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His Excellency Sir William MacGregor, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.

Third Session of the Twentieth General Assembly,
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PROCLAMATION.

*By the Honourable Sir WILLIAM HENRY
HORWOOD, Knight, Chief Justice,
Deputy Governor in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its
Dependencies.*

W. H. HORWOOD,
Deputy Governor,
[L. S.]

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

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the THIRTIETH 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, Saint John's, this 17th day of July, A.D., 1906.

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 Saint Michael and Saint 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.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the THIRTIETH day of AUGUST instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the ELEVENTH day of OCTOBER next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the ELEVENTH day of OCTOBER 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, Saint John's, this 28th day of August, A.D., 1906.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the ELEVENTH day of OCTOBER instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND day of NOVEMBER next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND day of NOVEMBER 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, Saint John's, this 9th day of October, A.D., 1906.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

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

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Comman the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND day of NOVEMBER instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the THIRD day of JANUARY next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the THIRD day of JANUARY 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, Saint John's, this 15th day of November, A.D., 1906.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the THIRD day of JANUARY instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of JANUARY instant;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of JANUARY instant, 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, Saint John's, this 2nd day of January, A.D., 1907.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR, Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.]

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY stands prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of JANUARY instant ; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY next ;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY next, as aforesaid, *then to meet for the despatch of business*, 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, Saint John's, this 23rd day of January, A.D., 1907.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND.

Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

Third Session of the Twentieth General Assembly.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1907.

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

The House met—

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir William MacGregor, M.D., K.C.M.G., C.B., being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable President of the Legislative Council, to let the Commons House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker—

His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows, viz.:

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I desire to extend to you most cordial greetings on the occasion of your assembling for the despatch of your important duties, and I am pleased to be able to avail myself of your assistance in the exercise of those high responsibilities assigned to us by the Constitution.

It is exceedingly gratifying to me to feel warranted in congratulating you on the large measure of prosperity that has rewarded the industry of our people during the year that has passed. The retrospect of the leading industries of the Island is eminently satisfactory, and the high price obtained for our staple exports affords reasonable expectation of still greater expansion of trade and commerce.

It affords me pleasure to observe that the pulp and paper industry that you succeeded in enterprising by a wise and

liberal policy is making commendable progress. It is quite evident from the manner in which the proprietors of that industry at Grand Falls have set about their business that it will be operated not only on a very extensive scale but with a view to the continuance of the industry. You will be pleased to learn that my Ministers have been in negotiation with English capitalists for the establishment of another branch of this industry at Bishop's Falls, on the Exploits River, and that operations will be commenced at that point with the opening of the Spring. Expert examination of the forest lands of the Colony has demonstrated that our pulp wood areas rank amongst the best in the world. If, therefore, care is taken to prevent forest fires and the indiscriminate cutting of small timber, we may confidently look forward to a permanent addition to the revenue of the Colony from this source.

My Ministers are giving their attention to the matter of agricultural settlement in the vicinity of the townships that are being laid out at Grand Falls and Bishop's Falls, and liberal inducements will be extended to practical farmers to settle upon these lands. Special care will be taken in the selection of such farmers, as my Ministers fully appreciate that the promotion of agricultural development in this Colony can be best secured by the object lesson furnished by a practical and thrifty husbandry.

You will be glad to learn that my Ministers have made arrangements for testing the possibilities of drift net fishing off the coasts of this Island; for the curing of herring according to the Scotch method, and for marketing the same to the best advantage. This work will be entered upon in May next, and, I hope, will result in the permanent establishment of a new branch of our fisheries.

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

The financial result of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1906, fully justified the anticipations of my Government. The accounts to be furnished you will show a surplus of revenue over expenditure.

The Estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date, and I confidently rely upon your making all due provision for the public service.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

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

In the month of October last a *Modus Vivendi* was arranged between His Majesty's Government and that of the United States of America in relation to the prosecution of the autumn fishery on the West Coast of this Island, whereby the first part of Section One and the whole of Section Three of the Foreign Fishing Vessels' Act, 1905, were held not to apply to American fishermen, and the Foreign Fishing Vessels' Act, adopted by your Honourable Houses last Session, was held in abeyance. The agreement also provided for the use of purse seines by American citizens and the shipping by them of local fishermen for the prosecution of the herring fishery. My Ministers entered a respectful protest with His Majesty's Government against the granting of these concessions, and, regarding them as detrimental to the interests of this Colony and unconstitutional, they declined to become

consenting parties to the agreement, and notified His Majesty's Government of their intention to test its validity in the courts.

