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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir John Middleton
Knight Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order
of Saint Michael and Saint
George, Knight Command-
er of the Most Excellent
Order of the British Empire,
the Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and
over the Colony of New
foundland.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands
proposed with Wednesday, the Twentieth day of
January, instant.

AND WHEREAS I think fit to summon the
said General Assembly to meet on Thursday, the
fourth day of February, next;

I do therefore by this my Proclamation
summon the said General Assembly to meet for
the dispatch of business, on Thursday, the fourth
day of February, next, as aforesaid, of which all
persons concerned are hereby required to take due
notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the
Government House, St. John's, this
18th day of January, 1932.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. BARNES

Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

*GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace
of God, of Great Britain,
Ireland and the British
Dominions beyond the
Seas, King, Defender of
the Faith, Emperor of In-
dia.*

J. Middleton,
Governor.
(L.S).

To all to whom these Presents shall come.
Greeting:

WHEREAS, We have thought fit to dissolve
the House of Assembly of Our Island of New-
foundland;

KNOW YE, that We do, for this purpose,
publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do,
by these Presents, dissolve the said House of As-
sembly, and We do hereby discharge the Members
of Our Legislative Council of the said Island
from further attendance at the present General
Assembly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these
Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great
Seal of the said Island.

WITNESS our trusty and well-beloved Sir
John Middleton, Knight Commander of
the most Distinguished Order of Saint
Michael and Saint George, Commander
of the Most Excellent Order of the Brit-
ish Empire, Governor and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Colony of New-
foundland, this Sixth day of May, A.D.
1932.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. BARNES,

Secretary of State.

Journal of Proceedings

OF THE

Fourth Session of the Twenty- Eighth General Assembly of Newfoundland.

Begun and holden at St. John's in the said Island on Thursday the fourth day of February, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Two, being in the Twenty-Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

THURSDAY, February 4th, 1932.

His Excellency, the Governor, having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at three o'clock in the afternoon of this, Thursday, the fourth day of February instant, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Rooms at a quarter to three in the afternoon, when Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

At three of the clock a message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber; and being returned to the Assembly Room, Mr. Speaker informed the House that, when in attendance upon His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Gracious Speech to both Branches of the Legislature, a copy of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained, and then read to the House as follows:

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you the page of history has recorded events of grave importance. Questions in connection with international finance and economics have occupied the attention of the world's legislators and financiers, and we are now entering a period even more momentous which will test the basis of our civilization in the solution of the greater problems that are effecting the well-being of humanity. Newfoundland, in common with the rest of the world, feels the burden, and I have called you together at an earlier date than is usual in order that you may give consideration to the various matters which in the opinion of my Ministers require attention for the economic upbuilding of this country.

The exports of pulp and paper for the last fiscal year show an increase in quantity and value. Our mineral production did not quite equal that of the previous fiscal year, while the value was considerably lower. Fishery products also show a

total lower value, while the results of last season's catch show still greater depreciation. Our total exports, however, exceeded the imports in value by a sum of over \$4,000,000. Adequate returns for our products cannot be expected until the necessary adjustment of the world's economic condition has been carried out. The low prices received have been further discounted by the loss in exchange.

As my Ministers consider that the fisheries are of paramount importance, they have decided to continue the operations of the Fishery Research Commission in co-operation with the Empire Marketing Board of the United Kingdom. It is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of this industry that we make use of the assistance which science offers, and in the preparation and marketing of the product take advantage of the world's knowledge and experience.

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

The financial crisis throughout the world has had its reflection on our own Budget position. The deficit on the account of 1930-31 had to be met by borrowing and, in view of the serious financial situation which was developing, my Ministers deemed it advisable to obtain outside assistance and advice in the rehabilitation of the country's finances. For this purpose my Prime Minister proceeded to England, and, in consultation with the appropriate Financial Departments, selected Sir Percy Thompson, K.B.E., C.B., Deputy Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue,

and Mr. J. H. Penson, M.C., an acting Principal in the Treasury, men of high financial standing and experience, recommended by the British Treasury.

Prior to their arrival here, steps had already been taken to curtail expenditure, and, under their advice, a more comprehensive system of financial control has been established and considerable further economies have been effected.

