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ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND



*His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MacGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
and George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of New-
foundland and its Dependencies.*

First Session of the Twentieth General Assembly
1905.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,
1905.



PROCLAMATION.

W. H. HORWOOD,
ADMINISTRATOR.
[L. S.]

By The Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the 14th day of JULY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the 18th day of AUGUST next:

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the 18th day of AUGUST next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 11th day of July, A. D. 1904.

By His Honour's Command,

ARTHUR MEWS,
Deputy Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. H. HORWOOD,
ADMINISTRATOR.
[L. S.]

By The Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator of the Government in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the 18th day of AUGUST instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the 15th day of SEPTEMBER next:

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the 15th day of SEPTEMBER next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1904.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

W. H. HORWOOD,
ADMINISTRATOR.
[L. S.]

EDWARD, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING :

WHEREAS 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 The Honourable WILLIAM H. HORWOOD, Chief Justice, Administrator and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its

Dependencies, at St. John's, in Our said Island
of Newfoundland, this 13th day of September,
A. D. 1904, and in the Fourth year of Our
Reign.

By His Honour's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

WM. MACGREGOR,
GOVERNOR.
[L. S.]

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING :

WHEREAS Royal Letters Patent of the 28th 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 Members 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 30th day of MARCH 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 Government House, St. John's, this 14th day of March, A. D. 1906.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

First Session of the Twentieth General Assembly.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30th, 1905.

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

At Five Minutes to Three o'clock the House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

At Three o'clock P.M., the Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative

Council, the Honourable George Skelton and the Honourable James S. Pitts, Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Honourable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honourable House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desire their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber to hear the Commission read, and they being come thereto the following Commission was read by the Clerk to the Legislative Council :—

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

To the Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA, Knight, President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, and the Honourable JAMES S. PITTS, Members of the Legislative Council, Greeting :

Whereas, I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Twentieth General Assembly

should be opened for the despatch of business on the Thirtieth 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 Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, Honourable George Skelton and Honourable James S. Pitts are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of said House of Assembly, on the Thirtieth day of March instant, that it is my pleasure that they should 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 29th day of March, A. D. 1905.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable Sir Edward D. Shea, President of the Legislative Council, addressing both Houses of the Legislature, then said :—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons of his calling

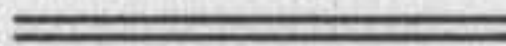
this General Assembly on this day, and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen, you Gentlemen of the House of Assembly repair to the place where you are to sit and there proceed to the appointment of some proper person to be your Speaker and present such person whom you shall so choose, here, to-morrow, at Three o'clock, for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

The Commissioners retired.

The Honourable the President took the chair.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 31st, at half-past Two o'clock.



FRIDAY, MARCH 31st, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

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

At Three o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Governor, Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, M. D., K.C.M.G., C.B., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Honourable 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, Frank J. Morris, Esquire, K.C., a Member for the

District of Harbor Main, having been presented by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Bond, K.C.M.G., Premier, as Speaker elect, and the choice approved and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency the Governor, was pleased to speak as follows :—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

This is the first time since my assumption of the Government of this Colony that I have been afforded the pleasure of meeting its Legislature. I would therefore convey to you an expression of my deep sense of the responsibility of my position; to assure you of my intention to perform the duties of my office in strict accordance with constitutional principles, and of my earnest desire to co-operate with you in promoting the general well-being of His Majesty's subjects in this land.

I have not yet had an opportunity of acquiring an extensive knowledge of the Colony from personal observation, but I have seen sufficient to warrant me in arriving at the conclusion that it is worthy of our very best efforts. It possesses great possibilities. In its fisheries, its forest and its mineral resources there is the certain promise of a rich return to well-directed enterprise and capital; nor is its soil and climate such as to preclude a reasonable expectation that certain

branches of Agricultural development would add materially to the wealth and comfort of its people.

In reviewing the statistics of the Colony, it is highly gratifying to notice that its advancement has been most pronounced during the past four years, and that the balance of trade in its favour for that period has amounted to more than five million dollars, and has averaged over one million and a quarter per annum.

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you on the result of its trade and commerce for the past year. Although the Shore and Labrador fisheries did not reach an average catch, the shortage was more than compensated for by the high price obtained for the products in foreign markets ; and while the number of seals taken last year did not equal that of the previous year, the price realized was better and brought the result to about the same value.

The whale fishery received an impetus by a large augmentation of capital, but this seems to have led to over-production, and a consequent falling off in prices.

The export of minerals indicates that mining is yielding a profitable return to investors, and that there is a steady expansion of the industry.

The lumber returns show additional enterprise, the exports of the past year exceeding those of the previous year by more than five million feet.

I am pleased to be able to observe that my Ministers have entered into an agreement with English capitalists to establish in this Colony the manufacture of wood pulp and paper on an extensive scale. You will be invited to confirm that agreement. The new and important industry thus established will afford employment to a large number of operatives and doubtless prove the initial step towards the settlement of a fixed population in the interior of the country.

The destruction of forest wealth, and the serious loss directly inflicted upon so many poor people last summer by forest fires, point to the necessity for more stringent legislation in relation thereto. My Ministers have given this subject very careful consideration, and you will be invited to adopt a measure which, it is hoped, will have the effect of preventing a recurrence of the devastation so recently experienced.

In view of the difference of opinion that exists, not only here but in other countries, as to the effect of the killing of whales upon the cod and bait fisheries, my Ministers have determined to cause an investigation to be made into the matter, so that a report may be laid before the Legislature at its next session.

Seeing that the fisheries occupy so important a place amongst our economic resources, it has been deemed desirable to secure the services of a man possessing both a scientific and practical knowledge of the methods employed for the

propagation, continuation and cure of fish food. Correspondence has been opened with the Fishery Board of Scotland to that end, and with the assistance of such expert the Fishery Department will be re-organized, and, it is hoped, made of greater advantage to the fisheries of the country than heretofore.

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

It affords me much satisfaction to state that the revenue for the past year exceeded the estimates.

