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By His Excellency SIR JOHN MIDDLETON, Knight
Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British
Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order
of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and
Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New-
foundland.

First Session of the Twenty-Seventh
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PROCLAMATION

J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.
[L.S.]

By His Excellency Sir John Middleton, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Newfoundland.

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 Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of April, instant, of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, this 2nd day of April, A.D., 1929.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. BARNES,
Colonial Secretary.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland

First Session of the Twenty-Seventh General Assembly

TUESDAY, April 16th, 1929.

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

At 2.25 p.m the House met.

PRESENT:

The Honourables: Sir P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President*.
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA.

At 2.30 p.m the Hon. the President, the Hon. T. K. Cook and the Hon. George Shea, Members of the Legislative Council nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Commissioners, having taken their seats, the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Honourable House of Assembly and inform the members thereof that His Excellency the Governor's Commissioners desired 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:—

COMMISSION

J. MIDDLETON,
Governor
[L.S.]

By His Excellency SIR JOHN MIDDLETON, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Newfoundland.

RICHARD A. SQUIRES,
H. M. Attorney
General.

To Honourable Sir Patrick T. McGrath, K.B.E., Honourable Tasker K. Cook, and Honourable George Shea. Greeting.

WHEREAS I have deemed it expedient that the First Session of the Twenty-Seventh General Assembly should be opened for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of this instant month, whereof I have given notice in my Proclamation dated the Second day of April instant, and

WHEREAS it is not convenient that the purposes for which I have called the said General Assembly together should be declared on the said day, nor until the members of the House of Assembly have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, you, the said *Honourable Sir Patrick McGrath, K.B.E., Honourable Tasker K. Cook, and Honourable George Shea*, are hereby authorized and directed to signify to the members of the said House of Assembly on the Sixteenth 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 13th day of April, A.D., 1929.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Sgd.) A. BARNES,
Colonial Secretary,

The Honourable the President of the Legislative Council addressing both Houses of the Legislature, then said:

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly:

It is not convenient for his Excellency the Governor to declare the reasons of his calling this General Assembly on this day, and it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Assembly should be first chosen;

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

The House of Assembly then withdrew.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow Wednesday, April 17th, at three o'clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
EDWARD F. SINNOTT,
JOHN V. O'DEA,

At three o'clock p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Middleton, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod, through the Hon. 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:

Albert J. Walsh, Esquire, Barrister at Law, Member for the District of Harbour Main, having been presented by the Honourable the Prime Minister 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:

As I now, for the first time since assuming the office as Governor of this Colony, enjoy the privilege of meeting this Legislature in Session, I desire to express to you my recognition of the responsibilities attaching to that office, my resolve to adhere strictly to constitutional principles, and my desire to assist in promoting the best interests of this ancient Dependency of the Empire.

In greeting you at this the opening of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, I trust that your labours under the guidance of Divine Provi-

dence will tend towards the prosperity and well-being of the people of Newfoundland.

It is with a feeling of deep sincerity and profound gratitude that we offer thanks to the Almighty Giver of all good that He has graciously given to our Sovereign Lord the King the promise of recovery from the severe and trying illness from which His Majesty has suffered. We unite with all parts of the Empire in the prayer that His Majesty may shortly be restored to full health and strength. A suitable resolution will be submitted to you dealing with this matter.

The General Election held in October last was marked by good order which emphasised the law-abiding character of our people. The result was decisive and my Ministers assumed the reins of Office with confidence born of the fact that the great majority of the people have approved their policy. For the first time in the history of the Colony the women exercised at a General Election the franchise which had been given them, and a very large percentage went to the Polls.

The questions of trade expansion within the Empire, the better marketing of our products, and the making of Trade Agreements beneficial to Newfoundland have received consideration. It is proposed to appoint a Trade Commissioner in London in place of a High Commissioner, the commercial interests of Newfoundland in Great Britain be-

ing of great importance. Negotiations with respect to a Trade Agreement have been opened with the Government at Ottawa, and it is hoped that these will result beneficially to the Colony.

The Returns from the Fishery last year were satisfactory. There was a slight shortage in the catch of our staple industry, but enhanced prices and favourable markets more than offset the shortage in catch.

During last year the production of iron ore exceeded that for the previous year by more than 600,000 tons with an increased value of over \$1,000,000. The export of paper also has exceeded that of the previous year by 13,700 tons, with an increased value of over \$1,000,000. Imports during the last fiscal year totalled \$27,600,000, and the exports for the same period were \$33,600,000, showing a trade balance in favour of this Colony of \$6,000,000. The total trade of the Colony for the last fiscal year was \$61,000,000, being \$5,000,000 in excess of the total trade of the previous fiscal year.

The Sealing Fleet, still engaged in their arduous work, appear to be reaping substantial success.