In the early Summer my Prime Minister arranged to secure the services of an outstanding business executive from Canada in the person of Mr. R. J. Magor. In September last Mr. Magor commenced the reorganizing of the Railways and other commercial and industrial enterprises with which the Government are concerned. As a result, these services are making a considerably improved financial showing, and it is confidently hoped that before long they will entirely cease to be a charge on Public Funds.

The process of financial reform is not yet completed, but substantial progress has already been made, and various Bills giving effect, so far as Legislation is necessary, to the reforms which have been introduced, will be laid before you.

It is anticipated that there will again be a substantial deficit in the accounts of the current fiscal year. It was necessary once more to resort to borrowing in order to obtain the funds required to pay the interest on the Public Debt which became due on the 1st January. It is also expected that the interest due on the 1st July will have to

be met in part by borrowing, and a Bill providing for an Internal Loan will be laid before you in due course.

The Estimates of Expenditure and Revenue for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you, and it is hoped that, as a result of the reduction in expenditure which is taking place, and of measures, which will be laid before you, adequate provision will be made for balancing Revenue and Expenditure, and for the payment out of Revenue of all future interest on the Public Debt as and when it falls due.

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

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

A Bill will be laid before you which is intended to bring the currency policy of this Dominion into greater harmony with that of the rest of the Empire. It will provide for the restriction of the right to export Gold and for rendering legal tender the notes of certain Banks operating in Newfoundland.

A Bill will also be laid before you providing for a system of Treasury Control of expenditure on the lines of that which has been put into force since December last. The Bill will also provide that the Controller of the Treasury and Deputy Minister of Finance will hold office on terms similar to those relating to the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The establishment of the new system of financial control will render necessary a considerable alteration of our present audit procedure, and it will be necessary to amend the present Audit Act.

In carrying out the policy of economical reform it has been decided to amalgamate the Departments of Agriculture and Mines and of Marine and Fisheries to form a Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Public Works will include that of the Government Engineer and of the Highroads Commission. Bills for legislative sanction to such reorganization will be laid before you.

I trust that you may have Divine guidance in your consideration of the important matters which will come before you affecting the welfare of the people of this Dominion.

It was moved by Mr. Winsor and seconded by Mr. Greene that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor in reply to the Gracious Speech with which he had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft such Address in Reply.

It was ordered accordingly, and that the following gentlemen be such Committee: Mr. Winsor, Mr. Greene, Mr. Strong, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Quinton.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a

Bill entitled "An Act to Make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency in periods of Emergency."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties.'"

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Department of Finance and Customs.'"

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move that Supply be granted to His Majesty.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Companies."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Hon. the Minister of Posts gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the Amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Postal and Telegraph Services."

Hon. the Minister of Posts gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act 1930."

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Acting Minister of Agriculture and Mines gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce "An Act to Re-organize and Continue the Departments of Marine and Fisheries and of Agriculture and Mines."

The Minister of Public Works gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works."

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of Question.

Mr. Byrne gave notice of Question.

Mr. Bennett gave notice of Question.

Mr. Moore gave notice of Question.

Mr. Abbott gave notice of Question.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of Question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of Question.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of Question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of Question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of Question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon, February 16th, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, February 16th, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister tabled the following Public Documents:

The Public Accounts.

Office Contingencies, Education Bureau.

Expenditures of Finance Department.

Treasury Statements.

Expenditures of Assessor.

Current Account Loan Expenditure.

Detailed Statement Expenditure, Marine and Fisheries Department.

Detailed Statement Expenditure, Department of Public Works.

Detailed Statement Expenditure, Department Secretary of State.

Detailed Statement Expenditure, Department Posts and Telegraphs.

Accounts of Fiscal Year.

Statement Constabulary Department.

Expenditure for Tuition of Juvenile Prisoners.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of Question.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of Question.

Mr. Abbott gave notice of Question.

Mr. Moore gave notice of Question.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of Question.

Mr. Byrne gave notice of Question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of Question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of Question.

Mr. Bennett gave notice of Question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of Question.