The expenditure in connection with the public service for the past year has been conducted with due regard to economy and efficiency.

You will be pleased to learn that although my Government reduced taxation by over two hundred thousand dollars last session, a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the present fiscal year may be anticipated.

The accounts for the past fiscal year and the estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date, and I feel satisfied that you will make due provision for the requirements of the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

Since the close of last session the Convention

negotiated between His Majesty's Government and that of France, and which embraced the settlement of the French Shore question, has been ratified by the parliaments of both nations.

In May last my Prime Minister was invited to co-operate with His Majesty's Government in formulating regulations for carrying out the provisions of the said Convention, so far as it applied to Newfoundland. That invitation was accepted, and the result of his labour, which has been viewed with much satisfaction by the Government, will be communicated to the Legislature.

The Convention for a measure of reciprocal trade between this Colony and the United States of America, negotiated in 1903, is still before the United States Senate. In this connection, I would observe that the serious loss occasioned the fishermen of this Colony last season by the difficulty of obtaining a full supply of bait fishes rendered it imperative for my Ministers to consider whether the very valuable bait privileges conceded to the fishermen of the United States by the Government of this Colony, in expectation of the ratification of that Convention, could be continued without detriment to our fishery interests. After very careful enquiry and consideration it was decided that, under existing circumstances, local interests would be best conserved by withholding these privileges.

You will be invited to increase the vote in aid of Education, and a Bill to provide for the expen-

diture of the money will be laid before you in due course.

I am sure you will join with me in recording an expression of gratitude for the immunity which the Colony has enjoyed from any epidemic disease, or other public calamity, during the year that has passed.

And now, in leaving you to the discharge of your important duties, I pray that your labours may be directed by Divine Providence to the promotion of the best interests of the Colony and its people.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Minutes of yesterday, the 30th of March, were read.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel,

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his gracious Speech.

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Angel, Ryan, Ayre, Harris and Baird be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if the Reid Newfoundland Company or R. G. Reid has made any other claim against the Government, and, if so, to state the nature of the claim and the amount of compensation claimed.

*Also,—*To ask (1) if the fishermen of this Colony can now select for their lobster industry any desired portion of the treaty coast, including that heretofore occupied by the French ;

(2) If licenses cannot be issued forthwith to our own people, what is causing delay and when they may expect to obtain licenses ;

(3) If subjects of France will have prior right to places occupied by them up to the present year.

*Also,—*To ask if Mr. Wright, who last year was given concessions and undertook to provide bait depots, etc., has commenced operations, and if bait will be available from that source the coming season.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE T. RENDELL,
Senior Member present presiding.

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

The Hon. Mr. Angel, 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.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if the Reid Newfoundland Company or R. G. Reid has made any other claim against the Government, and, if so, to state the nature of the claim and the amount of compensation claimed.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government (1) if the fishermen of this Colony can now select for their lobster industry any desired portion of the treaty coast, including that heretofore occupied by the French ;

(2) If licenses cannot be issued forthwith to our own people, what is causing delay and when they may expect to obtain licenses ;

(3) If subjects of France will have prior rights to places occupied by them up to the present year.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if Mr. Wright, who last year was given concessions and undertook to provide bait depots, etc., has commenced operations, and if bait will be available from that source the coming season.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

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

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if any claim has been made by R. G. Reid or the Reid Newfoundland Company against the Government under the Contract of 1898 or 1901, and, if so, to state the nature and amount of the claim.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE T. RENDELL,
Senior Member present presiding.

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

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

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

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel the House went into Committee on the said Address.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address without amendment.

The Hon. Mr. Angel moved “That the Report be received.”

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Greene moved in amendment :—“That the following words be added to the Address as paragraph 3 : We regret that in view of the necessity of establishing cold storage at various parts of our coast, so as to enable our fishermen to obtain a supply of bait at all seasons, and the fact that no steps have been taken to carry out the provisions of the Act passed last session for the establishment of cold storage factories and houses, no reference has been made in Your Excellency’s Speech to this important subject, nor any intimation by the Government of its intention to deal with the matter the present session.”

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

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Hon. Mr. Greene.	Hons. Messrs. Angel, Harris, Skelton, Knowling, Baird, Bowring, Ayre, Pitts, Bishop, Ryan, Harvey, Milley.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion having been put it passed in the affirmative, on a similar division as the foregoing, and

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Angel the said Address was then read a third time and passed, and

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

The Address is as follows :—

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MAC-GREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland in Session convened, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

We congratulate Your Excellency on your appointment as Governor of Newfoundland, the most ancient of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas ; and we feel confident that the wisdom, prudence and ability which have characterized Your Excellency in the conduct of public affairs in other parts of the Colonial Empire will be ably demonstrated in the administration of the Government of this Island.

G. T. RENDELL,
Senior Member Presiding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, }
5th April, 1905. }

The Hon. Mr. Bishop withdrew his Notice of Question by leave of the House.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government whether the Reid Newfoundland Company has requested payment from the Government under the Contract of 1893 for rolling stock and equipment provided since 1901.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government for the following information in reference to—

(1) The claim of the Reid Newfoundland Company to alter their train service to Carbonear;

(2) To alter their steamship service on the South Coast and Placentia Bay ;

(3) The retention by the Government of the *Virginia Lake* subsidy ;

(4) The retention by the Government of the main line to Port-aux-Basques subsidy ;

(5) The claims under the Telegraph sections in 1898 and 1901 Contracts : (a) If these claims were referred to arbitration ; (b) the names of the arbitrators ; (c) the nature, conditions and amount of award ; (d) if the finding of the arbitrators was unanimous in each case, if not in what cases ; (e) if the awards or any of them were appealed

against to the Supreme Court ; and, if so, what was the result and was the decision of the Court unanimous.

*Also,—*A detailed statement of the fees, costs and other monies paid the arbitrators, counsel, witnesses expenses, accountants, and all and every expense connected with each arbitration ; and if there are any bills outstanding and unpaid, or any claims not yet preferred against the Government in respect of the same.