I have to announce that an invitation has been received from His Majesty's Government for the participation of this Colony in a Conference of the Prime Ministers of self-governing Colonies, which it is intended to hold in London, next April, for the purpose of consultation upon matters of general interest to the Empire. I hope that the business of the Session will be concluded in time to admit of my Prime Minister accepting this invitation, and that the Colony may derive material benefit from the proposed deliberations.

Several despatches from the Imperial Government, and other important papers, will, in due time, be placed before you.

Amongst important Bills to be submitted for your consideration, will be one to confirm an agreement entered into between the Government of the Colony and responsible persons in England for a fast steamship service between the British Isles and the American Continent via Newfoundland, and the construction of a line of railway through the northern portion of this Island in connection therewith. The geographical position of this Island renders it an essential link in any scheme for rapid transit between the Old World and the New. Nature seems to have done everything possible to facilitate such an enterprise. Scientific investigation has proved beyond question that there is a fog-free zone stretching eastward from Green Bay, Newfoundland, in a direct line towards the British Isles. On the East and West coasts of this Island are harbours which may be properly classed amongst the finest in the world and several hundred miles

nearer Europe than any other portion of the Continent of America. As offering an Imperial trade avenue, the proposed service stands unrivalled, and is of the first importance to the Empire. Its strategic advantages are not likely to be overlooked by His Majesty's Government. This great project, which is to be presented to us, and towards the accomplishment of which our co-operation has been invited, opens to view a future stored with the elements of Colonial progress and prosperity, and will, upon completion, enable His Majesty's possessions on this side of the Atlantic to direct their resources and their outcome into a broad channel of national solidarity.

In leaving you to your deliberations, I trust they may be directed by Divine favour to the promotion of the general welfare of this Colony.

The House of Assembly withdrew and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honourable the President reported His Excellency's Speech and the same was read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey :—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislative Council.

Ordered,—That the Honourables Messrs. Harvey, Ryan, Greene, Skelton, Ayre, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 12th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1907.

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, K.C.,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

ROBERT K. BISHOP,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, February 7th, were read.

The Honourable Mr. Knowling, a Member of the Executive, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table—

Correspondence respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries.

The Honourable Mr. Harvey, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, reported a Draft of the same, which was received and read a first time (short) and—

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the said Address was read a second time (at length) and—

Ordered,—That the said Address be agreed to and pass, and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

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

The Address is as follows :—

*To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACGREGOR,
Doctor of Medicine, Knight Commander of
the Most Distinguished Order of Saint
Michael and Saint 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.

The several matters contained in Your Excellency's Speech shall receive our earnest attention.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
12th February, 1907. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, February 15th, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

ROBERT K. BISHOP,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 12th, were read.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, on this day, Friday, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

At half-past 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 to twelve o'clock, the House having returned, the Honourable the President 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.

WM. MACGREGOR,
Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland, }
15th February, 1907. }

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

Mr President :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Joint Address to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Modus Vivendi entered into between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in said Address.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
February 14th, 1907. }

To the Right Honourable His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

We, His Majesty's loyal subjects,

the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY of Newfoundland, in session convened, have had under consideration the subject of the MODUS VIVENDI entered into between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America, in relation to the prosecution of the herring fishery on the West Coast of this Colony during the past season, and also a copy of the correspondence in relation to the same which was presented to the British Parliament.

We had not contemplated the possibility of successful opposition to our views in respect to the enforcement of the Act passed in 1887 to control the sale of bait fishes to foreigners, and the Foreign Fishing Vessels' Acts passed in the Sessions of 1905 and 1906 for the more effective carrying out of the said policy.

The circumstances which called for the legislation of 1887, above referred to, were exhaustively dealt with by Sir George W. DesVœux, a former Governor of this Colony, in a despatch to the Colonial Office bearing date January 14th, 1887. The reasons he therein advanced in support of the measure and its enforcement against American and other fishermen are as cogent to-day as when they led to its approval by His Majesty's Government, and we could not have anticipated anything but the cordial sympathy of His Majesty's Government in our endeavour to guard the integrity of the Colony's trade and the well-being of its population.