On motion of the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, that the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for regulating the Currency in periods of Emergency" be introduced and read a first time, the House divided, and there appeared in favor of the motion: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Brad-

ley, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Downey, and against it—Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Pud-
dester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin; so it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

The Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for controlling the Export of Gold and for regulating the Currency in periods of Emergency" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill

entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Departments of Finance and Customs'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, Supply was granted to His Majesty.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions in relation to the amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendmnt of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies.' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the amend-

ment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Postal and Telegraph Services."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and leave granted, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930," was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and leave granted, and on motion of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Bill entitled "An Act to reorganize and combine the Departments of Marine and Fisheries and of Agriculture and Mines" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Act be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and leave granted, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to reorganize the Department of Public Works" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Act be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Winsor, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech from the Throne, presented the Report of the Select Committee, which was, on motion, received and read as follows:

To His Excellency Sir John Middleton, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the

British Empire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Newfoundland.

We, the Commons of Newfoundland in Legislative Session assembled, beg to thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Branches of the Legislature.

On motion this Report was received, and it was ordered that the Debate on the Address in Reply be deferred.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House, to consist of five, to inquire into by taking evidence upon oath, and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the sixteenth day of February, 1932, as contained in a speech that he delivered, and is now the property of the House.

Hon. Mr. Lewis gave notice that on to-morrow he would move a vote of censure against the compiler of Public Despatches relative to certain despatches dated the 12th and 13th of February, 1932.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Thursday afternoon, 18th instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, February 18th, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question.

Mr. Byrne gave notice of question.

Mr. Abbott gave notice of question.

Mr. Moore gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of question.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Pursuant to Notice, the following Resolution was moved by Hon. Mr. Lewis, and seconded by Mr. Puddester, and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS on the eleventh and twelfth instants Public Messages were sent out by the Compiler of Public Despatches concerning certain incidents that were alleged to have occurred between the Prime Minister and a Committee representing the unemployed at St. John's;

AND WHEREAS the facts stated in such Messages were deliberately and insidiously distorted so as to give a Sectarian tinge to such incidents;

AND WHEREAS this House considers that the various religious convictions of the People of this Country should be held sacred and not subverted to unworthy ends;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by this House in Legislative Session convened as follows:

1. The House strongly condemns the action of the Compiler of Public Despatches in sending the Messages in question.

2. The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs is hereby instructed to immediately send by telegraph to all Telegraph Stations to which the Messages in question have already been sent, a resume of the proceedings of this House, and of this Resolution, and to direct that such resume be given the fullest possible publicity.

Mr. Cashin gave notice that he would on to-morrow move that a Select Committee of this House be appointed to take evidence upon oath and report to the House all the facts relative to the inspiring and sending out of the public messages dated February 12th and 13th.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill dealing with Newfoundland Public Despatches both at home and abroad affecting the Finance and Commercial welfare of the Country.

Mr. Winter moved and Mr. Puddester seconded the adjournment of the House.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin; and against it: Hons. Prime Minister, Secretary of State, Minister of Posts, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bindon, Minister of Fisheries, and Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy.

So it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of Committee left the Chair until 8 o'clock.

The Chairman of Committee resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929," was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Companies."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill entitled "An

Act for the Amendment of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies' " be introduced and read a first time, and that it be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Bill entitled " An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents' " be introduced and read a first time, and that it be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the law relating to the Carriage of Goods

by Sea" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Notices of Motion were given by Mr. Alderdice as follows:

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon a certain charge made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That upon the following dates the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully procured to be transferred from the Department of Marine and Fisheries and/or the Department of Public Works, and/or the Highroads Commission, the following amounts, namely:—

1929—August 16th	.....	\$20,000.00
November 14th	.....	9,000.00
1930—May 10th	.....	5,100.00
May 15th	.....	11,000.00
September 25th	.....	5,000.00

to be placed to the credit of an account known as Humber Constituency Trust Account, and in so far as the said transfers purport to have been made by virtue of an Order in Council, such order or orders and each of them were procured to be

signed by His Excellency the Governor without having first been passed by the Committee of Council and without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:—

That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute referred to in No. 5 above knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute

Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute of December 5th, 1932, knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$2500.00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of December 22nd, 1931.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$5,000.00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of Council of the 5th day of December, 1931.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That on or about the 22nd day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself the sum of \$5000.00, to Mr. B. E. S. Dunfield, K.C., the sum of \$5000.00, to Mr. Curtis, K.C., the sum of \$2000.00 and to Hon. A. J. Walsh the sum of \$3000.00 out of the General Contingencies Fund, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge, direct or indirect of the members of the Council.