*Also,—*For a copy of all correspondence between the Government and the owners of the Lark Harbour Whale Factory in reference to the suspension last year of operations at or in connection with the factory.

*Also,—*For a copy of all correspondence between the British Commodore and the Government, or the commanders of any of the warships on the station, in reference to interference by French or British warships with our fishermen whilst prosecuting the fishery on the so-called French Shore.

*Also,—*For a copy of all correspondence between the Newfoundland Cold Storage and Reduction Company in reference to the operation of their charter.

The Hon. the Presiding Member informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor would

receive the Address in Reply to the Speech on to-morrow, Thursday, at Eleven o'clock A.M.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following documents :—

Statement of Manufacturers Life Insurance Company for 1904.

Statement of Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada for 1904.

Statement of Confederation Life Association of Toronto for 1904.

Statement of New York Life Insurance Company for 1904.

Report of Newfoundland Savings Bank for 1904.

Statement of Imperial Life Insurance Company of Canada for 1904.

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



THURSDAY, APRIL 6th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE T. RENDELL,
Senior Member present presiding.

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.

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

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

At a quarter past Eleven o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. Presiding Member reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and return an answer thereto in the following words :—

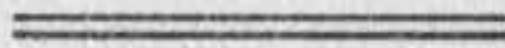
*Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the
Legislative Council :*

I thank you for your Address in Reply to the Speech with which your present session was opened.

I thank you for your congratulations to myself personally on my appointment by the King as Governor of this ancient Colony, a position of great honour and dignity, which I fully appreciate, and to which my whole attention will be devoted so long as I hold that office.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
6th April, 1905.

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



TUESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1905.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON,
Presiding Member.

The Hon. Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, April 12th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M. for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th, 1905.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON,
Presiding Member.

The Hon. Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 13th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th, 1905.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON,
Presiding Member.

The Hon. Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, April 14th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE T. RENDELL,
Senior Member present presiding.

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, April 6th, Tuesday, April 11th, Wednesday, April 12th, and Thursday, April 13th, were read.

The Hon. Presiding Member informed the House that the following message had been received from His Excellency the Governor :—

WILLIAM MACGREGOR,
Governor.

The Governor has the honour to communicate to the Honourable Legislative Council the appointment of the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of the Statute 61 Victoria, Cap. 1, as set forth on the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council, approved by the Governor on this day.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 7th April, 1905.

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 7th April, 1905.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 1, 61 Vic., the following gentlemen to form the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature—Hon. Sir E. D. Shea, Kt., President of the Legislative Council, Hon. John Harris, Hon. George

Skelton, His Honour the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Sir R. Bond, K.C.M.G., Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Kt., Hon. E. M. Jackman.

Certified true copy,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. James McLaughlan then entered the Council Chamber.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government for the following information in reference to—

(1) The claim of the Reid Newfoundland Company to alter their train service to Carbonear;

(2) To alter their steamship service on the South Coast and Placentia Bay ;

(3) The retention by the Government of the *Virginia Lake* subsidy ;

(4) The retention by the Government of the main line to Port-aux-Basques subsidy ;

(5) The claims under the Telegraph sections in 1898 and 1901 Contracts : (a) If these claims were referred to arbitration ; (b) the names of arbitrators ; (c) the nature, conditions and amount of award ; (d) if the finding of the arbitrators was unanimous in each case, if not, in what cases ; (e) if the awards or any one of them were appeal-

ed against to the Supreme Court ; and, if so, what was the result, and was the decision of the Court unanimous.

*Also,—*A detailed statement of the fees, costs and other monies paid the arbitrators, counsel, witnesses expenses, accountants, and all and every expense connected with each and every arbitration, and if there are any bills outstanding and unpaid, or any claims not yet preferred against the Government in respect of the same.

*Also,—*For a copy of all correspondence between the Government and the owners of the Lark Harbour Whale Factory in reference to the suspension last year of operations at or in connection with the factory.

*Also,—*For a copy of all correspondence between the British Commodore or the commanders of any of the warships on the station and the Government in reference to interference by French or British warships with our fishermen whilst prosecuting the fishery on the so-called French Shore.

*Also,—*To ask the Hon. Leader of the Government for copy of all correspondence between the Newfoundland Cold Storage and Reduction Company with reference to the operation of their charter.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. Presiding Member 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 Foreign Fishing Vessels,”

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.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table :—

Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Newfoundland for the year 1904.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if the Government has obtained the opinion of the Minister of Justice whether the American fishermen have, under the Convention of 1818, a right of entry and fishing in the bays and creeks of the Treaty Coast.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Pitts moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Foreign Fishing Vessels" be now read a second time.

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

<i>Contents</i> (12) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> (3) :
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
McLaughlan,	Blandford,
Angel,	Greene,
Harris,	Baird.
Skelton,	
Bowring,	
Ayre,	
Pitts,	
Bishop,	
Ryan,	
Anderson,	
Harvey,	
Milley.	

So it passed in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a second time,
and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government for a copy of all correspondence between the Newfoundland Timber Estates and the Government relating to any modifications in the timber leases held or to be acquired by them in respect of protection from forest fires and the appointment of fire wardens.

The same with Messrs. Harmsworth.

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

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,

President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,

GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

SAMUEL BLANDFORD,

D. JOSEPH GREENE,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

ROBERT K. BISHOP,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN ANDERSON,

JOHN HARVEY,

SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if the Government has obtained the opinion of the Minister of Justice whether American fishermen, under the Convention of 1818, have a right of entry and fishing in the bays and creeks of the Treaty Coast.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Foreign Fishing Vessels."

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

The Hon. Mr. Pitts moved

"That the Report be received."

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment the following :—

"Strike out Section 8 of the Bill."

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

<i>Contents</i> (5) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> (11) :
Hons. Messrs. Bishop,	Hons. Messrs. Pitts,
Blandford,	McLaughlan,
Greene,	Rendell,
Baird,	Angel,
Ayre.	Harris,
	Skelton,
	Bowring,
	Ryan,
	Anderson,
	Harvey,
	Milley.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

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

Annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York for 1904.