It was therefore with feelings of disappointment and alarm that we learned that His Majesty's Government had entered into a **MODUS VIVENDI** with the Government of the United States of America intended to set aside the Act of 1887 in its application to American fishermen, as well as those Acts before mentioned which were adopted by the Legislature in order to secure the better enforcement of that law.

When we learned from your despatches that this **MODUS VIVENDI** was entered into despite the respectful and earnest protest of the Government of this Colony; that British interests were made subservient to the purposes of foreigners, and that our rights under the Constitution were ignored, those feelings awakened by the terms of the agreement were intensified, and we cannot but express our deep sense of the injustice to which our people were called upon to submit.

Your despatches set forth that the **MODUS VIVENDI** was found to be necessary in order to avoid a position that, in the opinion of His Majesty's Government, might become "highly undesirable and even dangerous." We find ourselves unable to concur in this view :—

FIRST,—Because the Government of this Colony had, during the fishing season of 1905, at the instance of His Majesty's Government, and in consideration of the negotiations then proceeding in relation to questions at issue between the Government of this Colony and that of the United States of America, abstained from taking any action calculated to embarrass the relations between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of

America, and there is no reason to suppose that this policy would not have been continued had His Majesty's Government signified a desire for it;

SECOND,—Because the Government of this Colony had guaranteed to preserve the peace and not enforce the 1906 Act against American fishermen, provided His Majesty's Government would authorise a Proclamation bringing it into force. This course would have repealed the Sections of the 1905 Act that had been objected to by the United States Government, obviating the suspension of those Statutes by His Majesty's Minister's which was unprecedented and unconstitutional, and at the same time have enabled the Government of this Colony to deal effectively with British fishermen;

THIRD,—Because the ratification of the MODUS VIVENDI involved an infringement of the Constitution of this Colony unwarranted by any conditions existent in the Colony, or, so far as the despatches which have been tabled indicate, by any Imperial interests;

FOURTH,—Because the MODUS VIVENDI conferred privileges upon American citizens in excess of those granted under the Treaty of 1818; in excess of those enjoyed by British subjects in this Colony, and was, we respectfully submit, in violation of the pledge conveyed to this Colony by His Majesty's Government in 1857, that :

“ The consent of the community of Newfoundland
“ would be regarded by His Majesty's Govern-
“ ment as the essential preliminary to any
“ modification of their territorial or maritime
“ rights.”

It appears from your despatches that the MODUS VIVENDI was for one season only, and that His Majesty's Government contemplates the settlement of all questions arising out of the Treaty of 1818 during the current year. We therefore humbly pray that if a recognition of the rights of this Colony cannot be obtained by diplomatic negotiations, then His Majesty's Government will proceed on a strict interpretation of the Treaty of 1818.

FRANK J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

PASSED THE
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
February 14th, 1907. }

The Honourable Mr. Knowling gives notice that he will, on Tuesday next, move "That the House be put into a Committee" to consider an Address to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State, for the Colonies, sent up from the House of Assembly, in the matter of the Modus Vivendi recently entered into between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America in respect of the conduct of the fishery on the West Coast of this Colony.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, February 19th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President.*

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

The Minutes of Friday, February 15th, were read.

The Honourable Mr. Knowling, a member of the Executive Council, presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor :

The GOVERNOR has the honour to communicate to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL the appointment of the COMMISSION OF INTERNAL ECONOMY of the Legislature, in accordance with the provisions of the Statute 61 Victoria, Chapter I., as set forth in the accompanying Certi-

fied copy of a Minute of the HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, approved by the Governor on this day.

WM. MACGREGOR.

Governor,

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
February 15th, 1907. }

Certified Copy of Minutes of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 15th of February, 1907.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 1, 61 Victoria, the following gentlemen to form a Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, viz. :

Honourable Sir E. D. Shea, Kt., President of the Legislative Council.

Honourable John Harris.

Honourable George Skelton.

His Honour the Speaker.

Right Honourable Sir R. Bond, P.C., K.C.M.G.

Honourable Sir E. P. Morris, Kt.

Honourable E. M. Jackman.

Certified true copy,

R. BOND.

Colonial Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
February 15th, 1907. }

Ordered,—To lie on the Table—

Pursuant to Notice, the Honourable Mr. Knowling moved, “That the House be put into a Committee,” to consider an Address to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, sent up from the House of Assembly, in the matter of the *Modus Vivendi* recently entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the Government of the United States of America in respect of the conduct of the fishery on the the West Coast of this Colony. And—

Ordered,—“That the House be put into a Committee” to consider the said Address—

The Honourable Mr. Ayre 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—

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, February 20th, at half-past four o’clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1907.