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That on or about the 5th day of December 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself out of the Reparations Account, the sum of \$5000.00, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge, direct or indirect, of the members of Council.

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That Honourable Dr. Campbell by receiving a salary of \$45.00 per month from the Customs Department was guilty of a breach of Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) Section 3 and thereby had vacated his seat in the House of Assembly and subjected himself otherwise to the penalties set forth in the said Chapter.

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the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That the Honourable Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Skeans) had during the year 1931 forged the endorsement of a cheque issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in favour of one Sandy Payne for \$500.00 and had wrongfully obtained the proceeds thereof.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That the Minister of Justice (Sir Richard Squires) during the year 1931 received from the Department of Marine and Fisheries information that a cheque for \$500.00 had been issued, payable to one Sandy Payne and that the endorsement of the name of the payee thereof had been forged by the Honourable Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Skeans) and that he had received the proceeds of the said cheque and that the Minister of Justice had failed to take the usual and necessary steps in connection with charges of this kind, and had endeavoured to induce the Minister of Marine

and Fisheries to withdraw the complaint, receive back the money, and consider the incident closed.

To move that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon certain charges made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That Hon. Dr. Campbell, a Member of the Executive Council, had not complied during the years 1929-30-31 with the provisions of the Income Tax Act in regard to making returns of his income for the said years or in regard to payment of the taxes payable by him thereon.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon next, the 23rd instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker read the following correspondence from His Excellency the Governor:

The Governor has the honour to communicate to the Honourable House of Assembly the appointment of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes (3rd Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved on the 8th of February, 1932.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
11 February, 1932.

CERTIFIED COPY OF MINUTES OF THE
HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR ON THE 8th
FEBRUARY, 1932.

February 5, 1932.

Under the provisions of Section 4 of Cap. 7, Consolidated Statutes, "Of the Internal Economy of the Legislature," it was ordered that the following persons be the Commission of Internal Economy of the Legislature, namely—

Honourable President Legislative Council,

Honourable Sir Tasker Cook, Kt.,

Honourable J. V. O'Dea,

Honourable The Speaker, House of Assembly,

Honourable H. M. Mosdell, M.D.,

Honourable F. G. Bradley, K.C., and

Honourable P. J. Lewis.

Certified true copy,

(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Secretary of State.

Petitions were presented by—

Mr. Puddester from Ochre Pit Cove re Fishery Rules.

Mr. Puddester from Western Bay re Way Office.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.’ ”

Mr. Byrne gave notice of question.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question.

Mr. Moore gave notice of question.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of question.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

Mr. Lewis gave notice of question.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act respecting Press Despatches" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cashin, his notice of motion respecting the inspiring and sending out of certain public messages, was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Alderdice moved and Mr. Emerson seconded the following motion:

That there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon a certain charge made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely—

That upon the following dates the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully procured to be transferred from the Department of Marine

and Fisheries and/or the Department of Public Works and/or the Highroads Commission, the following amounts, namely:—

August 16th, 1929	\$20,000.00
November 14th, 1929	9,800.00
May 10th, 1930	5,000.00
May 15th, 1930	11,000.00
September 25th, 1930	5,000.00

To be placed to the credit of an account known as Humber Constituency Trust Account, and in so far as the said transfers purport to have been made by virtue of an Order in Council, such Order or Orders and each of them were procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor without having first been passed by the Committee of Council and without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister moved and Hon. the Secretary of State seconded the following amendment:

That all the words after the word "that" on the first line be stricken out and the following substituted therefor:

The following address be presented to His Excellency, Sir John Middleton, K.B.E., C.M.G., Governor of Newfoundland:

To His Excellency Sir John Middleton, K.B.E.,
C.M.G., Governor.