Schedule for the year ending 31st December, 1904, of the business of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States for the year 1904.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, April 19th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Foreign Fishing Vessels" 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 for copy of all correspondence between the Newfoundland Timber Estates and the Government relating to any modifications in the timber leases held or to be acquired by them in respect of protection from forest fires and the appointment of fire wardens.

The same with Messrs. Harmsworth.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. Mr. Harris presented to the House the Report of the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, which was read by the Clerk.

Ordered,—To lie on the Table.

The Report is as follows :—

The Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature appointed under the provisions of

Section 4, Cap. 1, 61 Vic., beg to report that they have made the following arrangements for reporting and publishing of the proceedings of both Houses of the Legislature during the present Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Mr. Robert Pitman has been appointed supervisor and reporter, his remuneration to be \$350.

Mr. W. J. Higgins has been appointed reporter, his remuneration to be \$350.

The *Evening Herald* newspaper has been assigned the publishing of the Council's debates, its remuneration to be \$500, with the proviso that it is to publish at least six columns of debates daily when the "copy" is in its hands, subject to a deduction of twenty dollars a day for failure so to do. The reporters are, in addition to their regular work, to complete a daily digest of the proceedings and speeches to be supplied to the weekly papers—*Bay Roberts Outlook*, *Harbour Grace Standard*, *Twillingate Sun*, *Bay of Islands Western Star* and *St. John's Weekly News*—these papers to receive \$100 each for publishing same.

The printing of the Journal has been assigned to the *Evening Herald* and the miscellaneous papers to J. W. McCoubrey.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Mr. J. S. Clapp has been appointed supervisor of debates, he to prepare, in addition to his other

duties, a daily digest of the proceedings and speeches for the weekly papers above mentioned. His remuneration is to be \$450.

Messrs. W. Martin, A. Squires, T. Carew, S. Collins, J. McGrath and W. McNeily have been appointed reporters, their remuneration to be \$150 each.

The *Evening Telegram* newspaper has been assigned the publishing of the Assembly's debates, its remuneration to be \$1,200, with the proviso that it is to publish at least six columns of debates daily when the "copy" is in its hands, subject to a deduction of twenty dollars a day for failure so to do.

The weekly papers above named for publishing such daily digests as stated are to receive \$250 each.

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

E. D. SHEA,
Chairman.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, 1905.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, April 27th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M., for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 19th, and Wednesday, April 26th, were read.

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 provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes,"

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

Ordered,—To be read a second time on Monday.

The Hon. Mr. Baird presented a petition from the Reid Newfoundland Company relating to the Bill now before the House entitled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes."

Ordered,—To lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid on the Table correspondence asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene, relating to the Lark Harbour whaling industry.

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

Annual statement of the Canada Life Insurance Co., of Toronto, for the year 1904.

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government for a copy of Head Constable Dawe's

Report on the Deer Protection Service on the South-West Coast the past season ; and if the Government intends taking action upon it.

*Also,—*For a detailed account of all monies paid to the sufferers from forest fires in 1904 ; where the parties reside ; on whose recommendation the same was paid ; if enquiries were made as to the causes of such fires and the losses sustained, and by what authority the money was paid and to what account charged.

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

MONDAY, MAY 1st, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts the following Resolution was unanimously adopted :—

The Council having to-day learned of the death, at Dresden, of Miss Eugenie Ayre, daughter of the Hon. John B. Ayre, a Member of this Council.

Resolved,—That the Council do now adjourn as an expression of its great regret and of its sincere sympathy with the Hon. Mr. Ayre and his family.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pitts.

Ordered,—That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Hon. Mr. Ayre.

Then the Council adjourned, on motion made, until to-morrow, Tuesday, May 2nd, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.



TUESDAY, MAY 2nd, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Monday, May 1st, 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 provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government whether the Reid Newfoundland Company have requested payment from the Government, under the Contract of 1893, for rolling stock and equipment provided since 1901 ; and, if so, what amount is claimed.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government for a copy of Head Constable Dawe's Report on the Deer Protection Service on the South-West Coast the past season ; and if the Government intends taking action upon it.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid upon the table the Report asked for.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird the Petition from the Reid Newfoundland Company in relation to the Bill now before the House, entitled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes," was read by the Clerk.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, May 3rd, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
GEORGE SKELTON,
JOHN HARRIS,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 2nd, were read.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government for a detailed account of all monies paid to the sufferers from forest fires in 1904 ; where the parties reside ; on whose recommendations the same was paid ; if enquiries were made as to the causes of such fires

and the losses sustained and by what authority the money was paid and to what account charged.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 4th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 3rd, 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 Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes."

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.

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 Telegraphs."

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 5th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 4th, 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 Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes."

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 Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Telegraphs” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table :—

Report of Postmaster General for the year ending 30th June, 1904.

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 Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony.”

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

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, May 8th, at Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 8th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
GEORGE 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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Friday, May 5th, 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 Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. Blandford 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Telegraphs.”

The Hon. Mr. Angel 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” be deferred until Wednesday next.

The Hon. Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government if the recent negotiations which resulted in the Agreement between the Government and the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co. were conducted between the Government and the Messrs. Harmsworth of London, or if no communications in connection therewith have passed between the Harmsworths and the Government what warrant is there for the statement that the Harmsworths are a contracting party to the Agreement.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday next, May 10th, at Four o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Monday, May 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 Telegraphs," as amended, was read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The amendment is as follows :—

Section 1, first line—strike out the words “The Governor in Council may at any time” and substitute the following: “Whenever in the opinion of the Governor an emergency shall have arisen in which it is expedient for the public service that the Government of the Colony shall have control over the transmission of messages over any telegraph line, telephone line, or by other form of telegraphy, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time to.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling

Ordered,—That the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” be deferred until Friday next.