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,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Address to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, sent up from the House of Assembly, in respect to the Modus Vivendi recently entered into between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States of America in respect of the conduct of the fishery on the West Coast of Newfoundland.

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman, reported “That the Committee had adopted the said Address, without amendment; and that the blank had been filled up.”

The Honourable Mr. Knowling moved “That the Report be received.”

When there appeared—

Contents (11) :

Non-Contents (2) :

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
McLoughlan,
Rendell,
Angel,
Harris,
Skelton,
Greene,
Bowring,
Ayre,
Ryan,
Harvey.

Hons. Messrs. Baird,
Bishop.

So it passed in the affirmative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. Knowling moved “That the Address do now pass”—

When there appeared—

Contents (11) :

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
 McLoughlan,
 Rendell,
 Angel,
 Harris,
 Skelton,
 Greene,
 Bowring,
 Ayre,
 Ryan,
 Harvey.

Non-Contents (2) :

Hons. Messrs. Baird,
 Bishop.

So it passed in the affirmative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. Knowling moved “That a message be sent to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House concurs in the said address, and that the blank has been filled up”—

When there appeared—

Contents (11) :

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
 McLoughlan,
 Rendell,
 Angel,
 Harris,
 Skelton,

Non-Contents (2) :

Hons. Messrs. Baird,
 Bishop.

Greene,
Bowring,
Ayre,
Ryan,
Harvey.

So it passed in the affirmative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, February 25th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1907.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding Member*.

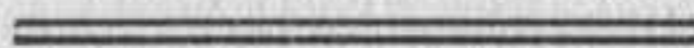
The Honourable Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, February 26th, at half-past four o'clock p.m., for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1907.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding Member*.

The Honourable Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, February 27th, at half-past four o'clock p.m., for want of a quorum.

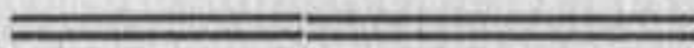


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1907.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding Member*.

The Honourable Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 28th, at half-past four o'clock p.m., for want of a quorum.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1907.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding Member*.

The Honourable Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 1st., at half-past four o'clock p.m., for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
JAMES ANGEL,
JOHN HARRIS,
GEORGE SKELTON,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,

The Minutes of Wednesday, February 20th ; Monday, February 25th ; Tuesday, February 26th ; Wednesday, February, 27th ; and Thursday, February, 28th ; were read.

The Honourable the President reported that the Legislative Council, in conjunction with the House of Assembly, had been at Government House on Friday last, the 22nd day of February, and presented the Joint Address, passed by the two Houses of the Legislature, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the *Modus Vivendi*, in relation to the prosecution of the Fishery on the West Coast of Newfoundland, to His Excellency the Governor, who had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to inform both branches of the Legislature that he would have much pleasure in forwarding the Address by the first outgoing mail.

The Honourable Dr. Skelton laid on the Table the following Documents :—

Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Newfoundland, for the year 1906.

Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank for the year 1906.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled " An Act to amend 6 Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled ' An Act

respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons,'” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
February 27th, 1907. }

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “ An Act to amend the Act 6 Edward VII., Cap. 23, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques,’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
February 22nd, 1907. }

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively “ An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents ” and “ An Act to amend ‘ the Education Act, 1903,’ ” and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council therein.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
March 1st, 1907. }

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“ An Act to amend the Act 6 Edward VII., Cap. 23, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques.’ ”

“ An Act to amend 6 Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons.’ ”

“ An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents ”—and

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

were severally read a first time and—

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, March 5th, at half-past four o'clock p.m

THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, 1907.

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,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Friday, March 1st, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“ An Act to amend the Act 6 Edward VII., Cap. 23, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques.’ ”

“ An Act to amend 6 Edward VII., Cap. 2, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons.’ ”

“ An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents ” and—

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

were severally read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 6th, at half-past four o’clock a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th, 1907.

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,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
ROBERT K. BISHOP,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 5th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Act 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 23, entitled 'An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques.'"

The Honourable Mr. Harris in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received—

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 2, entitled ‘An Act respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons.’”

The Honourable 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 Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents.”

The Honourable Mr. Ryan 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 Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Education Act, 1903.'"

