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OF THE

# ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM LAMOND ALLARDYCE,  
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Com-  
mander-in-Chief, in and over the Colony of Newfound-  
land.

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**First Session of the Twenty-Fifth  
General Assembly, 1923**

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## PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM LAMOND  
ALLARDYCE, *Knight Commander of the  
Most Distinguished Order of Saint  
Michael and Saint George, Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief, in and over  
the Colony of Newfoundland.*

W. L. ALLARDYCE,  
Governor.  
[L. S.]

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**WHEREAS** Royal Letters Patent of the 28th March, A.D., 1876, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, hath given and granted unto the said Governor full power and authority to summon and call together the General Assembly of the said Colony;

And whereas writs in due form have been issued for a General Election of Members of the General Assembly, under which Members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly;

I, the Governor of the said Colony, do therefore, by these Presents, summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly to assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's in the said Colony, *for the despatch of business, on WEDNESDAY,*

the SIXTH day of JUNE 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 Government House, St. John's, this TWENTY-SIXTH day of MAY, A.D., 1923.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. A. SQUIRES,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

# Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

First Session of the 25th General Assembly

WEDNESDAY, June 6th, 1923.

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

The House met.

## PRESENT :

The Honourables: JAMES D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.

At three o'clock p.m. the Honourable J. D. Ryan, the Honourable R. K. Bishop and the Honourable Sir M. G. Winter, Members of the Legislative Council, nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Hon. J. D. Ryan commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honourable House of Assembly and inform the Members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desire their immediate attendance

in the Council Chamber to hear the Commission read:

And they being come thereto the following Commission was read by the Clerk of the Legislative Council:

*By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM  
LAMOND ALLARDYCE,  
W. L. ALLARDYCE, Knight Commander of the  
Governor. Most Distinguished Order  
of Saint Michael and Saint  
George, Governor and Com-  
mander-in-Chief in and over  
the Colony of Newfound-  
land.*

TO

Honourable James D. Ryan,  
W. R. WARREN, Honourable Robert K. Bishop  
H. M. Attorney and  
General. Honourable Sir Marmaduke G.  
Winter,

*Members of the Legislative Council.*

GREETING:

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Twenty-Fifth General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on Wednesday, the Sixth day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the Twenty-sixth day of May last; and

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Whereas it is not convenient that the purpose for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared on the said day, nor until the Members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker. You, the said Honourable James D. Ryan, Honourable Robert K. Bishop, and Honourable Sir Marmaduke G. Winter, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the Members of the said House of Assembly on the Sixth day of this instant month, that it is my pleasure that they should proceed to the choice of some proper person to be their Speaker, and present such person on the following day for my approbation.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the  
Government House, St. John's this  
FIFTH day of JUNE, A.D. 1923.

R. A. SQUIRES,

*Colonial Secretary.*

The Hon. J. D. Ryan, addressing both Houses of the Legislature, then said:

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative  
Council:*

*Gentlemen of the Honourable House of  
Assembly:*

It is not convenient for His Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons of his calling this General Assembly on this day, and it being neces-

sary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen;

You Gentlemen of the House of Assembly repair to the place where you are to sit and there proceed to the appointment of some proper person to be your Speaker and present such person whom you shall so choose here tomorrow at Three o'clock for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

On motion made the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, the Seventh instant at a quarter to three o'clock p.m.

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THURSDAY, June 7th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
S. MILLEY,  
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, Kt.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. McNAMARA,  
S. K. BELL,  
T. K. COOK,  
A. W. MEWS,  
D. A. RYAN,  
G. SHEA,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D.,  
*Minister of Agriculture  
& Mines.*  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,  
ELI DAWE,  
JOHN DAVEY,  
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the  
Governor, Sir William Lamond Allardyce, 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—

Harry A. Winter, Esquire, B.A., Member for the District of Port-de-Grave, having been presented by the Honourable Sir R. A. Squires, K.C.M.G., Premier, as Speaker Elect, and the choice approved, and the usual privileges claimed and granted, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to speak as follows:

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

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

On this the first occasion of my meeting you in your Legislative capacity, I desire to extend to you my cordial greetings. Since my assumption of the Governorship of this most ancient Colony of the Empire, it has given me pleasure to associate myself with all your interests, and the welfare of Newfoundland will receive my earnest thought and solicitude.