The International Power and Paper Company is using every means to prove the value of the coal deposits in the District of St. George; the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company and these associated with them have made considerable

progress in the development of the valuable lead-zinc deposits at Buchans, while the Paper Plants operating in this Colony are increasing their output each month and developing plans that in due time will give a very material increase in paper production.

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

The statements of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal year which ended on the 30th June, 1928, will be submitted to you.

The Revenue returns for the quarter ending March 31st, last, show, as compared with the corresponding period of 1928, an increase of \$230,000 in spite of considerable reductions in Customs taxation.

The Estimates for the coming fiscal year will be submitted to you at an early date and you will be invited to make the customary provision for the needs of the Public Service.

It is proposed to submit to you a Loan Bill providing for certain capital expenditures of the Public Service, including Fishery, Marine and Road Operations, Education, Penitentiary and Poor House reorganization and a Reformatory programme in addition to the liquidation of the large deficits which my Ministers have been called upon to assume.

It is proposed to appoint a Commission for the revision of the Tariff so that there may be an equitable distribution of the burden of taxation, and that inequalities of the Tariff may be eliminated.

A Bill will be submitted providing for a tax on Incomes above a certain figure.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

The question of unemployment and the consequent distress among the people have caused my Ministers to appoint a Commission to enquire into the causes of such unemployment, and to find a remedy for the same. A Commission has also been appointed to enquire into the administration of Hospital and Charitable Institutions, and also into the expenditure made by the Department of Charities. My Ministers look forward to the time when the fuller development of the resources of this Island will call for the employment of the whole male population, and during their administration every effort will be made by constructive programme, and utilization of every resource to banish the distress endured at present by our labouring people.

Questions arise from time to time affecting the economies of the people of this Colony and the

necessity for some authority to deal with such questions has been felt. My Ministers propose to submit legislation for the appointment of a Public Utilities Commission which will deal with such questions as they arise, safeguarding all legitimate interests involved and protecting the people from unfair charges or undue imposition.

My Ministers feel that the various fisheries which constitute the greatest natural asset of this country are capable of further development to the great advantage of the fishermen as well as the fishery supplier. They consequently propose to establish a Fishery Commission representative of all fishery interests in the country to study the problems involved and to make a report to the Government thereon for the consideration of the Legislature at your next Session.

When my Prime Minister was in the City of New York, during January last, he had conferences with representatives of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, of New York. The result of these conversations and subsequent negotiations is embodied in certain legislation which will be submitted to you. My Ministers hope, that, as a result of these arrangements, cable telephonic connections will be established between this country and Great Britain and Europe to the East and South and the Continents of North and South America to the West and South.

The matter of additional street car facilities for the City of St. John's and suburbs has engaged the attention of my Ministers, who expect that legislation in this regard will be submitted for your consideration at this Session.

The matter of local municipal autonomy applicable to towns both populous and prosperous will be submitted for your deliberation.

As sparsely populated localities are greatly handicapped in the operation of their schools thru the smallness of their educational grant, my Ministers propose to give a substantial increased Educational Vote for expenditure in such localities.

A Bill for the more effective prevention of the illicit liquor traffic in St. John's will be submitted for your consideration.

A number of Bills regarding various matters connected with the Government Departments will be brought before you for your action.

I trust that in the discharge of your important duties you may be granted Divine wisdom and guidance.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

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

by the Clerk.

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 appended resolution in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A.J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 17th, 1929.

The following Address, subject matter of the said Resolution, was then read:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the Legislative Council and of the House of Assembly in Newfoundland, in Session convened, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with an expression of profound thankfulness that the Almighty Giver of all good has graciously given to Your Majesty recovery from your severe and prolonged illness. In common with your faithful subjects throughout the Empire, we rejoiced at Your Majesty's progress day by day,

while, in our hearts, stirred sympathy for our Gracious Queen. We trust that Your Majesty may proceed to complete recovery and the fulness of health and strength. Representing the people of this most ancient Dependency of the Crown, we invoke for Your Majesty, for Her Majesty the Queen, and for all members of the Royal Family, Heaven's richest blessings.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the said Address was adopted.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Address.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

RESOLVED:—That this House desires to record the sense of the loss it has sustained by the decease of the late Hon. Dr. J. Alexander Robinson, who for so many years filled a seat in the Council with much credit to himself and advantage to this Body, of which he was ever a zealous and efficient member.

FURTHER RESOLVED:—That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mrs. Robinson, at the same time expressing the sympathy of the Council with her and the family of their late

brother member in the bereavement they have sustained.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs:

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to his Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

Ordered,—That the Hons. Messrs. Gibbs, O'Dea, Anderson, Steer and Davey, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Cook gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths.