Pursuant to notice the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked the Hon. Leader of the Government if the recent negotiations which resulted in the Agreement between the Government and the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co. were conducted between the Government and the Messrs. Harmsworth of London, or if no communications therewith have passed between the Harmsworths and the Govern-

ment, what warrant is there for the statement that the Harmsworths are a contracting party to the Agreement.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling laid on the table Expenditure on account of Forest Fire Sufferers asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday next, May 12th, at Four o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 12th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling

Ordered,—That the Order of the Day be discharged as to the third reading of the Bill entitled “An Act to provide for the Protection of Woods

against Fires and for other purposes," and that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported that while in Committee he had decided that it was not in order to re-consider the re-insertion in the Bill committed of sub-section 3, section 9, and the Committee had ordered the Report of this decision and also asked leave to sit again.

The Hon. the President then ruled that the Chairman was in error in giving this decision.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the House do now again be put into Committee on the said Bill, when there appeared for the motion :—

Contents (10) : *Non-Contents* (7) :

Hons. Messrs.

McLaughlan,

Harris,

Skelton,

Knowling,

Bowring,

Pitts,

Ryan,

Anderson,

Harvey,

Milley.

Hons. Messrs.

Rendell,

Angel,

Greene,

Baird,

Blandford,

Ayre,

Bishop.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House then again went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford 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. Mr. Baird presented a Petition from John Barron and others praying that further legislative action on the Bill entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” be deferred.

Ordered,—To lie on the table, and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Baird and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Petition was read by the Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” be now read a second time, when there appeared for the motion :—

<i>Contents</i> (11) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> (6) :
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
Rendell,	Greene,
McLaughlan,	Baird,
Knowling,	Angel,
Harris,	Blandford,
Skelton,	Ayre,
Bowring,	Bishop.
Pitts,	
Ryan,	
Anderson,	
Harvey,	
Milley.	

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then 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 concurring in the amendment made by the Council upon the Bill entitled “An Act respecting Telegraphs.”

Also, a message requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes,” 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, May 15th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

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MONDAY, MAY 15th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Friday, May 12th, 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 provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes," 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 :—

In Section 2 of said Bill Sub-section (c) (ii.) substitute the word "ten" for the word "fifteen."

In Section 5 after the word "Act" in the third line strike out all succeeding words to end of section and substitute in lieu thereof the words following :—

"And the same shall post up in some prominent place in each camp and shall explain to every man employed by him before permitting him to begin work the provisions and penalties embodied therein and such person in charge as aforesaid shall be responsible that every man employed by him or under his control is fully informed regarding the said provisions hereof. And it shall be incumbent on such person as aforesaid to call his men together and to cause the Act to be read in

their hearing before any intended operation is begun.”

In Section 9 strike out Sub-section (3), re-number Sub-section (4) as (3) and in said sub-section after the word “Railway” add the word “Company” in the first line and after the word “Council” add the words “by the said Company” in the fifth line. Also add the following as Sub-section (5) :—

(5) Any Company operating locomotives in this Colony shall make arrangements whereby the Government Engineer, the Chief Ranger or any Assistant Ranger or any other person duly authorized by him or them shall be permitted to board any engine wherever the same may be stopped for any purpose and to travel on such engine free and every facility and assistance shall be given to such Engineer, Ranger or other person to examine everything in connection with said engine and its operation. Provided that no Company shall be compelled to receive on board an engine more than one of such persons at one time. Should the said Engineer, Ranger or other person discover that the contrivance for arresting sparks or for the prevention of the escape of ashes from the ashpan of the engine be out of order or defective or that anything else in connection with the engine is in a condition to endanger in any way property along the railway it shall be his duty and he is hereby empowered to order the engine to be

stopped until such defect be remedied to his satisfaction.”

In Section 11 strike out the words “except that such right shall be extended as provided in the next succeeding section of this Act” in the fourth and fifth lines thereof.

Strike out Section 12 and re-number succeeding sections accordingly.

In Section 13 re-numbered add the following as Sub-section (*g*):—

“(g) To board any engines belonging to any Railway being operated in this Colony and to instruct when necessary any other persons who may be appointed either under Sub-section (*b*) above or who may be specially appointed by him for the purpose to board any such engines, and to travel upon the same and to examine them both regarding the apparatus with which they are fitted and regarding the manner of their operation with a view to the proper carrying out of this Act and to the prevention of fire generally.”

Re-number Sub-section (*g*) as (*h*).

Re-number Section 18 as Section “17 (1)” and add thereto as (2) the following :—

“(2) Every saw-mill or other factory manufacturing or burning wood in this Colony shall if it use a steam boiler be fitted with a substantial

smokestack and such smokestack shall be of a height to be designated by the Government Engineer in accordance with the size of the boiler employed. Unless such smokestack exceed fifty feet in height from the ground it shall be fitted with a spark arrester the form of which shall be approved by the Government Engineer and the same shall be kept in good order and shall be subject to the inspection of the boiler inspector whose duty it shall be to report all cases where these provisions are neglected or improperly carried out. It shall be the duty of the Government Engineer to draw up regulations regarding the height of smokestacks and form of spark arresters as above provided and to publish such regulations in the *Royal Gazette*.

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 Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony."

The Hon. Mr. Ryan in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

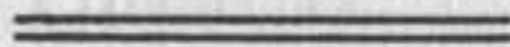
The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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



WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Monday, May 15th, 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 Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony.”

The Hon. Mr. Ryan 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.

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

MR. PRESIDENT :

The House of Assembly requests the Legislative Council that it will be pleased at the desire of the House of Assembly to make the following amendments in the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes,” namely : In the second line of Section 2 of said Bill substitute “\$250.00” for “\$500.00” therein and make consequential alterations in the Schedules to said Bill.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker.

May 16th, 1905.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly in reply to their message of

the 16th instant informing them that the Council consents to their amending the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes" as requested by the House of Assembly.

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 to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals," and

"An Act to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels."

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.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling by command of His Excellency the Governor laid on the table :

Report of the Reid Newfoundland Company.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 17th, 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 respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes.