The Honourable Mr. Baird in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and—

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

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively :—“An Act to amend the law relating to Railway Traffic” ; “An Act to amend 6 Edward VII., Cap. 22, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the Better Cure of Herring’” ; and “An Act to amend the law with respect to Persons carrying on business as Money-Lenders” ; in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 6th, 1907. }

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Traffic” ;

“An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 22, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the better cure of Herring’ ” ; and—

“An Act to amend the Law with respect to Persons carrying on business as Money-Lenders”—

were severally read a first time and—

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

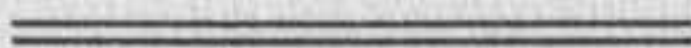
The Honourable Dr. Skelton laid on the Table Views of Memorial to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

The Honourable Mr. Harvey presented to the House a Bill “To amend The Companies Act, 1899.”

The said Bill was then read a first time and—

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, March 8th, at half-past four o’clock p.m.



FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 6th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“ An Act to amend the Act 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 23, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques,’ ” and—

“ An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 2, entitled ‘ An Act respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons ’ ”—

were severally read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bills.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents,” as amended, was read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bill, as amended.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the said Bill, with some amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows :—

- 1—In Section 10, sub-section (*b*) after the word “witness” add the words “or witnesses” and before the words “presence” add the words “or their.”
- 2—In Section 17, sub-section (*a*) after the word “witnesses” add the words “after tender of such fees as are paid to a witness attending a trial,” and after the word “returnable” substitute for “to” the word “before,” and in sub-section (2) strike out the words “after tender of such fees as are paid to a witness attending a trial.”
- 3—In Section 29 strike out the words “being deeds of gift wherein the bona fide consideration shall exceed the sum of \$100.”

4—In Section 35, in the last line but one—strike out the words “be compelled to.”

5—Add the following as Section 37 : 37—This Act shall not apply to warehouse receipts, bills of lading or securities given under the provisions of the Act 2 Ed. VII., Cap. 5, entitled “An Act to amend the law respecting warehouse receipts and other securities in possession of Banks.”

6—Re-number succeeding sections accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend ‘The Education Act, 1903,’” was read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bill.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 22, entitled ‘An Act for the encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the better cure of Herring’” ;—

“An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Traffic’” ; and

“An Act to amend the Law with respect to persons carrying on business as Money-Lenders’”—

were severally read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the Bill to amend “The Companies Act, 1899,” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

“An Act respecting the Establishment of Speedier Communication between Great Britain and the Continent of America” and—

“An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes (second series), entitled ‘Of the Keeping of Dogs’”—

Which said Bills, on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton, 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, March 11th, at half-past four o’clock p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 11th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

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

The Minutes of Friday, March 8th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 22, entitled 'An Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the better cure of Herring.'"

The Honourable Mr. Ryan 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Traffic.”

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and—

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law with respect to Persons carrying on Business as Money-Lenders.”

The Honourable 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the House went into Committee on the Bill to amend "The Companies Act, 1899."

The Honourable 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.

The Honourable Mr. Harvey laid upon the Table Maps relating to the Short Line Route.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Establishment of Speedier Communication between Great Britain and the Continent of America," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs,'" was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents" without amendment.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
March 8th, 1907. }

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 12th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12th, 1907.

PRESENT :

The Honourable GEORGE SKELTON, *Presiding Member.*

The Honourable Presiding Member declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 13th, at half-past four o'clock p.m., for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

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

The Minutes of Monday, March 11th, and Tuesday, March 12th, were read.

The Honourable Dr. Skelton laid on the Table a Statement of the Royal Trust Company, ending Dec. 31st, 1906.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“ An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 22, entitled ‘ An Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the better cure of Herring.’ ”

“ An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Traffic ”
and—

“ An Act to amend the Law with respect to Persons
carrying on Business as Money-Lenders ”—

Were severally read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bills.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of
Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said
Bills without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the
Honourable Mr. Harvey the House went into Committee on
the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act respecting the Establish-
ment of Speedier Communication between Great Britain and
the Continent of America.”

The Honourable 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
Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on
the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend Chapter 141 of
the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled ‘ Of the
Keeping of Dogs.’ ”

The Honourable Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and—

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

The Honourable 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 respecting certain Retiring Allowances ” and—

“ An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors ”—

Which said Bills, on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton, were severally read a first time and—

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Friday next, March 15th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 13th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Establishment of Speedier Communication between Great Britain and the Continent of America," was read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bill.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series) entitled 'Of the Keeping of Dogs,'" was read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bill.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the House went into Committee on the Bill "To amend 'The Companies Act, 1899.'"