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

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

16th January, 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from the Colony has been granted by His

Excellency the Governor to the Honourable D. A. Ryan.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,

Private Secretary.

Hon. Sir P.T. McGrath, K.B.E.,
President, Legislative Council.

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

25th February, 1929.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from the Colony has been granted to the Hon. C. P. Ayre, M.B.E., by His Excellency the Governor, for the months of March and April.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,

Private Secretary.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,
President, Legislative Council.

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

March 1st, 1929

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from the Colony has been granted by His Excellency the Governor to the Hon. Sir M.G. Winter, C.B.E. during the coming Session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,

Private Secretary.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,
President, Legislative Council.

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

March 4th, 1929,

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from his duties as Legislative Councillor has been granted by His Excellency the Governor

to the Hon. A. Kean, until such time as his ship returns from the Seal Fishery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,

Private Secretary.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,

President, Legislative Council.

Government House,

St. John's, Newfoundland,

April 8th, 1929.

Sir,—

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from the Colony has been granted by His Excellency the Governor to the Honourable R.B. Job.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,

Private Secretary.

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,

President, Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled—

1. Annual Report of the Committee of the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund for the year

ending Dec. 31st, 1928.

2. Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1928.

3. Report of the Board of Liquor Control for the year ended January 31st, 1929.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 24th day of April instant, at 4 p.m.



(Sgd) A. LARDNER-CLARKE,
Private Secretary.

President, Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled—

WEDNESDAY, April 24th, 1929

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, the 25th instant at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, April 25th, 1929

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 26th instant, at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, April 26th, 1929.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday the 27th instant, at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.

SATURDAY, April 27th, 1929.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P.T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Monday, the 29th instant at 4 p.m. for want of a quorum.



FRIDAY, April 26th, 1929.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P.T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

MONDAY, April 29th, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

JOHN ANDERSON,
M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
S. K. BELL,
ROBERT B. JOB,
EDWARD F. SINNOTT,
JOHN V. O'DEA,

The Minutes of Wednesday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 24th, of Thursday, April 25th, of Friday, April 26th and of Saturday, April 27th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from Government House:

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland

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, Chapter 7, Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified Copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved on the 16th of April, 1929.

19th April, 1929.

Certified Copy of Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor on the 16th April, 1929.

April 16th, 1929.

Under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 7, Consolidated Statutes "Of the Internal Economy of the Legislature," it was ordered that the following shall be the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, namely:

Hon. the President of the Legislative Council

Hon. Tasker Cook,

Hon. J. V. O'Dea,

The Speaker, House of Assembly,

Hon. H.M. Mosdell, M.B.

Hon. F. G. Bradley, K.C.

Hon. P. J. Lewis.

(Certified true copy)

(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

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

House of Assembly,

Newfoundland.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House of Assembly has passed the appended Address to His Excellency the Governor, and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its provisions.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 22nd, 1929.

“To His Excellency, Sir John Middleton,
“K.B.E., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of
“the Island of Newfoundland and its Depend-
“encies.

“May it Please Your Excellency:—

“The Legislative Council and the House of
“Assembly having passed the accompanying Ad-
“dress to His Most Gracious Majesty the King,
“request that Your Excellency may be pleased
“to transmit the same to the Rt. Hon. the Secre-
“tary of State for Dominion Affairs for presen-
“tation to His Majesty.”

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the said Address was adopted.

Ordered,—That a message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Address.

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

The Debate on the Address in Reply was resumed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs, and with the unanimous consent of the House,

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 JOHN MIDDLETON, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint 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.) P. T. McGRATH,
President.

Council Chamber,
April 29th, 1929.

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 following Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act Relating to Air Navigation;" "An Act to Amend the Act 19, Geo. V. Chapter 18, entitled 'An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes';" "An Act to Amend 12 George V., Chapter 13, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws in Relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's;'" "An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Entertainment;" "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs;'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 26th, 1929.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Relating to

Air Navigation;” “An Act to Amend the Act 19 Geo. V. Chapter 18, entitled ‘An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes;’ ” “An Act to Amend 12 George V. Chapter 13, entitled ‘An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws in Relation to the Municipal Affairs of St. John’s;’ ” “An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Entertainment;” “An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Customs;’ ” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs,’ ” were severally read a first time; and

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

The Hon. Mr. Cook laid on the Table:

Report of the Highroads Commission for the year ending February 28, 1929.

