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# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF THE

# ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



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

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Second Session of the Twenty-Third General  
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## PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM  
HENRY HORWOOD, Knight, Chief  
Justice, Administrator and Com-  
mander-in-Chief, in and over the  
Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of MAY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of MAY next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 14th day of April, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## PROCLAMATION.

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

*By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM  
HENRY HORWOOD, Knight, Chief  
Justice, Administrator and Com-  
mander-in-Chief, in and over the  
Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 13th day of May, instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of JUNE next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of JUNE next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 12th day of May, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.

[L.S.]

*By His Excellency WALTER EDWARD  
DAVIDSON, Esquire, Companion of  
the Most Distinguished Order of  
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-  
ernor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 10th day of June, instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the EIGHTH day of JULY next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the EIGHTH day of JULY next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 9th day of June, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor,  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency WALTER EDWARD  
DAVIDSON, Esquire, Companion of  
the Most Distinguished Order of  
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-  
ernor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 8th day of July, instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH day of AUGUST next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH day of AUGUST next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 4th day of July, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## PROCLAMATION

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency* WALTER EDWARD  
DAVIDSON, Esquire, *Companion of  
the Most Distinguished Order of  
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-  
ernor and Commander-in-Chief,  
in and over the Island of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 5th day of August, instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 4th day of August, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*



## PROCLAMATION.

W. E. DAVIDSON,  
Governor.  
[L.S.]

*By His Excellency WALTER EDWARD  
DAVIDSON, Esquire, Companion of  
the Most Distinguished Order of  
St. Michael and St. George, Gov-  
ernor and Commander-in-Chief,  
in and over the Island of New-  
foundland and its Dependencies.*

**W**HEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until Wednesday, the 2nd day of September next; and whereas I think it well to convene the said General Assembly for the despatch of business on the said WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER next;

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and to meet at the town of St. John's, for the Despatch of Business, on WEDNESDAY, the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER next, 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 20th day of August, A.D., 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN R. BENNETT,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

# Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

Second Session of the Twenty-Third General Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd, 1914.

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

The House met.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN HARRIS,  
*President.*

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
JAMES BAIRD,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP,  
JAMES D. RYAN,  
JOHN ANDERSON,  
JOHN HARVEY,  
SAMUEL MILLEY,  
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
WILLIAM C. JOB,  
J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,  
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,  
PATRICK T. McGRATH,  
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,  
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,  
JOHN J. MURPHY,  
MICHAEL F. POWER,  
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,  
*Minister of Agriculture and Mines.*  
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,  
*Minister of Justice.*



At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Edward Davidson, Knight, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 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 House of Assembly know, —

“ It is His Excellency the Governor's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House ”—

Who being come thereto with their Speaker—

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to speak as follows :—

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

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

You are called together to-day under circumstances of an unparalleled character. The European war, in which the Mother Country found herself compelled to engage, has occasioned such conditions that all the Oversea Dominions have felt it a pride and a privilege to tender her their moral and material support. My Ministers promptly made undertakings on behalf of this Colony for which you will be invited to provide. Other measures designed to cope with exceptional

circumstances, which may arise during the course of the war, will be submitted to your consideration.

Since last we met the Colony has suffered from an appalling catastrophe, whereby some two hundred and fifty of our people lost their lives the past spring at the seal fishery. The disaster, almost unexampled in our annals, brought sorrow and desolation to many a fishing hamlet and deprived scores of homes of their breadwinners. While deploring this tragic incident, we have, however, cause for gratitude. Thanks to the magnificent generosity of our own people and sympathetic friends abroad, the funds for the relief of the sufferers reached so substantial a figure as to assure all, for many years to come, of very liberal assistance.

My Ministers avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by this extraordinary Session to submit to you a measure providing for the creation of a tribunal to enquire into the circumstances surrounding this loss of life and to suggest such remedial measures as may be deemed desirable. A Bill will also be submitted to you requiring that every steamer prosecuting the sealfishery henceforth shall be provided with a sufficient equipment of wireless telegraphy.

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

Proposals will be laid before you in relation to expenditure arising out of the undertakings al-

ready given to the Mother Country in respect to the present war.