The Honourable Mr. Harris in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and—

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

"An Act respecting Certain Retiring allowances" and—

"An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors"—

were severally read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be severally committed to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Encouragement and Improvement of Shipbuilding,” which said Bill, on motion of Honourable Dr. Skelton, was read a first time and—

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

The Honourable Dr. Skelton presented to the House a Bill “Respecting the Preservation of Beavers.”

The said Bill was then read a first time and—

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

The Honourable Dr. Skelton laid upon the Table the following Documents :—

Annual Statement of the Standard Life Assurance Company for the year 1905.

Report of the Post Master General for the year ending June 30th, 1906.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Tuesday next, March 19th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,
GEORGE T. RENDELL,
JAMES ANGEL,
GEORGE SKELTON,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Friday, March 15th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the Bill to amend "The Companies Act, 1899," was read a third time and—

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled "An Act to amend 'The Companies Act, 1899.'"

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message requesting their concurrence in said Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances."

The Honourable 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

The Honourable Mr. Baird in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and—

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Encouragement and Improvement of Shipbuilding," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill “Respecting the Preservation of Beavers” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

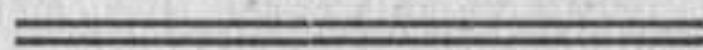
The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act to prohibit the Prosecution of the Labrador Fishery in Steam Vessels”—

Which said Bill, on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton, was read a first time and—

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

The Honourable Mr. Knowling gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the Suspension of the 33rd Rule of this House for the remainder of the Session, and that it stand first on the Order of the Day.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, March 20th, at half-past four o'clock p.m.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Sir EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 19th, were read.

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

Ordered,—That the 33rd Rule of the House be Suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bills sent up, entitled respectively—

“ An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances ” and—
“ An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors ”—
were severally read a third time and passed.

The Honourable the President signed the said Bills.

Ordered,—That messages be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bills without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend the Law relating to the Encouragement and Improvement of Shipbuilding.”

The Honourable Mr. Ryan in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed and the Honourable the President signed the same.

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

The amendment is as follows :—

Section I., Schedule (*B*) Sixth, Seventh and Eighth lines from the end thereof—strike out the words “No timber shall be used in the construction of any vessel until the period of twelve months shall have expired from the time of its being cut.”

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill “Respecting the Preservation of Beavers.”

The Honourable Mr. Angel in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and—

Ordered,—That the Bill do now pass and be entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers” and—

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly with message requesting their concurrence in the said Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Honourable 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 Honourable Mr. Bowring moved in amendment “That the said Bill be read this day six months.”

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

Contents (9) :

Hons. Messrs. Bowring,
 McLoughlan,
 Angel,
 Harris,
 Knowling,
 Baird,
 Pitts,
 Ryan,
 Harvey.

Non-Contents (2) :

Hons. Dr. Skelton,
 Mr. Ayre.

So it passed in the affirmative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively—

“ An Act respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Banks doing Business in the Colony,”

“ An Act further to amend 56 Vic., Cap. II., entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company’ ” and—

“ An Act respecting Crown Lands ”—

in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 20th, 1907. }

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands," was read a first time and—

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Harris the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Banks doing Business in the Colony," was read a first time and—

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Ryan the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act further to amend 56 Vic., Cap. II., entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company,'" was read a first time and—

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until Thursday, March 21st, at half-past four o'clock p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st, 1907.

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,
GEORGE KNOWLING,
JAMES BAIRD,
EDGAR R. BOWRING,
JOHN B. AYRE,
JAMES S. PITTS,
JAMES D. RYAN,
JOHN HARVEY.
SAMUEL MILLEY,

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 20th, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Crown Lands," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harris the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Banks doing Business in the Colony,” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Ryan the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act further to amend 58 Vic., Cap. II., entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company,'" was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the same without amendment.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Encouragement and Improvement of Shipbuilding" without amendment.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 20th, 1907. }

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

“ An Act respecting Assessment of Life Insurance Companies,”

“ An Act respecting Accident and other Insurance Companies doing Business in the Colony,”

“ An Act respecting Insane Persons,”

“ An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1905,”

“ An Act respecting Express Companies doing Business in the Colony,”

“ An Act further to amend 59 Vic., Cap. 30, entitled ‘An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John’s Gas Light Company,’ ” and—

“ An Act respecting the Whaling Industry,”—

which said Bills were severally read a first time and—

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

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, March 22nd, at half-past four o’clock p.m

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY.