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On the twenty-fifth of April last, on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, Duke of York, it was my privilege, on behalf of the Government and people of Newfoundland, to forward to Their Majesties The King and Queen, a message of loyal and dutiful congratulations, and to His Royal Highness and Bride, an expression of the fervent good wishes from this Loyal Dependency of the Crown. Gracious replies were received from Their Majesties and from His Royal Highness.

Looking at the world to-day, we find that the process of reconstruction is making but slow progress. Action is followed by reaction, and the economic pendulum swings from one side to the other. It will be some years before comparative equilibrium is reached.

These world conditions affect us seriously in Newfoundland. They influence the cost of the commodities we import, they depreciate the value of the products we export, they tend to increase the cost of living, to hamper development of trade, and to limit the avenues of employment. Although the rehabilitation of the world in its political and economic spheres is not proceeding as rapidly as had been hoped, it is evident that progress is being made, and we can therefore go forward to our tasks with cheer and courage.

The difference between the imports and exports at 30th June, 1922, showed, for the first time since 1919, a balance in our favour. A larger

quantity of Codfish was exported during the last fiscal year than during the previous year, though the value was less because of low prices in the foreign markets. During the season of 1922 more vessels were engaged in the Bank Fishery, and the catch was forty per cent. larger, than in the previous year. The result of the prosecution of the Seal Fishery this year was slightly below that of 1922.

The question of unemployment and the consequent distress among the people, especially during the Winter months, have caused my Ministers constant anxiety. These conditions are not peculiar to Newfoundland but are existent in well nigh every country. My Ministers have made an earnest endeavour to solve the difficult problem of unemployment by providing labour in connection with public works and other necessary measures. It is hoped that the crisis has been passed, and that new openings will shortly be provided to give all our men adequate employment.

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

The Statements of expenditure and revenue for the last fiscal year will be laid before you in due course, and also the estimates for the several departments of the Public Service, which latter have been prepared with due regard to economy and efficiency.

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

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honour-  
able House of Assembly:*

Since my Ministers assumed office in 1919 they have been giving continuous attention to the question of the development of the resources of this Island. While the fisheries of Newfoundland are and will long remain the staple industry of the Colony, yet my Ministers are convinced that the time has come when a very special effort should be made to secure the industrial development of the interior with a view to relieving the burdens which are now carried by our main industry. The influx of new capital, the investment of money in the country by firms of high standing, and the progress which will be derived from turning our inland resources into money will materially increase our revenue and provide the means to meet the liabilities of the Colony without entirely depending upon the Fisheries. Proposals have been submitted by a powerful English firm for the development of the water power of Grand Lake and the Humber Valley, and the establishment of large Paper Mills and other industries in that vicinity. With the financial support of the Imperial Government, my Ministers after extended negotiations were able to give effect to their development policy, the details of which will be submitted to you for ratification. As the matter was of extreme importance, and time was an essential factor, a temporary arrangement was made under which the work was

commenced at Grand Lake. Documents in connection with this temporary arrangement will also be laid before you.

My Ministers considered that the proposal in connection with the development of the Humber Valley was fraught with such far-reaching consequences, both to the future of this Island and the welfare of its people, that it should be placed before the electorate. The House of Assembly was therefore dissolved in February last and an election called for the third of May. My Ministers have been sustained in their policy and can now proceed with confidence to the formal ratification of the proposed measure.

It is hoped to lay before you certain proposals for the operation of the Railway and its allied services to replace the agreement for temporary operation which expires on the 30th day of June instant.

With respect to the anticipated Gold-Rush to Labrador on the opening of navigation my Ministers have made the necessary preparations to maintain law and order, and representatives of the Departments interested will proceed there in due course.

In leaving you to the discharge of your duties I am sensible of the gravity of the questions which will come before you, and pray that, under the Divine guidance, wisdom and foresight may be granted you for the advancement and progress of our country.

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The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency retired.

The Minutes of Wednesday, the 6th inst., were read and confirmed.

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

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Mosdell—

*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.