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

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

Britons in the Mother Country and Oversea Dominions must thrill with pride at the evidence of Imperial solidarity which this crisis has evoked. The world has seen no more magnificent spectacle than that which is presented just now of the far-flung possessions of the Crown rallying to the support of the Mother Land in this emergency. It is a special pleasure to me, representing His Majesty the King in this, the oldest Colony, to know that in loyalty, patriotism and self-sacrifice Newfoundland is prepared to do its part, as shown by the ready response of our people to the call of the Mother Land.

In conclusion I would say that I trust Divine Providence may guide us all to wise measures in the interests of the country and the Empire, and I feel sure that in the time of trial and anxiety through which we have to pass, the people of this country will maintain that aspect of calmness and dignity which, in previous periods of tribulation, has characterized them. It is essentially a time when mutual forbearance on the one hand, and a generous spirit of co-operation on the other, will do very much to mitigate the difficulties which must incidentally follow from a prolonged continu-

ance of hostilities, and to buoy us up with hope for better things when peace is again proclaimed.

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency retired.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowring, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Milley—

*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 Legislature.

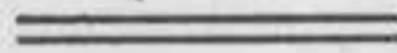
And—

*Ordered*,—That the Honourables Messrs Bowring, Milley, McGrath, Knowling and James D. Ryan be a Committee for that purpose.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop, a member of the Executive Council, laid upon the table despatches relating to the present European war, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honourable Mr. Bishop gives notice that he will on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule, and all other Rules of this House, as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., now before, or to come before this House, for the remainder of the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, September 3rd, at half-past four o'clock, p.m.



THURSDAY, September 3rd, 1914.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN HARRIS,

*President.*

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

ROBERT K. BISHOP,

JAMES D. RYAN,

JOHN ANDERSON,

JOHN HARVEY,

SAMUEL MILLEY,

MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,

WILLIAM C. JOB,

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PATRICK T. McGRATH,

AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,

PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,

JOHN J. MURPHY,

SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,

*Minister of Agriculture and Mines.*

RICHARD A. SQUIRES,

*Minister of Justice.*

The Minutes of Wednesday, September 2nd,  
were read.

The Hon. Mr. Bowring 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 Hon. Mr. Bowring the said Address was read a second time (at length), and

*Ordered*,--That the said Address do now pass, and

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

The Address is as follows :—

*To His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 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 you have addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

JOHN HARRIS,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, September 3rd, 1914.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop—

*Ordered*,—That the 33rd Rule, and all other Rules of this House as regards all Bills, Addresses, &c., now before, or to come before the House, for the remainder of the Session, be suspended.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,

*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,

September 3rd, 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.



The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council, During the Existence of a State of War, to take Possession of Food-Stuffs Unreasonably Withheld," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to enable the Governor-in-Council, During the Existence of a State of War, to take Possession of Food-Stuffs Unreasonably Withheld," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

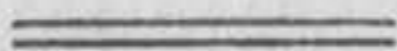
*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

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

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

The Hon. the President informed the Council that His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply to His Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, at three o'clock, p.m., on to-morrow, Friday.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, September the 4th, at a quarter to three o'clock, p.m.



FRIDAY, September 4th, 1914.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN HARRIS,

*President.*

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,

GEORGE SKELTON,

GEORGE KNOWLING,

EDGAR R. BOWRING,

ROBERT K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

JOHN HARVEY,

SAMUEL MILLEY,

MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,

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PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,

JOHN J. MURPHY,

MICHAEL F. POWER,

SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,

*Minister of Agriculture and Mines.*

RICHARD A. SQUIRES, K.C.,

*Minister of Justice.*

The Minutes of Thursday, September 3rd,  
were read.

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

At a quarter past three o'clock, p.m., the House having returned, the Honourable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and to reply thereto verbally.

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 Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 3rd, 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill as amended, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, 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 :

Fifth Section after the word “ Colony ” insert the following words—

“ When engaged in the Sealfishery or when carrying more than sixty persons.”

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

MR. PRESIDENT,---

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, “ An Act Respecting the Volunteer Force

in this Colony," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
4th September, 1914.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Confer Certain Powers Upon the Governor-in-Council," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
4th September, 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony," was read a first time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Winter 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, on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Confer Certain Powers Upon the Governor-in-Council," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,---To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Templeman 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, on motion of the Hon. Minister of Justice, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony," with an amendment, with which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
4th September, 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the amendment made by the House of Assembly in and upon the amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—That the said amendment do now pass, and

*Ordered*,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that the House concur in the said amendment.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, September 5th, at four o'clock, p.m.