SAMUEL MILLEY,

The Minutes of Thursday, March 21st, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Revenue Act, 1905," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Angel in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Angel the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Express Companies doing Business in the Colony,” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Assessment of Life Insurance Companies,” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Bowring the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting Accident and other Insurance Companies doing Business in the Colony,” was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Baird the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act further to amend 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 Honourable Mr. Ryan 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Whaling Industry," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harris the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Insane Persons," was read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed on Monday next.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers ” without amendment.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 21st, 1907. }

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively—

“An Act to amend the Acts in relation to the Harbour Grace Water Company,”

“An Act respecting Dealers in Marine Stores,” and—

“An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants ”—

in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 21st, 1907. }

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend the Acts in relation to the Harbour Grace Water Company," was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Pitts 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants," was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Dealers in Marine Stores," was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Bowring in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Baird gives notice that he will on to-morrow ask the Honourable Leader of the Government to lay on the Table of the House a Report of the Government Inspector on the death of the person at Lewisport referred to by the Minister of Justice, as having lost his life while in the Employment of the Reid Newfoundland Company.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, March 25th, at four o'clock p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,

JAMES BAIRD,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY,

SAMUEL MILLEY,

The Minutes of Friday, March 22nd, were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Mr. Harvey the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Insane Persons"—

The Honourable Mr. Angel in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill with some amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The amendments are as follows :—

Insert the following as Section II.:

II.—The Commissioners may or any one of them may at any time and at such day or days, and at such hours of the day or night as the Commissioners may deem desirable visit the Asylum.

Re-number succeeding Sections from Section II.

Pursuant to notice the Honourable Mr. Baird asked the Honourable Leader of the Government to lay on the Table the Report of the Government Inspector on the death of the person at Lewisport, referred to by the Minister of Justice as having lost his life, while in the employment of “The Reid Newfoundland Company.”

The Honourable Mr. Knowling laid upon the Table the Report asked for.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Honourable Dr. Skelton the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants”—

The Honourable 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 Honourable Dr. Skelton moved that the said Bill be now read a third time, when there appeared—

Contents (10) :

Non-Contents (3) :

Hon. Dr. Skelton,
Hons. Messrs. McLaughlan,
Angel,
Harris,
Knowling,
Bowring,
Pitts,
Ryan,
Harvey,
Milley.

Hons. Messrs. Baird,
Greene,
Ayre.

So it passed in the affirmative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that he had received a message from the House of Assembly requesting concurrence in the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money towards defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,” which said Bill—

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Ayre in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Honourable 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 Customs Act, 1898 ” and—

“ An Act to amend 5 Ed. VII., Cap. I., entitled ‘ An Act respecting certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purpose.’ ”

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled “ An Act to amend the Customs Act, 1898,” was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable 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 Honourable the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 5 Ed. VII., Cap. I., entitled 'An Act respecting certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for other purposes,'" was read a first and second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Ryan 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 Honourable 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 Honourable Mr. Knowling laid upon the Table a Report of the Reid Newfoundland Company for the year ending 30th June, 1906.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, March 26th, at half-past eleven o'clock a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th, 1907.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable SIR EDWARD D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honourables JAMES McLOUGHLAN,

JAMES ANGEL,

JOHN HARRIS,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

JAMES BAIRD,

JOHN B. AYRE,

JAMES S. PITTS,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN HARVEY,

SAMUEL MILLEY.

The Minutes of Monday, March 25th, were read.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments made by the Legis-

lative Council on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Insane Persons," without amendment.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 25th, 1907. }

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the accompanying Bill, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Temperance Act,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

F. J. MORRIS,
Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 25th, 1907. }

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Knowling the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Temperance Act,'" was read a first time.

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

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Baird moved in amendment—

"That the said Bill be read this day six months."

Whereupon the Honourable Mr. Harvey moved in amendment upon amendment—

"That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee."

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

Contents (2) :

Hons. Messrs. Harvey,
Baird.

Non-Contents (9) :

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
McLoughlan,
Angel,
Harris,
Skelton,
Ayre.
Pitts,
Ryan,
Milley.