Hon. Mr. Anderson gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask the Leader of the Government to lay on the Table a detailed statement of the Affairs of the Dominion Co-operative Building Association Limited, which was recently declared insolvent by the Supreme Court, together with all correspondence relating thereto.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, the 1st day of May, at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 1st, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,
JOHN ANDERSON,
J. J. MURPHY,
F. McNAMARA,
T. K. COOK,
GEORGE SHEA,
F. H. STEER, M.B.E.,
ELI DAWE,
JOHN DAVEY,
ROBERT B. JOB,
ABRAHAM KEAN,
EDWARD F. SINNOTT,
JOHN V. O'DEA,

The Minutes of Monday, April 29th were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Air Navigation" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 19 George V., Chapter 18, entitled 'An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for certain Public Purposes'" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 12 George V., Chapter 13, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws in relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's'" be deferred.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Refreshment" was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs’ ” be deferred.

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 Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,

Speaker,

House of Assembly,

April 29th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company” was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 3rd day of May instant, at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 3rd, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President*.

R. K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA,

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 1st, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on

motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act Relating to Air Navigation."

The Hon. Mr. Bishop 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. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 19, George V., Chapter 18, entitled 'An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes.'"

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. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled “An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Refreshment.”

The Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled respectively “An Act to Amend 12 George V. Chapter 13, entitled ‘An Act to Amend and Consolidate the laws in relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John’s’”; “An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Customs’”; “An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Stat-

utes (Third Series)) entitled 'Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs,' " and "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed tomorrow.

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 15 George V. Chapter 6, entitled 'An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways, and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,

May 1st, 1929.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend 15 George V., Chapter 6, entitled 'An Act to Regulate Travel on

Highways, and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon' ” was read a first time, and

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

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 78 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Naturalization of Aliens;’ ” “An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Companies;’ ” “An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents,’ ” and “An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 24, entitled ‘Of the Inspection of Ships,’ ” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 2nd, 1929.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Naturalization of Aliens;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents,'" and "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 24, entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships'" 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 Monday, the 6th day of May instant at 3 o'clock p.m.



MONDAY, May 6th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

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

JOHN DAVEY,

S. K. BELL,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA,

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act Relating to Air Navigation;" "An Act to Amend the Act 19 George V., Chapter 18, entitled 'An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes'" were severally read a third time, and passed, and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bills 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Refreshment" was read a third time, as amended, and passed.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 12 George V. Chapter 13, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the laws in relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's.'"

The Hon. Mr. McNamara 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.' "

The Hon. Mr. Davey 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Statutes, (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs.' "

Hon. Mr. Job 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company."

Hon. Capt. Kean in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 15 George V., Chapter 6 entitled 'An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways, and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon' " "An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Naturalization of Aliens;' " "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,' " and "An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents' " were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24 entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships' " be deferred.

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 Legis-

lative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,

May 3rd, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary' " 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, Tuesday, the 7th day of May instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, May 7th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

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

The Hon. the President informed the House 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 4.15 p.m. this day.

At 4.15 p.m. the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, together

with the Address to the King's Most Excellent Majesty upon his recent illness and restoration to health, for transmission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

At 4.30 p.m the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address in Reply 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.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
May 7th, 1929.

The Hon. the President reported further that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, for transmission to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, and return an answer thereto in the following words:

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

I thank you for your Address to the King's Most Excellent Majesty. In accordance with your wishes it will be my pleasant duty to transmit the Address to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

(Sgd.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.

Government House,
St. John's, Nfld.,
7th, May, 1929.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Amend 12 George V. Chapter 13, entitled 'An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws in Relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs,'" were severally read a third time, and passed, and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bills 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. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 15 George V., Chapter 6 entitled 'An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon.' "

Hon. Mr. Sinnott 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. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Naturalization of Aliens.' "

Hon. Mr. O'Dea 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. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Companies.’”

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, 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Registration of

Deeds and other Documents.' ”

Hon. Mr. Bishop 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.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24, entitled ‘Of the Inspection of Ships,’ ” be deferred.

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday, the 13th day of May instant at 3 p.m.

MONDAY, May 13th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO N. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 7th were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received by the Clerk:

May 7th, 1929

City

R. A. Parsons, Esq.,

Clerk, Legislative Council.

Dear Sir:—

Mrs. Robinson desires me to convey to the members of the Legislative Council her deep appreciation of the expression of sympathy which they so kindly extended to her in her bereavement.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) JOHN S. CURRIE.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend 15 George V., Chapter 6, entitled 'An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Naturalization of Aliens,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents,'" were severally read a third time, and passed and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook:

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V. Chapter 24 entitled ‘Of the Inspection of Ships’ ” be deferred.

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 Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Refreshment,” without amendment.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.
House of Assembly,
May 7th, 1929.

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 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy,’ ” “An Act to Amend Chap-

ter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties,' " and "An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for the Investigation of Prices and Rates charged to the Public," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 7th, 1929.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy,' " "An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties,' " and "An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for the Investigation of Prices and Rates charged to the Public," 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 Wednesday, the 15th day of May instant, at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15th, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,

F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24 entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from

the Royal Navy,' ” “An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties,’ ” “An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for the Investigation of Prices and Rates charged to the Public,” and “An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary,’ ” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed tomorrow.