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SATURDAY, September 5th, 1914.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN HARRIS,  
*President.*

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP,  
JOHN ANDERSON,  
JOHN HARVEY,  
SAMUEL MILLEY,  
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
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PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,  
JOHN J. MURPHY,  
MICHAEL F. POWER,  
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,  
*Minister of Agriculture and Mines.*  
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,  
*Minister of Justice.*

The Minutes of Friday, September 4th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the House

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 following Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to Authorise the Governor-in-Council to Raise a Temporary Loan in Certain Cases," and "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 4th, 1914.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 4th, 1914.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, en-

titled, "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 5th, 1914.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 5th, 1914.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 5th, 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Authorise the Governor-in-Council to Raise a Temporary Loan in Certain Cases," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,---To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Blandford in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*,---That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,---To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. J. D. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,---To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

The said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered,---*To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered,---*That the Report be received.

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

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday next, September 7th, at four o'clock, p.m.

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MONDAY, September 7th, 1914.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN HARRIS,  
*President.*

The Honourables JAMES ANGEL,  
GEORGE SKELTON,  
GEORGE KNOWLING,  
EDGAR R. BOWRING,  
JOHN B. AYRE,  
ROBERT K. BISHOP,  
JAMES D. RYAN,  
JOHN ANDERSON,  
JOHN HARVEY,  
SAMUEL MILLEY,  
MICHAEL P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
WILLIAM C. JOB,  
J. ALEXANDER ROBINSON,  
MARMADUKE G. WINTER,  
PATRICK T. McGRATH,  
AUGUSTUS F. GOODRIDGE,  
PHILIP TEMPLEMAN,  
JOHN J. MURPHY,  
MICHAEL F. POWER,  
SYDNEY D. BLANDFORD,  
*Minister of Agriculture and Mines.*  
RICHARD A. SQUIRES,  
*Minister of Justice.*

The Minutes of Saturday, September 5th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the Council that it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature at six o'clock, p m.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. R. GOODISON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
September 7th 1914.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, the Bill sent up, entitled, "An Act Respecting Stamp Duties," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Dr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Bishop, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The House took recess.

At six o'clock, p.m., His Excellency the Governor, Sir Walter Edward Davidson, Knight, Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, through the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, to let the Honourable House of Assembly know:

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

Who, being come thereto with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, entitled, respectively:—

An Act Respecting Enquiries into Matters of Public Importance.

An Act to Enable the Governor-in-Council, During the Existence of a State of War, to take Possession of Food-Stuffs Unreasonably Withheld.

An Act Respecting the Provision of Wireless Telegraphy on Steamers Engaged in the Trade of the Colony.

An Act to Confer Certain Powers upon the Governor-in-Council.

An Act Respecting a Volunteer Force in this Colony.

An Act Respecting the Exportation of Timber.

An Act to Authorise the Governor-in-Council to Raise a Temporary Loan in Certain Cases.

An Act for Raising a Sum of Money by Loan for the Maintenance and Equipment of a Volunteer Force.

An Act to Increase the Revenue by the Imposition of Certain Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons.

An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1905.

An Act to Conserve the Commercial and Financial Interests of the Colony.

An Act Respecting Stamp Duties.

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

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

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

I thank you for the speedy and effective manner in which you have dealt with the various matters submitted to you. I earnestly trust the duration of the war may be so brief as to render it unnecessary to invoke the aid of some of these wise measures, though they have been all framed with a view to stabilitate the country and the Empire of which we are a part. It has been a special gratification to me to observe the splendid unanimity existing among your members. The example thus set cannot but be of great value, not alone for our own people in the period of trial which confronts us, but to the whole Empire, as further evidence of the unity of the British Dominions.

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

I thank you for the appropriations you have made, not alone to cover our defence contribution, but for the maintenance of the Public Service, as the impairment of the provision previously assured is so seriously threatened by the war.

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

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

In relieving you from further attendance upon a session which, though short, must at this season have greatly inconvenienced many of you, I fervently trust that Divine Providence may ever guide you and all upon whom rests the responsibility of directing the affairs of our Empire, and assuring the peace and happiness of those who dwell therein. I further hope that, before we meet again, victory will crown the arms of Great Britain and her allies.

The Honourable the President then said :--

“It is His Excellency’s will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday the seventh day of October 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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