*Ordered*—That the Hons. Sir M. G. Winter, Dr. Mosdell, F. McNamara, Sir P. T. McGrath and J. Anderson be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Shea laid on the Table a copy of the Agreement between the Newfoundland Products Corporation Ltd., and Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 12th, 1923.

PRESENT :

The Honourable : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m., for want of a quorum.

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WEDNESDAY, June 13th, 1923.

PRESENT :

The Honourable : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Thursday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m., for want of a quorum.

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THURSDAY, June 14th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
M. POWER,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. McNAMARA,  
A. W. MEWS,  
G. SHEA,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 7th inst., and the subsequent Minutes were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Shea laid on the Table the Annual Report of the Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings Bank for 1922.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 21st inst., at 4 p.m.

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THURSDAY, June 21st, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
M. POWER,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. McNAMARA,  
S. K. BELL,  
A. W. MEWS,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines*.  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 14th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, 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. Sir M. G. Winter, the said Address was read a second time (at length)—

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the further consideration of the same was deferred until to-morrow.

The Honourable the President informed the House that the following Communication had been received from Government House:

The Governor has the honour to communicate to the Honourable Legislative Council the appointment of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved by the Governor on the 21st June.

(Sgd.) W. L. ALLARDYCE,  
*Governor.*

Government House,  
St. John's, Nfld.,  
21st June, 1923.

*June 26th, 1923.*

Under the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes, Third Series, "Of the Internal Economy of the Legislature," the following to be the Commission of Internal Economy, namely:

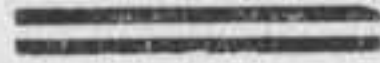
The President of the Legislative Council,  
Honourable R. K. Bishop,

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Honourable George Shea,  
The Speaker of the House of Assembly,  
Honourable Sir R. A. Squires, K.C.M.G.,  
Honourable W. R. Warren, K.C.,  
Honourable Sir William F. Coaker, K.B.E.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter laid on the Table of the House the Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year ended December 31st, 1922.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m.



THURSDAY, June 28th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.  
C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

P. TEMPLEMAN,

M. POWER,

W. J. ELLIS,

A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*

E. DAWE,

H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 21st inst., were read and confirmed.

On motion of Hon. Sir M. G. Winter—

*Ordered*—That the Address in Reply 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:

*To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM LAMOND  
ALLARDYCE, Knight Commander of  
the Most Distinguished Order of St.  
Michael and St. George, Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief, in and over  
the Colony of Newfoundland.*

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.

(Sgd.) J. D. RYAN,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
June 28th, 1923.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter laid on the Table the following documents:—

Copy of Newfoundland Products Corporation Act 6, Geo. V.

Copy of Trade Facilities Act (England) 1921.

Newfoundland Railway Acts and Agreements.

Trust Deed—Newfoundland Power & Paper Co., Ltd., to The Whitehall Trust Ltd.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, July 5th, at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, July 5th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. McNAMARA,  
S. K. BELL,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, June 28th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House 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 Amend the Act 6, George V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled 'An Act for the Confirma-



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tion of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,' ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
July 4th, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 6, George V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,’ ” was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) at 4 p.m.

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FRIDAY, JULY 6th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. MCNAMARA,  
S. K. BELL,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*  
E. DAWE,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 5th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to Amend the Act 6, Geo. V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,' " was read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act for the Settlement of Certain Disputes Relating to the Newfoundland Railway and other matters," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
July 6th, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Settlement of Certain Disputes Relating to the Newfoundland Railway and other matters," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 7th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. McNAMARA,  
S. K. BELL,  
A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*  
J. DAVEY,  
H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.

The Minutes of Friday, the 6th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to Amend the Act 6, Geo. V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited.' "

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The Hon. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Settlement of Certain Disputes relating to the Newfoundland Railway and other matters" was read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m.

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MONDAY, July 9th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

J. ANDERSON,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

P. TEMPLEMAN,

J. J. MURPHY,

W. J. ELLIS,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

A. CAMPBELL, M.D., *Min.*  
*of Agriculture & Mines.*

E. DAWE,

J. DAVEY,

H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.

The Minutes of Saturday, the 7th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act further to Amend the Act 6, Geo. V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited,' " was 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 a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for the Settlement of Certain Disputes relating to the Newfoundland Railway and other matters.”