May It Please Your Excellency:

(1) On the 16th day of February, 1932, in the House of Assembly the Honourable member for Ferryland, Mr. Peter J. Cashin, lately Minister of the Governor in Council, and lately Minister of Finance and Customs, made certain charges against the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Sir Richard A. Squires, P.C., K.C.M.G., K.C., and the Secretary of State, the Honourable Arthur Barnes, Ph.D., which he declared were falsification of Minutes of Council.

(2) These charges have been formulated by the Honourable member for St. John's City, East, Mr. F. C. Alderdice, leader of the Opposition, as follows:

(a) That upon the following dates the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully procured to be transferred from the Department of Marine and Fisheries and/or the Department of Public Works and/or the Highroads Commission, the following amounts, namely:—

August 16, 1929	\$20,000.00
November 14, 1929	9,800.00
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To be placed to the credit of an account known as Humber Constituency Trust Account, and in so far as the said transfers purport to have been made by virtue of an Order in Council, such Order or Orders and each of them were procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor without having first been passed by the Committee of Council and without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

(b) That on or about the 22nd day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself the sum of \$5,000.00, to Mr. B. E. S. Dunfield, K.C., the sum of \$5,000.00, to Mr. Curtis, K.C., the sum of \$2,000.00 and to Hon. A. J. Walsh the sum of \$3,000.00 out of the General Contingencies Fund, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of the Council.

(c) That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute referred to above knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council.

(d) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$2,500.00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of December 22, 1931.

(e) That on or about the 5th day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself out of the Reparations Account the sum of \$5,000.00 the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from

His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

(f) That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute referred to above knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council.

(g) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$5,000 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of Council of the 5th day of December, 1931.

In addition to the charges formulated by the said Honourable member for St. John's City, East, Mr. F. C. Alderdice, leader of the Opposition, the said Honourable member for Ferryland, Mr. Peter J. Cashin, made the following charges also relating to Minutes of Council:

(h) That on or about the 28th day of July, 1930, a false Minute, manipulated by the Prime Minister and His Secretary of State, transferred \$100,000.00 which had been allocated for the Memorial College and lay to the credit of the 1930 loan in the Bank of Montreal, to an account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

(i) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) at a meeting of Your Excellency the Governor in Council held at Government House on the 5th day of January, 1932, omitted to read

a certain Minute and/or Minutes of Council which were duly entered in the Minute Book.

3. In substance the charges are that the said Ministers wilfully and fraudulently deceived your Excellency and wrongfully induced your Excellency to sign Minutes of Council, which your Excellency would not have signed but for such false representation.

4. These charges gravely affect the honour of the said Ministers and impair the confidence on which your Excellency must rely in the administration of the affairs of the Dominion of Newfoundland.

5. The House of Assembly is of opinion that these charges should be fully investigated.

6. Such an enquiry involve an investigation into the practice, procedure, discussions and decisions of the Committee of Council.

7. Such of your Ministers as are members of Your Excellency the Governor in Council are bound by oath not to disclose what takes place at the meetings of the Executive. This oath of secrecy has no binding force as between your Excellency and your Ministers.

8. The Ministers whose conduct is directly impugned together with the Ministers who failed to call your Excellency's attention to any irregularities in connection with any Minute should have a proper opportunity of defending themselves, without breaking the obligations of

their oath as members of the Governor in Council.

9. The House of Assembly humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to enquire fully into the charges and any matter or matters connected therewith and to take such action as may be meet in the premises, and to inform the House as to whether or not there has been any falsification of the said Minutes, and whether or not your Excellency was deceived or induced by such deception to sign the Minute in question.

Respectfully submitted for your Excellency's consideration.

Speaker.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the amendment: Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, so it passed in the affirmative.

The original motion was then put when the House divided and there appeared in favor of the Amendment: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr.

Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, and against it: Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skean's Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Alderdice moved and Mr. Emerson seconded—

“That there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon a certain charge made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered namely:

That on or about the 5th day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself out of the Reparations Account the sum of \$5,000.00, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, and against it: Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

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sum of \$5,000.00, to Mr. Curtis, K.C., the sum of \$2,000.00, and to Hon. A. J. Walsh the sum of \$3,000.00 out of the General Contingencies Fund, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of the Council.”

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1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute referred to in No. 5 above knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council."

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, and against it: Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

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past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive Council the purported Minute of December 5, 1932, knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council."

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, and against it: Hon the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

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Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$2,500.00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of December 22nd, 1931."

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, and against it: Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Dr. Campbell, Hon. Dr. Mosdell, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Bill entitled 'An Act to amend the law relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea.'

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929," was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents,'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant, to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act 1930," was

read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to reorganize the Department of Public Works," was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Hon. the Prime Minister tabled the Annual Report of H. M. Penitentiary.

It was moved and seconded that when the Houses rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon, March 1st, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, March 1st, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister tabled the following statements:

The Customs Returns.

Report of Council of Higher Education.

Income Tax Returns.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that during this morning he, in company with Mr. Emerson

and Mr. Scammell, had called upon His Excellency the Governor and presented the Address passed by the House on February 23rd, to which His Excellency replied as follows:

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

The prayer of your Address will receive my earnest consideration.

(Sgd.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
1st March, 1932.

Petitions were presented by:

Mr. Puddester from Bay de Verde re Railway matters.

Mr. Fudge gave notice of question.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

Mr. Byrne gave notice of question.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question.

Mr. Moore gave notice of question.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Sunday Observances."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto."

The Minister of Public Works gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925."

Mr. Alderdice moved and Mr. Emerson seconded that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon a certain charge made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That Hon. Dr. Campbell, a member of the Executive Council, has not complied during the years 1929-30-31 with the provisions of The Income Tax Act in regard to making returns of his

income for the said years or in regard to the payment of the taxes payable by him thereon.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Byrne, and against it: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Downey, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Alderdice moved and Mr. Emerson seconded that there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon a certain charge made by the Honourable Member for Ferryland, on the Sixteenth day of February, 1932, past, as contained in a Speech that he delivered, namely:

That the Honourable Member for St. Barbe (Mr. Sikeans) had during the year 1931 forged the endorsement of a cheque issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in favour of one Sandy Payne for \$500.00 and had wrongfully obtained the proceeds thereof.

This motion was accepted, without division, and Mr. Speaker intimated that he would appoint the Select Committee at a later date.

Mr. Speaker then appointed the Select Committee, to enquire into certain charges preferred against the Hon. Dr. Campbell, for receiving money as Port Physician, whilst a Member of the House of Assembly, contrary to law; as follows: Hon. Mr. Bradley (Chairman), Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Postal and Telegraph Services."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee..

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the same with some amend-

ment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

This report was received and adopted, and the Bill entitled "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter

127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series)
entitled 'Of Companies.'”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in Relation to the Amendment of the Act 20, George V., Chapter 36, entitled "The Income Tax, 1929."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions to Amend the Customs Act by making the basis for Imposition of Customs Duties the Newfoundland value of the United States Dollar.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the

House rises it adjourn until to-morrow, Wednesday at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, March 2nd, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

In the absence, through illness, of the Hon. the Speaker the Chair was taken by Mr. Smith, Deputy Speaker.

The Minutes of the previous session as corrected were adopted.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question.

Mr. Byrne gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Report of the Select Committee on the Address in Reply was adopted, and it was ordered that the said Address in Reply be presented by the Whole House at the convenience of His Excellency the Governor.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Scammell took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 22, Geo. V., Cap. 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the islands adjacent thereto.'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929," was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Com-

panies' " was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Scammell took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to reorganize the Department of Public Works."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Scammell took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for controlling the export of gold and for regulating currency in periods of emergency" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Bill entitled "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Act 20, George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, March 3rd, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker appointed the following Select Committee to enquire into the charges preferred against Mr. Walter Skeans Hon. W. W. Halfvard (Chairman), Mr. Winsor, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Bennett gave notice of question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions to amend the Customs Act by making the basis for imposition of Customs duties the Newfoundland value of the United States dollar."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

