Pitman, at \$200 ; J. P. Gleeson, at \$175 ; and G. Carty, at \$175.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The printing of the Journal has been assigned to the *Evening Telegram*, at the rates \$5 and \$7 and \$10 per sheet of four pages, according to the class of work.

The printing of the miscellaneous papers has been assigned to the *Evening Telegram*, at the same rate as last year.

The publishing of the debates has been assigned to the *Evening Telegram* at \$500.

The copying of the debates has been assigned to the *Evening Herald*, *Harbour Grace Standard*, *Brigus Vindicator* and *Twillingate Sun*, at \$250 each.

Mr. M. A. Devine has been appointed Supervisor of Debates, at \$300.

Messrs. W. H. Martin, W. K. Pratt, W. R. Warren, R. F. Power and R. White have been appointed reporters, at \$150 each.

The commission do not contemplate asking the Legislature for an increased vote, as they believe that the amount voted already will be sufficient to meet the demands of the several services above referred to.

E. D. SHEA,

*Chairman of I. E. Committee.*

St. John's,

June 18th, 1901.



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