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 the Act 15, George V., Chapter 23, entitled “An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding’ and Acts in Amendment thereof,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,

May 13th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 23, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding' and Acts in Amendment thereof" was read a first time, and

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

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 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Enquiries Concerning Public Matters,'" and "An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 14th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) en-

titled 'Of Enquiries concerning Public Matters,' ” and “An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes” were severally read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled:—

Report of Comptroller and Auditor General.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 17th day of May instant at 3 p.m.



House of Assembly

May 14, 1925. (Sgd.)

Speaker

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, “An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) en-

FRIDAY, May 17th, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

S. K. BELL,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 15th were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to

Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24 entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships.' ”

Hon. Mr. Bartlett in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy.’”

Hon. Mr. Gibbs 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties.' "

Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for the Investigation of Prices and Rates charged to the Public."

Hon. Mr. Davey 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary.’ ”

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, 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 23, entitled ‘An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding’ and Acts in Amendment thereof,” was read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively "An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Enquiries Concerning Public Matters,'" and "An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed on tomorrow.

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 the War Pensions Act, 1922," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,

May 15th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 'The War Pensions Act, 1922'" was read a first time, and

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

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 8 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Justice,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Marine and Fisheries,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Public Works,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 17th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Justice,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Marine and Fisheries,'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third

Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Public Works,' " were severally read a first time, and

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

Hon. Mr. Gibbs gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend an Act Respecting Patents."

On motion made the House adjourned until Monday the 20th day of May instant at 3 p.m.

T. K. COOK,

GEORGE SHEA,

F. H. STARR, M. B. E.



ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTRETT,

EDWARD F. SPINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA,

Chapter 167 of

the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled

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from the Royal Navy," "An Act to amend

Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series)

entitled 'An Act to amend an Act Respecting Patents'

introduced by Mr. Gibbs

on Monday the 20th day of May 1880.

MONDAY, May 20th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

R. K. BISHOP,

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

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

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. Gibbs moved the introduction of a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 9, entitled

‘An Act Respecting Patents,’ ” and

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a first time, and

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24, entitled ‘Of the Inspection of Ships’ ” was read a third time, as amended, 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 with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, “An Act to Amend Chapter 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy,’ ” “An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties,’ ” “An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for Investigation of Prices and Rates charged

to the Public," and "An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary,'" were severally read a third time, and passed and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook.

Ordered,—That the Committee stage of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 23, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding and Acts in Amendment thereof'" be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Enquiries concerning Public Matters.'"

Hon. Mr. Steer 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes."

Hon. Mr. Sinnott 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend 'The War Pensions Act 1922,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Justice,'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Consolidated Statutes

(Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Marine and Fisheries,' " and "An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Public Works,'" were severally read a second time, and

Ordered,—To be severally committed tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Wednesday, next, the 22nd day of May instant at 3 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, May 22nd, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

JOHN V. O'DEA.

The Minutes of Monday, May 20th were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cook gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the suspension of the Rules of the House respecting the passage of all Bills now before the House, or to come before it during the remainder of the Session.

The Hon. Mr. Cook announced the death of Michael S. Sullivan, Esq., a Member of the House of Assembly.

On motion made the House adjourned, in tribute of respect to the deceased, until to-morrow, Thursday, the 23rd of May instant, at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 23rd, 1929.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Friday, the 24th instant at 3 p.m. for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, May 24th, 1929

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Saturday, the 25th instant at 3 p.m for want of a quorum.

SATURDAY, May 25th, 1929.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until Monday, the 27th instant at 3 p.m for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, May 27th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ABRAHAM KEAN,

ROBERT B. JOB,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 22nd, Thursday May 23rd, Friday, May, 24th, Saturday, May 25th, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. the President informed the House that the following communication had been received from Government House:

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
21st May, 1929

Sir,—

I have the honour to inform you that leave of absence from the Legislative Council has been granted by His Excellency the Governor to the Honourable R. K. Bishop.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

for Private Secretary.

The Honourable

Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,

President, Legislative Council.

Pursuant to Notice and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook,

Ordered,—That the Rules of the House in reference to the passage of all Bills now before the

House or to come before it during the remainder of the Session be suspended.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Enquiries concerning Public Matters'" and "An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes" were severally read a third time, and passed and

The Hon. the President signed the same.

Ordered,—That the said Bills 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend 'The War Pensions Act, 1922.'" "

Hon. Mr. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Justice.'"