Hon. Mr. Cook 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. Sir M. G. Winter, and with the unanimous consent of the Whole House, 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 a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The Hon. the President intimated that His Excellency the Governor would receive the House

with the Address of Thanks at Government House to-morrow, the 10th inst., at 12 noon.

On motion made the house adjourned until to-morrow, the 10th inst., at 11.45 a.m.

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TUESDAY, July 10th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

J. ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,

C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. MCGRATH,

K.B.E., L.L.D.,

W. J. ELLIS,

S. K. BELL,

J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Monday, the 9th inst., were read and confirmed.

At 11.55 a.m. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

At 12.15 p.m., the House having returned, the Hon. 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.

(Sgd.) W. L. ALLARDYCE,  
*Governor.*

Government House,  
10th July, 1923.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 12th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, July 12th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
M. POWER,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 10th inst., were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter laid on the Table of the House the Annual Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund for the year ended December 31st, 1922.

On motion made the House adjourned until tomorrow, the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, July 13th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

J. ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

P. TEMPLEMAN,

M. POWER,

J. J. MURPHY,

W. J. ELLIS,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,

J. DAVEY,

H. M. MOSDELL, M.B.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 12th inst., were read and confirmed.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 3.15 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Lamond Allardyce, 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 Honourable House of Assembly know:—

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

Who being come thereto, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to give His Assent to the following Bills entitled respectively:

“An Act further to amend the Act 6, Geo. V, (1915), Chapter Four, entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of a Contract with the Newfoundland Products Corporation, Limited.’”

“An Act for the Settlement of Certain Disputes relating to the Newfoundland Railway and other matters.”

His Excellency then retired.

The Hon. the President resumed the Chair.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m.

(Sgd.) A. G. STEWART GOODFELLOW

Capt.

Private Secretary

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The Honourable The President  
Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, July 19th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Friday, the 13th inst., were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following communications from Government House:

Government House,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
16th, July, 1923.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has accepted the resignation of the Honourable Alex. A. Mews, as a member of the Legislative Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. G. STEWART GOODFELLOW,  
*Capt.,*  
*Private Secretary.*

The Honourable The President,  
Legislative Council.

Government House,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
16th, July, 1923.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor that he has granted leave of absence from his duties in the Legislative Council to the Honourable A. Campbell, M.D.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. G. STEWART GOODFELLOW,  
*Capt.,*  
*Private Secretary.*

Major R. H. Tait, M.C.,  
Clerk,  
Legislative Council.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter laid on the Table of the House the following documents:

Annual Report of Department of Education,  
1921-1922.

Annual Report of Council of Higher Education,  
1922.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, July 24th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

W. J. ELLIS,

J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 19th inst., were read and confirmed.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, August 2nd, at 4 p.m.





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THURSDAY, August 2nd, 1923.

PRESENT:

The Honourable : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 3rd inst., at 4 p.m., for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, August 3rd, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
D. A. RYAN,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Tuesday, July 24th, and Thursday, August 2nd, 1923, were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Private Secretary, Government House, informing the House that His Excellency had granted leave of absence for five weeks to the Hon. S. K. Bell.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, August 6th, at 4 p.m.

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MONDAY, August 6th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
J. ANDERSON,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
T. K. COOK,  
D. A. RYAN,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Friday, August 3rd, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter laid on the Table of the House the following Reports:

Report of the Department of Education, 1921-1922.

Report of the Post and Telegraph Department, 1922.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, August 9th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
J. DAVEY.

The Minutes of Monday, the 6th inst., were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the suspension of the 33rd Rule and all other Rules of the House with regard to all Bills, Amendments, Addresses, Petitions and all matters that are now, or may come, before this House for the remainder of the Session.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received a communication from James S. Benedict, American Consul, inviting this House to be present at a Memorial Service for the Hon. Warren G. Harding, late President of the United States of America, at St. Thomas' Church on Friday, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.

MONDAY, August 13th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

J. ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,

C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. McGRATH,

K.B.E., L.L.D.,

P. TEMPLEMAN,

W. J. ELLIS,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 9th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter—

*Ordered*—That the 33rd Rule and all other Rules of the House with regard to all Bills, Amendments, Addresses, Petitions, and all other matters that are now, or may come, before this House for the remainder of the Session be suspended.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communications had been received 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 certain Rights, Privileges and Franchises connected with the Supply of Electric Light and Power to St. John's for Street Railway and other purposes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 10th, 1923.