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. Ryan the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals” was 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 to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Blandford moved in amendment :—

“That the said Bill be read this day six months.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

<i>Contents</i> (8) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> (9) :
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
Blandford,	Skelton,
Rendell,	McLaughlan,
Angel,	Knowling,
Harris,	Greene,
Bowring,	Pitts,
Harvey,	Anderson,
Ryan,	Baird,
Milley.	Bishop,
	Ayre.

It was resolved in the negative.

And the question on the original motion having been put it passed in the affirmative, on a similar division as the foregoing, 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 Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Ryan in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling moved

“That the Report be received.”

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Greene moved in amendment the following :—

Strike out Section 5 of the Bill and insert in lieu thereof the following :

“5.—The Lessees property within the watershed area described in the Agreement shall be exempt from all municipal taxation whilst the same remains unimproved or unoccupied.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

Contents (7) :

Hons. Messrs.
Greene,
Rendell,
Bishop,
Angel,
Baird,
Ayre,
Blandford.

Non-Contents (10) :

Hons. Messrs.
Knowling,
McLaughlan,
Harris,
Pitts,
Ryan,
Skelton,
Bowring,
Anderson,
Harvey,
Milley.

It was resolved in the negative.

Then the Hon. Mr. Greene moved in amendment :—

At the end of Section 5 insert the following words : “For the period of twenty years from the date of said Agreement.”

And the question on the amendment there appeared a similar division as the foregoing.

It was resolved in the negative.

Then the Hon. Mr. Greene moved in amendment the following :—

Insert as Section 12 the following :

“12.—Nothing in said lease shall prevent or debar any person in this Colony from cutting any trees or timber on such lands for shipbuilding purposes.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared a similar division as the foregoing.

It was resolved in the negative.

Then the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment :—

Insert as Section 12 the following :

“At the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act the Government may, by giv-

ing twelve months notice to the Lessee, purchase and take over the whole of the demised area and property of the Lessee. The value of the rights and property to be determined by three arbitrators to be chosen in the usual way.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

<i>Contents (5) :</i>	<i>Non-Contents (12) :</i>
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
Bishop,	Knowling,
Blandford,	McLaughlan,
Greene,	Rendell,
Angel,	Harris,
Baird.	Skelton,
	Bowring,
	Ayre,
	Pitts,
	Ryan,
	Anderson,
	Harvey,
	Milley.

It was resolved in the negative.

Then the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment the following :—

Insert as Section 12 :

“ 12.—All laws of the Colony or regulations of the Marine and Fisheries Department now in force or made hereafter for protection of animals, bird or fish shall apply to the demised area and

the lessees, their employees and all other persons going upon the area shall observe such laws and regulations the same as upon Crown Lands, and no barrier or enclosure shall be made on the demised area to prevent the free passage at all times of caribou or other wild animals.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

<i>Contents</i> (7):	<i>Non-Contents</i> (10):
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
Bishop,	Knowling,
Rendell,	McLaughlan,
Blandford,	Harris,
Greene,	Skelton,
Baird,	Bowring,
Angel,	Pitts,
Ayre.	Ryan,
	Anderson,
	Harvey,
	Milley.

It was resolved in the negative.

Then the Hon. Mr. Bishop moved in amendment the following :—

Insert as Section 12 :

“ 12.—The Lessee shall erect, equip and operate at least one pulp mill before December 31st, 1910, with a capacity of not less than one hundred tons per day.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

<i>Contents</i> (7) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> (10) :
Hons. Messrs.	Hons. Messrs.
Bishop,	Knowling,
Rendell,	McLaughlan,
Blandford,	Harris,
Greene,	Skelton,
Baird,	Bowring,
Angel,	Pitts,
Ayre.	Ryan,
	Anderson,
	Harvey,
	Milley.

It was resolved in the negative.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Greene gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table a copy of Inspector General McCowen's Report on the Constabulary and Fire Department for the year 1904.

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

MONDAY, MAY 22nd, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
18th May, 1905.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor has granted leave of absence from the Colony to the Honourable J. D. Ryan, Member of the Legislative Council, from the 22nd May until the end of the Session.

I have, etc.,

ERNEST A. ELGEE,
Private Secretary and A.D.C.

The Honourable

SIR E. D. SHEA,

President Legislative Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony" was re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes" 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. Anderson the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals."

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 notice the Hon. Mr. Greene asked the Hon. Leader of the Government to lay on the table a copy of Inspector General McCowen's Report on the Constabulary and Fire Department for the year 1904.

The Hon. Mr. Knowling replied.

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."

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

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly respectfully requesting that they will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House the evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels" in order that the Council may be more fully informed and assisted in the consideration of the said Bill.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday next, May 25th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES BAIRD,
JAMES S. PITTS,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Anderson the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals" 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. Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels.”

The Hon. Mr. Harris 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 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. the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly transmitting the evidence taken before the Select Committee upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels” to be laid upon the table of the Legislative Council, in compliance with the Council’s request.

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 to provide for the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Telegraph Service of the Colony,” and

“An Act to amend the Education Act, 1903.”

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, May 29th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 29th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, May 25th, 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 to Prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels."

The Hon. Mr. Harris 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 House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1898."

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, 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 provide for the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Telegraph Service of the Colony" 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 amend the Education Act, 1903," was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Monday, May 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 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 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 Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Telegraph Service of the Colony.”

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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, 1903.’”

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, 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 Facilitate the Investment of Trust and Other Funds in the United Kingdom in Certain Newfoundland Government Securities.”

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

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

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



WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

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

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 30th, 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 Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Telegraph Service of the Colony” and

“An Act to amend ‘The Education Act, 1903,’”

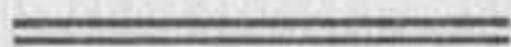
were severally read a third time and passed and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message that this House had passed the said Bills 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 Facilitate the Investment of Trust and Other Funds in the United Kingdom in Certain Newfoundland Government Securities” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, June 1st, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.