Hon. Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.’ ”

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to

Amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Public Works.' "

Hon Mr. Bartlett in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 23, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding and Acts in Amendment Thereof.' "

Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair,

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and recommended that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House for consideration.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

Ordered,—That Hons. Messrs. Cook, Murphy, Ryan, Job, Kean, Shea, Steer and Bartlett be a Select Committee for that purpose.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Gibbs the Bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 9, entitled ‘An Act Respecting Patents’” was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Gibbs, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Gibbs the said Bill was read a third time and passed.

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 and requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

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 Amendments sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 24, entitled 'Of the Inspection of Ships,'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 20th, 1929.

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 Respecting Certain Re-

tiring Allowances," "An Act to Amend 'The Tourist Commission Act, 1927'" and "An Act Relating to the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 20th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances," "An Act to Amend 'The Tourist Commission Act 1927,'" and "An Act Relating to the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines," were severally read a first time, and

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

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 further to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly' and Acts in Amendment Thereof" and "An Act Relat-

ing to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 21st, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly and Acts in Amendment Thereof,'" and "An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes" were severally read a first time, and

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

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 the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on goods imported into Newfoundland,'" "

“An Act Relating to Preservation and Propagation of Deer,” “An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Power Service on the Burin Peninsula,” “An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1925,” “An Act Relating to the Ratifying of Certain Irregular Expenditures” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33 entitled ‘An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland,’ ” “An Act Relating to the Preservation and Propagation of Deer,” “An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Power Service on the Burin Peninsula,” “An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1925,” and “An Act Relating to the Ratifying of Certain Irregular Expenditures” 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, Tuesday, the 28th day of May instant, at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 28th, 1929

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM, KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT.

The Minutes of Monday, May 27th were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled the following report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 23, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding and Acts in Amendment Thereof.'"

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee is adverse to increased bounties on Shipbuilding, but under existing conditions and the time limit of the Bill it does not desire at the present to alter the provisions of the Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Sgd.) TASKER COOK,

“ F. H. STEER,

“ J. J. MURPHY,

“ R. B. JOB,

“ GEO. A. BARTLETT,

“ D. A. RYAN.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances” was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Ayre 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 Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled “An

Act to Amend 'The Tourist Commission Act 1927' " was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Job in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Capt. Kean 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly and Acts in Amendment Thereof' " was read a second time and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Anderson in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time as amended, 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 with some amendments and requesting their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes" was read a second time and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the 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 Houses 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 Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland, ' " was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Preservation and Propagation of Deer" was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Steer in the chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill was read a third time as amended 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 with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Power Service on the Burin Peninsula" was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Davey in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook,

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act 1925” be deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Relating to the Ratifying of Certain Irregular Expenditures” was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon Mr. Ryan in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook 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 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members to the House of Assembly,' " "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V, Chapter 5, entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads,' " "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter a Contract with the Newfoundland Wool and Silk Mills, Limited," and "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial years ending 30th day of June, 1929, and the 30th day of June, 1930, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

May 27th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Capt. Kean the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members to the House of Assembly'" was read a first time, and

On motion of Hon. Capt. Kean the said Bill was read a second time and

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 5 entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter into a Contract with the Newfoundland Wool and Silk Mills, Limited" was read a first time, and

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for defraying Certain Expen-

ses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1929 and the 30th day of June, 1930, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service” was read a first time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Bartlett 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 Hon. Mr. Cook 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 Wednesday, the 29th day of May at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 29th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM, KEAN,

GEO. A. BARTLETT,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT.

The Minutes of Tuesday, May 28th were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled Annual Report of the Newfoundland Patriotic Fund.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into

Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland.' "

Hon. Mr. McNamara in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Power Service on the Burin Peninsula."

Hon. Mr. Davey 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 Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Capt. Kean, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members to the House of Assembly.' "

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Capt. Kean 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled “An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act 1925” was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Ayre 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 Hon. Mr. Cook 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 5 entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Construction and Maintenance of Highroads'" was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. 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 Hon. Mr. Cook, 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 Hon. Mr. Cook that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Newfoundland Wool and Silk Mills, Limited," be read

a second time, the Hon. Mr. McNamara moved, by way of amendment to the motion, that the said Bill be read a second time six months hence.

The motion of the Hon. Mr. McNamara having been put was carried, appearing therefor:

FOR	AGAINST
Hon. Mr. Milley,	Hon. Mr. Cook,
“ Mr. McNamara	“ Mr. Davey,
“ Mr. Ryan,	“ Mr. Job.
“ Mr. Dawe,	
“ Mr. Ayre,	
“ Capt. Kean,	
“ Mr. Sinnott,	
“ Mr. Steer,	
“ Mr. Shea,	
“ Mr. Gibbs,	
“ Mr. Murphy.	