So it passed in the negative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

And the question on the amendment having been put, here appeared—

Contents (3) :

Hons. Messrs. Baird,
Pitts,
Harvey.

Non-Contents (8) :

Hons. Messrs. Knowling,
McLoughlan,
Angel,
Harris,
Skelton,
Ayre,
Ryan,
Milley.

So it passed in the negative and—

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Bill was then read a second time and—

Ordered,—To be committed presently—

The Honourable Mr. Milley in the Chair—

After some time the House resumed—

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed and—

The Honourable the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had passed the said Bill with some amendments and requesting their concurrence therein.

The amendments are as follows :—

Second Section—third line—after the word “issue” strike out the word “forthwith” and insert in lieu thereof the words “until six months,” and in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines of the said Section strike out the words from and including “but” to the end of the Section.

The Honourable the President informed the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to Prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on this day, Tuesday, at three o'clock.

The House took recess.

The House resumed—

The Honourables George T. Rendell and Edgar R. Bowring then entered the Council Chamber.

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

Mr. President :

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the amendments in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to amend 'The Temperance Act,'" without amendment.

F. J. MORRIS,

Speaker.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, }
March 26th, 1907. }

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor Sir William MacGregor, M.D., K.C.M.G., C.B., being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Honourable the President of the Legislative Council, to let the Commons House of Assembly know :

"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker—

His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, entitled respectively :—

An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

An Act to amend “The Revenue Act, 1905.”

An Act respecting the Imposition of Taxes on Banks doing Business in the Colony.

An Act respecting the Assessment of Life Insurance Companies.

An Act respecting Accident and other Insurance Companies doing Business in the Colony.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to Persons carrying on Business as Money-Lenders.

An Act to amend the Acts in relation to the Harbour Grace Water Company.

An Act further to amend 56 Vic., Cap. II., entitled “An Act to Incorporate the Placentia Water Company.”

An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 22, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of the Herring Fishery and the Better Cure of Herring."

An Act to amend 5 Ed. VII., Cap. I., entitled "An Act respecting Certain Loans upon the Credit of the Colony and for Other Purposes."

An Act to amend "The Custom Act, 1898."

An Act respecting Crown Lands.

An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes (Second Series), entitled "Of the Keeping of Dogs."

An Act respecting the Whaling Industry.

An Act respecting the Establishment of Speedier Communication between Great Britain and the Continent of America.

An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Railway Servants.

An Act to amend the Act 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 23, entitled "An Act respecting the Management and Control of the Harbour of Port-aux-Basques."

An Act to amend "The Education Act, 1903."

An Act to amend 6 Ed. VII., Cap. 2, entitled "An Act respecting the Immigration of Chinese Persons."

An Act respecting the Preservation of Beavers.

An Act respecting Dealers in Marine Stores.

An Act further to amend 59 Vic., Cap. 39, entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Light Company."

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Encouragement and Improvement of Shipbuilding.

An Act respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Railway Traffic.

An Act respecting Express Companies doing Business in the Colony.

An Act to amend "The Temperance Act."

An Act respecting the Registration of Deeds and other Documents.

An Act respecting Insane Persons.

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 :

The close attention you have bestowed on your legislative duties enables me to terminate this session at a much earlier date than usual, a result which I have no doubt will be convenient and satisfactory to the members of both Houses.

The labour imposed upon you must have taxed the energies of members of both Houses, and I appreciate the care and assiduity with which your public duties have been discharged.

I sincerely trust that the various measures you have passed will be productive of beneficial results.

From the successful carrying out of operations under the Charter which you have granted to a Company, whereby this Colony is to be availed of as a link in the chain of communication connecting the Eastern and Western Continents, it is to be expected that great and general benefits will accrue.

It has afforded me pleasure to note the allocation made for an addition to our lighthouse system, as it means increased security in respect to the lives and property of those engaged in navigating our coasts.

The special vote for roads and marine works will no doubt be regarded as entirely necessary.

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

I thank you for the supplies you have granted to the public service. They shall be disbursed with a view to its economical and efficient maintenance.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

I regret to learn that no information has been received from the seal fishery. The weather conditions have not been altogether favourable, but there is no reason for anticipating a failure of this industry.

I sincerely trust that the several enterprises in which you may be interested during the current season will realize your best aspirations.

The Honourable the President then said :

“ It is His Excellency’s will and pleasure that this General Assembly be Prorogued until THURSDAY, the TWENTY-THIRD day of MAY 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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