MR PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they had passed the Bill entitled "An Act to amend 12 and 13 Geo. V, Cap. 17, entitled 'An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 9th, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled

"An Act respecting certain Rights, Privileges and Franchises connected with the Supply of Electric Light and Power to St. John's for Street

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Railway and other purposes” was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled

“An Act to amend 12 and 13 Geo. V, Cap. 17, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of Ship-building,’ ” was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After a short 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, Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 14th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. MCNAMARA,  
T. K. COOK,  
D. A. RYAN,  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Monday, the 13th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting certain Rights, Privileges and Franchises connected with the Supply of Electric Light and Power to St. John's for Street Railway and other purposes."

The Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.



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After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and recommended that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

*Ordered*—That the Report be received, and

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and

*Ordered*—That the Honourables Sir M. G. Winter, Sir P. T. McGrath, M. P. Gibbs, F. McNamara, and T. Cook be a Select Committee for this purpose.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to amend 12 and 13 Geo. V, Cap. 17, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding.’ ”

The Hon. Mr. Templeman in the Chair.

After a short 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—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following message had been received 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 Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 13th, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,' " was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

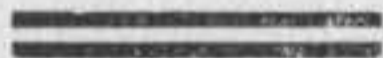
*Ordered*—That the Report be received.

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

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion made the House adjourned till Thursday, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.



THURSDAY, August 16th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.

J. ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,

SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,

P. TEMPLEMAN,

M. POWER,

J. J. MURPHY,

W. J. ELLIS,

F. McNAMARA,

D. A. RYAN,

F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Tuesday, the 14th inst., were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sir M. G. Winter from the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting certain Rights, Privileges and Franchises connected with the Supply of Electric Light and Power to St. John's for Street Railway and other purposes" presented the following Report which was read by the Clerk:—

Council Chamber,  
August 16th, 1923.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up entitled The St. John's Street Railway Act, 1923, beg to report as follows:—The Committee had a conference with the Hon. the Prime Minister who assured them that if at any time hereafter a Public Utilities Board were created it would have power to regulate and control the rates of this Company in the same manner as if provision were made in this Bill for the appointment of such Board.

Therefore, the Committee consider it unnecessary to suggest any amendment to this Bill, and recommend its passage without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) M. G. WINTER,  
M. P. GIBBS,  
TASKER COOK,  
F. MCNAMARA,  
P. T. MCGRATH.

*Ordered*—That the Report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter—

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After a short 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,'" "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman," and "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 14th, 1923.

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On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bills sent up entitled respectively:—

“An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Customs,’”

“An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman,” and

“An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant”

Were severally read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 17th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
S. MILLEY,  
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. MCGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
P. TEMPLEMAN,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
F. MCNAMARA,  
D. A. RYAN,  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 16th inst., were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman," was read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.



After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again later in the day.

The Hon. the President left the Chair.

The House resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,' " be read a second time.

On the said motion the Hon. Mr. Bishop asked for a Division.

And the question having been put there appeared:

CONTENTS (9)	NON-CONTENTS (2)
Hons. Sir M. G. Winter, Sir P. T. McGrath, Messrs. Anderson, Gibbs, Templeman, Murphy, McNamara, Ryan, D. A. Steer.	Hons. Messrs. Bishop, Ellis.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. D. A. Ryan in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without an 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman, was re-committed.

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendment.

*Ordered*—That the Report be received.

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

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The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Hon. the President left the Chair until 8 p.m.

At 8.20 p.m. the House resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant," was read a second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

*Ordered*—That the Report be received.