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 the Act 15 George V., Chapter 9, entitled ‘An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors’ ” and “An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfound-

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

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
May 28th, 1929.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 9, entitled 'An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors' " was read a first time, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill was then read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Shea in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook, 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 the House had passed the same without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland" 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, the 30th day of May instant at 3 p.m.



THURSDAY, May 30th, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

GEORGE SHEA,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

S. K. BELL,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM, KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT.

The Minutes of Wednesday, May 29th were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Gibbs,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be submitted to a Select Committee for consideration and report thereon.

Ordered,—That the Hons. Messrs. Cook, Gibbs, Murphy, McNamara, Job, Steer and the President be a committee for that purpose.

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



FRIDAY, May 31st, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hons. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

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ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM, KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

The Minutes of Thursday, May 30th were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cook tabled the following Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland."

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Select Committee appointed to consider

the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland" have considered the matter to them referred and report the Bill amended as hereunto annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) M. P. Gibbs,

" Tasker Cook,

" F. H. Steer,

" F. McNamara,

" J. J. Murphy,

" Robert B. Job,

" P. T. McGrath.

The Amendments reported are as follows:

1. Strike out the last word of the eighth line of Section 4 of the said Bill.
2. Insert the words "lines and" between the word "telephonic" and the word "cables" in the second last line of Section 1 (a) of the Schedule.
3. Strike out the last nine words of Section 1 (a) of the Schedule and substitute therefor the following: "roads, canals, railways or other important fishing and public services as the Government may from time to time require."
4. Strike out the whole Section 1 (b) of the

Schedule and substitute therefor the following: "The Government undertakes to reserve for a period of two years from the date of the execution of this agreement subject to all existing rights therein the waters mentioned in clauses 1 and 2 of this subsection (b) and to demise unto the Company for a period of ninety-nine years such of the said waters as may on or before the expiration of the said period of two years be selected by the Company and shown to be necessary for the operation of its said enterprise, namely: (1) the waters of Bay du Norde River and Long Harbour River flowing into Belle Bay in the Electoral District of Fortune Bay, and (2) the waters of Piper's Hole River flowing into Placentia Bay.

5. Add the following as Section 6 of the Schedule: "The Company agrees that in the construction of its said plant or works and the development of its said water powers to employ whenever possible Newfoundland workmen, except in works requiring skilled or expert workmen not immediately available in the Colony."

6. Renumber Section 6 of the Schedule as Section 7. Add to Section 6 (renumbered Section 7) of the Schedule the words "in his or its own smelter." Strike out the second word of the

fifth line of Section 6 (renumbered 7) of the Schedule.

7. Renumber Section 7 of the Schedule as Section 8. Add after the word "Cap" in the thirtieth line of Section 7 of the Schedule (renumbered Section 8) the following: "Full power and authority for the effectual carrying out of the provisions of this Section are hereby declared to be vested in the said Public Utilities Commission."
8. Renumber Section 8 of the Schedule as Section 9.
9. Renumber Section 9 of the Schedule as Section 10.
10. Renumber Section 10 of the Schedule as Section 11.
11. Renumber Section 11 of the Schedule as Section 12. Between the fifth and sixth words of Section 11 of the Schedule (renumbered Section 12) insert the following: "Subject to the consent of the Government which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld."
12. Renumber Section 12 of the Schedule as Section 13.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Milley in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Mr. Cook the said Bill was read a third time, as amended 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 with some amendment and requesting their concurrence therein.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, the 1st day of June at 2.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 1st, 1929.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Hon. SIR P. T. McGRATH, K.B.E.,
F.R.G.S., L.L.D., *President.*

JOHN ANDERSON,

S. MILLEY,

M. P. GIBBS, K.C.,

J. J. MURPHY,

F. McNAMARA,

T. K. COOK,

D. A. RYAN,

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

ELI DAWE,

JOHN DAVEY,

C. P. AYRE, M.B.E.,

ROBERT B. JOB,

ABRAHAM, KEAN,

EDWARD F. SINNOTT,

The Minutes of Friday May 31st, were read and confirmed.

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 Amend-

ments sent down in and upon the Bills sent up entitled respectively, "An Act Relating to the Preservation and Propagation of Deer," "An Act further to Amend Chapter 4 of of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly and Acts in Amendment Thereof'" and "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland" without amendment.

(Sgd.) ALBERT J. WALSH,
Speaker.

House of Assembly,
June 1st, 1929.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

At 3 o'clock p.m His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Middleton, 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 to Amend the Act 19 George V., Chapter 18, entitled "An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes."

An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An Act Relating to Air Navigation.

An Act to Provide for the Creation of a Public Utilities Commission and for the Investigation of Prices and Rates Charged to the Public.

An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of Stamp Duties."