THURSDAY, JUNE 1st, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 31st, 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 Facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds in the United Kingdom in Certain Newfoundland Securities."

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.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
SAMUEL BLANDFORD,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 1st, 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 Facilitate the Investment of Trust and Other Funds in the United Kingdom in Certain Newfoundland Government Securities" 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 made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, June 6th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Friday, June 2nd, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling

Ordered,—That the Order of the Day as to the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony” be discharged and that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8th, 1905.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLAUGHLAN,
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,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, June 6th, and Thursday, June 8th, 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 Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony."

The Hon. Mr. Ayre in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with other 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 a message 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.’”

“An Act to incorporate the Institute of Accountants of Newfoundland.”

“An Act to authorize the Royal Trust Company to do Business in the Colony of Newfoundland.”

“An Act to amend the Act 59 Vic., Cap. 39, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate a Company under the Style and Title of the “St. John’s Gas Light Company.”’”

which said Bills were severally 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 and Addresses now before or to come before this House for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, June 10th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
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,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY,
SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Friday, June 9th, 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 Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony," 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 :—

In Section 3 at the end thereof add the following :—

“The Chief Fire Warden and Assistant Fire Wardens nominated by the Lessee shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor in Council, and shall be dischargeable by either party.”

In Section 4 after the word “same” in the third line add “for a period of twenty years from the date of the Agreement the Schedule to this Act” and in the fourth line strike out the words “and Lumber” after the word “paper” and before said word insert the word “and.”

Strike out Sections 6 and 7 and insert the following in lieu thereof :—

6.—Nothing in the Agreement, the Schedule hereto, or in the plan thereto attached, shall convey or demise to the Lessee any lands held by the Exploits River Lumber and Pulp Company under license from the Crown bearing date the 17th day of December, 1903, nor by J. B. Miller under license from the Crown bearing date the 24th day of November, 1903, nor abridge their use of Exploits River and its tributaries for the floating of logs, or other purpose connected with the lumber-

ing, sawing, milling or pulp business : Provided however, that the words “down to and excluding Bishop’s Falls” in Clause 3 of the Agreement, the Schedule to this Act, shall be construed to mean down to a point at a distance of three miles above the old railway bridge piers now standing at Bishop’s Falls : Provided further that there shall be excepted from the operation of Clause 11 of the said Agreement the lands, mills and waterside at Botwoodville held by the said Exploits River Lumber and Pulp Company under grants in fee from the Crown, and also so much of the land abutting on the river for a distance of three miles above the old railway bridge piers now standing at Bishop’s Falls, as may be necessary for the developing and producing water power from Bishop’s Falls. Excepting as above the title to the demised premises is hereby guaranteed to the Lessee.

7.—Subject to the conditions contained in Section 3 of the Agreement, the Schedule to this Act, the public, and every member thereof shall have the right to fish, shoot, hunt, and trap, over the area therein demised ; and of navigating streams, rivers and lakes included in the said area, and to maintain thereon for use in such navigation or travelling any kind of vessel or boat.

Add as new Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 the following :—

8.—The word “tourist” in the said Agreement, the Schedule to this Act, shall be held not to include a person domiciled in the Colony.

9.—It shall not be lawful for the Governor in Council to permit the Lessee to enter on or take lands under the provisions and for the purposes of Section 11 of the said Agreement, the Schedule to this Act, except within a period of three years from the date of the said Agreement, and within a distance of seventy miles from the demised premises ; and in case of lands on the waterside it shall not be lawful to take for the said purpose more than one-fourth of a square mile in any river, creek or bay. Provided, however, that the limitations herein provided for shall not apply to lands to be taken for railways, or to unimproved lands to be taken for wharves, piers or docks in connection with a railway.

10.—The Lessee shall grant free from the demised premises sufficient land for all Church purposes, and for schools and other public buildings, with the necessary access thereto, at the request of the Governor in Council.

11.—The expression “the demised premises” in the Agreement, the Schedule to this Act, shall be construed to embrace an area not to exceed Two Thousand square miles to follow generally the waterside therein referred to, the exact boundaries to be selected by the Lessee ; but the lands referred to in the preamble to the said Agreement shall be included therein, and shall not be in any way curtailed. In computing the said area the lands herein above in this Act, and in said Sche-

dule, excepted from the demise, and any lands heretofore granted in fee to R. G. Reid, shall be excluded.

12.—When minerals in workable quantities shall be discovered in any portion of the demised premises, such portion shall not be deemed to be barren; nor shall land suitable for grazing or pasturing for horses and cows be deemed to be barren.

13.—The Lessee shall have no exclusive right to Caribou or Moose on the premises, nor shall the Lessee, by fences or barriers, interfere with the annual migration of Caribou or Moose.

14.—All laws of the Colony and regulations of the Marine and Fisheries Department now in force, or made hereafter for the protection of animals, birds or fish, shall apply to the demised area, and the Lessees, their employees, and all other persons going upon this area shall observe such laws and regulations.

15.—The right of pre-emption under Sections 10 or 11 of the said Agreement, shall not extend to any Crown property or waterside property which is, or shall have been, improved or built upon.

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 or to come before this House for the remainder of the Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Hon. Mr. Knowling moved that 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” be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Hon. Mr. Harris moved in amendment—“That the said Bill be read this day six months.”

And the question on the amendment having been put there appeared :—

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Greene,	McLaughlan,
Angel,	Skelton,
Baird.	Blandford,
	Bowring,
	Ayre,
	Pitts,
	Bishop,
	Anderson,
	Harvey,
	Milley.

It was resolved in the negative.

And the question on the original motion having been put it passed in the affirmative, on a similar division as the foregoing, and

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

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.

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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend the Act 59 Vic., Cap. 39, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate a Company under the Style and Title of the “St. John’s Gas Light Company”’” 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, and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene 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. Greene the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to incorporate the Institute of Accountants of Newfoundland” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Milley 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Greene the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to authorize the Royal Trust Company to do Business in the Colony of Newfoundland” was read a 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 said Bill without amendment.