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following messages had been received 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 for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman," without amendment. It being understood that the House of Assembly does so without prejudice to its rights under and by virtue of the Parliament Act, 1917.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 17th, 1923.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the 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 twenty-three, and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," "An Act further to amend the Revenue Act, 1905," and "An Act to amend the Business Profits Tax Acts,

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(1917-1922),” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 16th, 1923.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled respectively “An Act Respecting a Preferential Tariff on Products of Jamaica,” and “An Act Respecting a Preferential Tariff on Products of Spain,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 17th, 1923.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled “An Act for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes,” and “An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) H. A. WINTER,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly,  
August 17th, 1923.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After a short 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act respecting a Preferential Tariff on Products of Jamaica" was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

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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*—That the Said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act respecting a Preferential Tariff on Products of Spain” was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After a short 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the

House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to amend the Business Profits Tax Acts, (1917-1922), was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After a short 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, 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 immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.



After a short 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*—That the said Bill be sent to the House of Assembly with a message that this House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of the Hon. Sir M. G. Winter, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and the Thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service” was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered*—To be committed immediately.

The Hon. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After a short time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

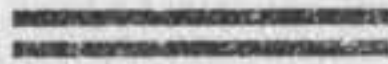
*Ordered*—That the Report be received.

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

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion made the House adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, the 18th inst., at 2.30 p.m.



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SATURDAY, August 18th, 1923.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honourables : J. D. RYAN, *President*.  
R. K. BISHOP,  
J. ANDERSON,  
S. MILLEY,  
SIR M. G. WINTER, KT.,  
C.B.E.,  
SIR P. T. McGRATH,  
K.B.E., L.L.D.,  
M. POWER,  
J. J. MURPHY,  
W. J. ELLIS,  
T. K. COOK,  
D. A. RYAN,  
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.

The Minutes of Friday, the 17th inst., were read and confirmed.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House was resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Lamond Allardyce, 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 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 for the Raising of a Sum of Money on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes,”

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

“An Act to amend the Business Profits Tax Acts, 1917-1922,”

“An Act respecting Preferential Tariff on Products of Spain,”

“An Act respecting Preferential Tariff on Products of Jamaica,”

“An Act respecting Certain Retiring Allowances,”

“An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Harry J. Crowe, Timber Merchant,”

“An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement

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between the Government and Malcolm Joseph Mooney, Lumberman,”

“An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Customs,’ ”

“An Act respecting Certain Rights, Privileges and Franchises connected with the Supply of Electric Light and Power to St. John’s for Street Railway and other purposes,”

“An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,’ ”

“An Act to amend 12 & 13 Geo. V, Cap. 17, entitled ‘An Act for the Encouragement of Shipbuilding,’ ”

“An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending respectively the 30th day of June, 1923, and the 30th day of June, 1924, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,”

After which His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:

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

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

I am glad to be able to relieve you from the re-

sponsible duties of this session. You have applied yourselves earnestly to the consideration of the various matters that have been brought before you and I appreciate the zeal with which you have performed your legislative duties.

Since the opening of the Legislature in June last a change has taken place in the personnel of my Ministry. The late Prime Minister saw fit to resign and consequent thereon a new administration was formed. A thorough investigation into various Departments of the Civil Service has been promised by my Ministers and steps have already been taken to carry that promise into effect. The Government has requested the Secretary of State for the Colonies to select a competent and reliable man for the work.

The passing of the legislation respecting the development of the Humber Valley is a step forward in the utilization of the resources of the Colony and it is hoped that it is but the beginning of an era in which our water powers may contribute to the wealth of the Island.

The Railway Settlement Act brings to an end the conditions that pertained in relation to the running of the Railway and Steamship Services. In the meantime a temporary operating commission has been appointed and every effort will be made towards the running of the Railway and allied services in an efficient and economical manner.

The prospects for employment in lumbering

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and logging during the coming winter seem better than last year.

His Majesty's Government has invited my Prime Minister to attend the Imperial and Economic Conference to be held in London this Autumn, and I am glad to announce that he has accepted the invitation. These Conferences, at this stage of the development of the Empire, will be of the utmost importance and it is hoped that this Colony will be a sharer in the beneficent results that we trust will come from these deliberations.

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

I thank you for the Supplies which you have voted for the various Departments of the Public Service and I can assure you that my Ministers will expend the same with due regard for economy and efficiency.

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

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

In taking leave of you I desire to express my sincere wish for your prosperity and general welfare.

The Honourable the President then said:---

It is His Excellency the Governor's Will and

Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Wednesday, the 17th day of October next, then and here to be holden and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

(Sgd.) R. H. TAIT,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Council.*

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