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# Legislative Council

OF THE

ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



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

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First Session of the Twenty-First General Assembly, 1909.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,  
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## PROCLAMATION.

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

*EDWARD by the Grace of GOD, of  
the United Kingdom of Great Brit-  
ain 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:

**W**HEREAS We have thought fit to dissolve the General  
Assembly of Our Colony 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 Legislative Council, and of the House of As-  
sembly of the said Colony 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 Colony.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir WILLIAM  
MACGREGOR, Knight Grand Cross of the Most

Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at Saint John's, in Our said Island of Newfoundland, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1908.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,

*Colonial Secretary.*



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Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING :

**W**HEREAS 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

FOURTH day of FEBRUARY next, 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 7th day of January, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



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Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING :

**W**HEREAS by my Proclamation dated the Seventh day of January, A. D. 1909, I, the Governor of the said Colony did summon and call together the Members of the General Assembly to assemble and meet at St. John's, on Thursday the Fourth day of Februray, A. D. 1909, for the despatch of business; and whereas for certain causes and considerations I think fit that the Members of the said General Assembly should not assemble and meet at the aforesaid time;

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, revoke my said Proclamation of date the Seventh day of January, A.D. 1909, and do also order and direct for the information of all whom it shall concern that the Members of the said General Assembly shall not assemble and meet for the despatch of business until such time as I shall,

by future Proclamation, summon and call them together for that purpose, 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 19th day of January, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,

*Colonial Secretary*





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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 TWENTY-FIFTH day of FEBRUARY instant, of which all

persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 9th day of February, A.D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,  
*Colonial Secretary*



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Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING:

**W**HEREAS by my Proclamation dated the Ninth day of February, A.D. 1909, I, the Governor of the said Colony, did summon and call together the Members of the General Assembly to assemble and meet at St. John's on Thursday, the 25th day of February, A.D. 1909, for the despatch of business; and whereas for certain causes and considerations I think fit that the assembling and meeting of the Members of the said General Assembly shall be postponed to a date later than the said day;

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, proclaim and give notice of my will and pleasure that the Members of the said General Assembly shall not, notwithstanding they now stand summoned and called together as hereinbefore mentioned, for the said Twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1909, meet and assemble until THURS-

DAY the FOURTH day of MARCH, A.D. 1909, upon which date the Members of the said General Assembly shall assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's, in the said Colony, *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, St. John's, this 24th day of February, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,  
GREETING:

**W**HEREAS by my Proclamation dated the Twenty-fourth day of February, A. D., 1909, I, the Governor of the said Colony, did summon and call together the Members of the General Assembly to assemble and meet at St. John's on Thursday, the Fourth day of March, A.D. 1909 for the despatch of business; and whereas for certain causes and considerations I think fit that the members of the said General Assembly should not assemble and meet at the aforesaid time;

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, revoke my said Proclamation of date the Twenty-fourth day of February, A.D. 1909, and do also order and direct for the information of all whom it shall concern that the Members of the said General Assembly shall not assemble and meet for the despatch of business until such time

as I shall, by future Proclamation, summon and call them together for that purpose, 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 3rd day of March, A.D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,

*Acting Colonial Secretary*



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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 **TUESDAY**, the **THIRTIETH** 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 16th day of March, A. D. 1909.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. WATSON,

*Acting Colonial Secretary.*



# Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

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First Session of the Twelny-First General Assembly.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30th, 1909.

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

At a Quarter to Three o'clock P. M., the House met.

PRESENT :

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

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
JAMES S. PITTS, C.M.G.  
ROBERT K. BISHOP,  
JAMES D. RYAN,  
JOHN HARVEY,  
SAMUEL MILLEY.

At Three o'clock P.M., His Excellency the Governor, Sir William MacGregor, G.C.M.G., G.B., M.D., having arrived at the Council Chamber

and 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 the Governor’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who being come thereto.

His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:—

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

*Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:*

I have deemed it expedient that the first Session of the Twenty-First General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on this day, of which I have given notice in my Proclamation, dated the sixteenth day of the present month.

*Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:*

It is not convenient that I should declare the reasons of calling this General Assembly to-day, and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen from amongst your Body; therefore it is my pleasure that you Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do now repair to the place where you are to sit and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker, and present such person whom you

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shall so choose, here to-morrow at three o'clock of the afternoon for my approval.

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

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



TUESDAY, MARCH 30th, 1909.