An Act to Amend Chapter 167 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Merchant Shipping Service and Desertion from the Royal Navy."

An Act Relating to Restaurants and Houses of Public Refreshment.

An Act to Amend Chapter 43 of the Consoli-

dated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Pharmaceutical Society and Sale of Drugs."

An Act to Amend 12 George V., Chapter 13, entitled "An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws in Relation to the Municipal Affairs of the Town of St. John's."

An Act for granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1929 and the 30th day of June, 1930, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.

An Act to Amend "The War Pensions Act, 1922."

An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Customs."

An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents."

An Act to Amend 15 George V., Chapter 6, entitled "An Act to Regulate Travel on Highways and the Speed, Operation and Load of Vehicles thereon."

An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Consol-

ated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Naturalization of Aliens."

An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of Companies."

An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Departments under the Colonial Secretary."

An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Department of Public Works."

An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Department of Marine and Fisheries."

An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of Enquiries Concerning Public Matters."

An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Department of Justice."

An Act Respecting a Tax upon Certain Incomes.

An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 24, entitled "Of the Inspection of Ships."

An Act Relating to the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines."

An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.

An Act Relating to the Ratifying of Certain Irregular Expenditures.

An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V. Chapter 23 entitled "An Act Respecting the Encouragement of Shipbuilding and Rebuilding" and Acts in Amendment thereof.

An Act Relating to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Colony for Certain Public Purposes.

An Act to Amend "The Tourist Commission Act, 1927."

An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Electric Power Service on the Burin Peninsula.

An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 5, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Construction, Reconstruction and Maintenance of Highroads."

An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 33, entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland."

An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly."

An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 9, entitled "An Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors."

An Act Further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1925.

An Act Relating to the Preservation and Propagation of Deer.

An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Custom Smelter in Newfoundland.

An Act Further to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) entitled "Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly and Acts in Amendment thereof."

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:

Although of comparatively short duration, the session of the Legislature which closes to-day has been marked by diligence and earnestness on your part, and an evident desire to discharge your legislative duties with thoroughness and despatch. You will doubtless be pleased to be relieved thus early from attendance here, and be permitted to engage in those various vocations which demand your attention.

In addressing you at the opening of this Session, I referred with profound gratitude to the recovery of His Majesty the King from the severe and trying illness from which he had suffered. His Majesty's progress towards health had been so well maintained that the people of this ancient and loyal Colony, in common with the King's loving subjects throughout the Empire, will have learned with deep regret that it should have been interrupted by any adverse condition. All will unite in the fervent prayer that the King's restoration to health and strength will be both speedy and complete.

A considerable amount of useful legislation has received your consideration which, I trust, will prove to be of advantage.

The measure relating to the creation of a Public Utilities Commission should be the means of providing for the whole people the fullest enjoyment of present day facilities and conveniences at such rates and under such conditions as may be considered equitable.

The Highroads policy, inaugurated a few years ago, has proven most successful and the measures which you have now enacted for the improvement of the existing legislation in respect thereto will doubtless be of benefit.

Bearing in mind the prime importance of conserving the wild game of this Island, it is gratifying to observe the further provision which you have made to increase the protection already afforded to caribou. I trust that the whole people will aid the authorities in this praiseworthy endeavour.

Unprecedented activities in mining operations have caused my Ministers to enter into negotiations for the establishment of a Customs Smelter. It is possible that the successful inauguration of this venture will act as a further stimulus to mining activities generally.

The Acts relating to several important Departments of the Public Service have for their purpose the better and more efficient administration of those branches.

It is pleasing to note that the Railway, which has for years proven a financial burden upon the Colony, is, by careful management, steadily reducing its annual deficit. As a direct result of the industrial development of the Country it is confidently hoped that the time is not far distant when this great public utility, instead of being a burden, will

not only pay its way but will contribute largely to the ordinary revenues of the Colony.

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

I thank you for the liberal supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. It will be the constant care of my Ministers to secure judicious and economical expenditure with respect to the various appropriations.

Unlike a similar measure enacted some years ago, the new Income Tax will bear upon those best calculated to meet this levy whilst relieving those of moderate means from a tax which had been considered oppressive.

My Ministers trust, that, by proper methods of collection, the annual amount derived from this source will, to some extent, offset the reduction in revenue arising from the revision of the duty on certain commodities.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

It is gratifying to observe the favourable signs of industrial activities throughout the Country, and

the promise of greater prosperity which they represent.

In now relieving you from your legislative duties, I join with you in the confident hope that the objects aimed at by your Honourable House in your endeavour for the public welfare may be achieved, and I sincerely trust that an abundant measure of success awaits you in your respective vocations.

The Hon. the President then said:

AD It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Thursday, the 11th day of July then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,
Clerk, Legislative Council



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