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 Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony,”

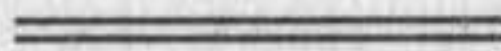
“ An Act to increase the Revenue by imposing Taxes upon business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony,” and

“ An Act respecting Banks,”

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

Ordered,—To be committed on Monday next.

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



MONDAY, JUNE 12th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

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

The Minutes of Saturday, June 10th, were read.

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
29th May, 1905.

SIR,—

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has granted leave of absence to the Honourable S. Milley for the remainder of the Session.

I have, etc.,

ERNEST A. ELGEE,
Private Secretary and A.D.C.

The Honourable

SIR E. D. SHEA,

President Legislative Council.

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."

The Hon. Mr. Greene 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.

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 increase the Revenue by imposing Taxes upon Business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony.

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.

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 Banks."

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.

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 Sums of Money for defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively on the 30th day of June, 1905, and the 30th day of June, 1906, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,"

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

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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. Mr. Knowling laid on the table Report of the Newfoundland Constabulary for the year ended December 31st, 1904, asked for by the Hon. Mr. Greene.

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 to amend 59 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled ‘An Act to incorporate the Placentia Water Company,’”

“An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances,”

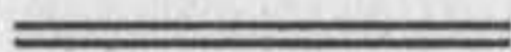
“An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Peat,”

“An Act to amend the St. John’s Municipal Act, 1902,”

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

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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



TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

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

The Minutes of Monday, June 12th, 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 amend the Act 59 Vic., Cap. 11, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Placentia Water Company.'"

The Hon. Mr. Anderson 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.

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 Encourage the Manufacture of Peat.”

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.

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 Certain Retiring Allowances."

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.

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 St. John's Municipal Act, 1902."

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 House then took recess.

After recess.

The House having resumed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a message from the House of Assembly concurring in the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes.”

Also requesting concurrence in the amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling the said amendments were read a first and second time throughout, adopted and passed without amendment.

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

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 increase the Revenue by the imposition of a Tax upon Express Companies doing Business in the Colony," which said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Knowling, 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.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, June 14th, at half-past Four o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY.

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

The Hon. the President informs the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on to-morrow, Thursday, at Three o'clock P.M.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, June 15th, at half-past Two o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15th, 1905.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA,
President.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE,
JAMES BAIRD,
JAMES S. PITTS,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
JOHN HARVEY.

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

The House took recess.

At Three o'clock P.M. His Excellency the Governor Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, M. D., K.C.M.G., C.B., having arrived at the Council Chamber and being seated on the Throne the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House ; and they being

come thereto His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills :—

1.—An Act for granting to His Majesty Certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise 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 30th June, 1905, and the 30th June 1906, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

3.—An Act to provide for the Raising of a Sum of Money by Loan for the Telegraph Service of the Colony.

4.—An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes.

5.—An Act to increase the Revenue by imposing Taxes upon Business transacted by Telegraph and Telephone Companies within and in transit through the Colony.

6.—An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

7.—An Act to increase the Revenue by the imposition of a Tax upon Express Companies doing business in the Colony.

8.—An Act to Facilitate the Investment of Trust and Other Funds in the United Kingdom in certain Newfoundland Government Securities.

9.—An Act to amend the Education Act, 1903.

10.—An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Peat.

11.—An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company under the Style and Title of the St. John's Gas Light Company.

12.—An Act respecting Foreign Fishing Vessels.

13.—An Act to provide for the Protection of Woods against Fires and for other purposes.

14.—An Act respecting Telegraphs.

15.—An Act to encourage the Manufacture of Pulp and Paper in this Colony.

16.—An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1898.

17.—An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals.

18.—An Act to incorporate the Institute of Accountants of Newfoundland.

19.—An Act to authorize the Royal Trust Company to do Business in the Colony of Newfoundland.

20.—An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled "Of the Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

21.—An Act Respecting Banks.

22.—An Act to amend St. John's Municipal Act, 1902.

23.—Act to amend 59 Vic., Cap. 11, Act to incorporate the Placentia Water Company.

After which His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows :—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I am pleased that I can now relieve you from further attendance here and enable you to devote your undivided attention to your personal affairs.

The session has been a protracted one, but considering the importance of the measures that were presented for your consideration, it would have been difficult, with a due regard to public interests, to have curtailed your deliberations.

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

I thank you for the supplies that you have granted for the public service, and would assure you that my Ministers will endeavour to secure a judicious and economical expenditure of the various appropriations.

The large increase that you have made in the grant for education will no doubt be highly appreciated throughout the country and tend to promote the advancement of our educational institutions.

The provision that you have made to meet the increased charge for interest in connection with the public debt seems to have been wisely conceived, so as not to bear unduly upon the labouring classes.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I am pleased to observe the very stringent regulations that you have adopted to protect the forest wealth of this country from destruction by fire. It is to be hoped that they may prove entirely effective in preventing a recurrence of the devastation that has been so prevalent in recent years.

The Bill to which I have assented confirming the contract entered into by my Ministers for the establishment of a Paper and Pulp industry in the Colony appears to fully safeguard public interests while extending liberal concessions to British investors. I sincerely hope that the work contemplated under the contract will proceed expe-

ditionally, and result in that material benefit so confidently anticipated.

The regulations for carrying into effect the convention concluded between His Majesty's Government and that of the French Republic, in respect to the Treaty Shore, will be submitted for your approval next session. The draft to which my Ministers gave their assent has been forwarded by His Majesty's Government to the Government of France, and awaits the concurrence and signature of the Government of that country.

While the result of the seal fishery fell short of that of last year, it is gratifying to know that the general outlook for the trade of the Colony during the coming fiscal year is exceedingly bright and encouraging.

In now taking leave of you for a season, I fervently desire that an abundant measure of success may attend you in your respective avocations.

The Hon. the President then said—It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until THURSDAY, the seventeenth day of AUGUST next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Clerk to the Legislative Council.

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