It having been intimated to the Honourable President of the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor, immediately to Prorogue the Present Session of the Legislature, the House met at a Quarter to Six o'clock P.M.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourables GEORGE T. RENDELL,  
JAMES ANGEL,  
JOHN HARRIS,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
D. JOSEPH GREENE, K.C.,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
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Who being come thereto.

His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature in the following words :—

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

*Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :*

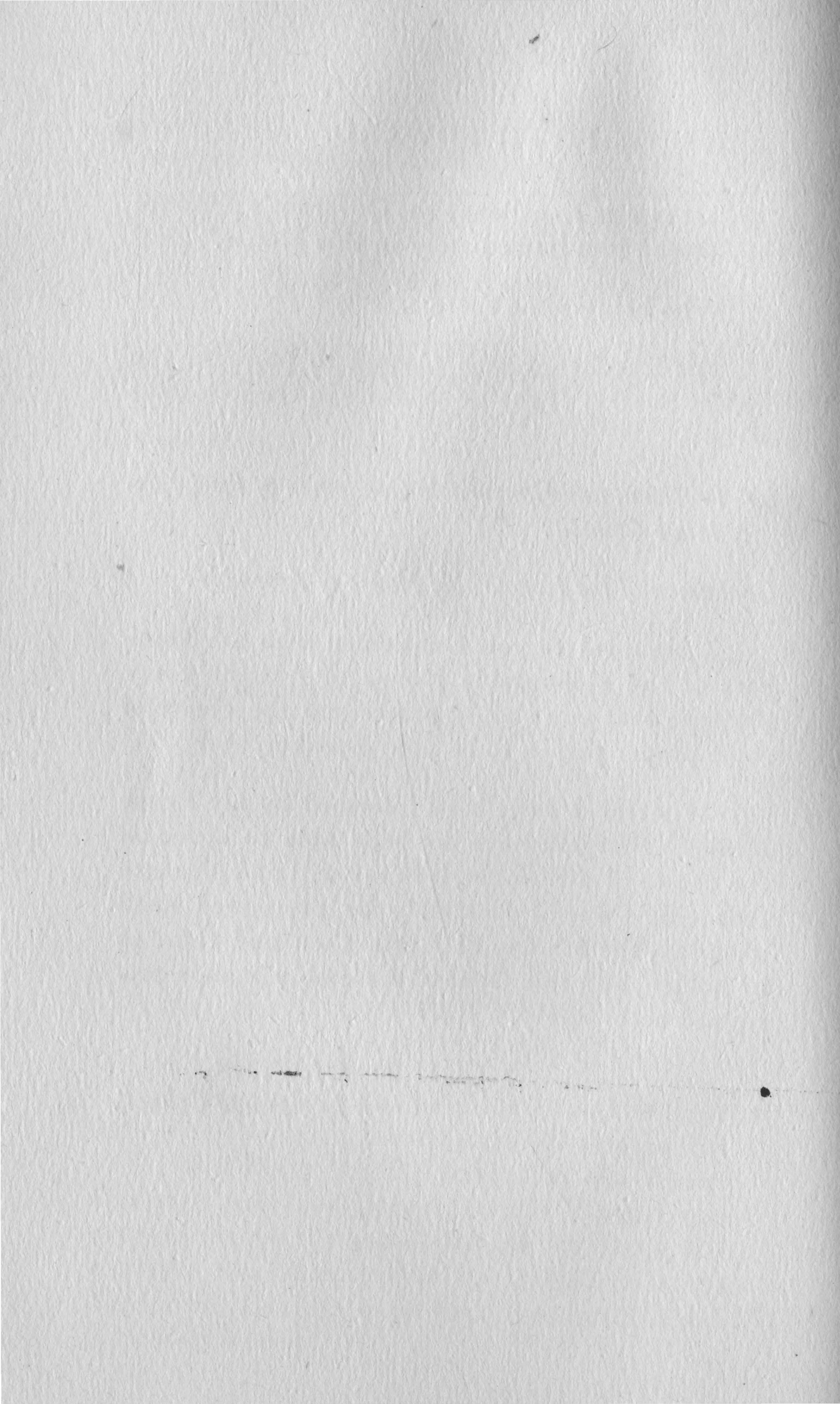
I signified to you Gentlemen who are Members of the Honourable House of Assembly my pleasure that you should proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker, and

Whereas I have been informed by my Prime Minister that you have not been able to agree on the choice of a Speaker, it is my will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday, the 6th day of April, then and there to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,  
*Clerk Legislative Council.*

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