This report was received and adopted, and the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio-Telegraph Act, 1930," was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them re-

ferred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled 'An Act in relation to the amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, March 4th, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Mr. Winter gave notice of question.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the whole to consider certain Resolutions with respect to the Wesern Marine Railway, Ltd.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as

above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for controlling the export of gold and for regulating the currency in periods of emergency."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon next, 8th instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, March 8th, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

Mr. Quinton gave notice of question.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works"

was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engross-

ed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for controlling the export of gold and for regulating the currency in periods of emergency."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for controlling the export of gold and for regulating the currency in periods of emergency" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported

that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the

Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to

amend the Act 22 Geo. V., Cap. 25 entitled 'An Act respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the islands adjacent thereto' " was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Wednesday afternoon, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, March 9th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Byrne	gave notice of question
Mr. Brown	" " " "
Mr. Puddester	" " " "
Mr. Winter	" " " "
Mr. Quinton	" " " "

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions with respect to the Western Marine Railway, Ltd.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Mr. Puddester, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Sunday Observance" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

The Reports from the Committee of Supply were deferred.

Hon. the Secretary of State tabled the Estimated Revenue and Expenditure of the St. John's Municipal Council for the year 1932.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the De-

partment of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Land and Fisheries' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Act 1925" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Thursday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, March 10th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the intimation received, His Excellency the Governor would receive the Address in Reply presently.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House proceeded to Government House and being returned to the Assembly Room Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency had received the Address of Thanks, and had been pleased to reply as follows:

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

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, Newfoundland,
10th March, 1932.

Mr. Winter presented a petition from Marys-
town re Breakwater.

The Chairman from the Committee of the
Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions,
which were read a first time, as follows, and or-
dered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bureau of Education	\$700,000.00
Department of Assessor	37,965.00

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt.
Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An
Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was
read a third time and passed, and it was ordered
that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as
above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Coun-
cil with a message requesting the concurrence of
that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Min-
ister of Marine and Fisheries, the Bill entitled
"An Act to Combine the Departments of Agri-
culture and of Mines with the Department of
Marine and Fisheries under the title of "The De-
partment of Lands and Fisheries" was read a
third time and passed, and it was ordered that the
said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above,

and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act 1925."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Friday at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, March 11th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the Control of Petroleum Products.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the raising of a Loan on the

Credit of the Dominion for certain purposes and to the issue of Savings Certificates.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question

Mr. Byrne " " " "

The Resolutions from the Committee of the Whole on Supply having been read a first time, as follows:

Bureau of Education	\$700,000.00
Deuartment of Assessor	37,965.00

The said Resolutions being read a second time it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein, and the said Resolutions were agreed to.

Hon. the Secretary of State tabled Report of the Department of Weights and Measures, 1931.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties.' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them refer-

red, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The Act respecting the Export of Marine Shells being a Private Bill, on motion it was, with unanimous consent of the House, ordered that the Rules of the House respecting the Procedure on Private Bills be waved, it being understood that this order was not to be regarded as a precedent.

Whereupon, pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 22 Geo. V., Cap. 25 entitled "An Act respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the islands adjacent thereto.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway, from the Bank of Montreal."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon next, the 15th instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, March 15th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Petitions were presented by:

Mr. Quinton, from Mercantile Marine re
Gratuity:

Mr. Byrne from crew of S. S. Eric re Gratuity.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means for the purpose of tabling amendments to certain Resolutions.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move for the appointment of a Select Committee of this House consisting of five members to examine into and report to this House on the matter of a redistribution of seats with a view to reduction of the number of members of this House.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Bonus on War Pensions.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of Question

Mr. Tobin " " " "

Mr. Alderdice " " " "

Mr. Winter " " " "

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the Control of Petroleum Products.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the raising of a Loan on the credit of the Dominion for certain purposes and to the Issue of Savings Certificates.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The Chairman from the Committee of the

Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions which were read a first time as follows:

Department of Lands and Fisheries \$320,915.94

The said Resolutions being read a second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein, and the said Resolutions were agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 22 Geo. V. Cap. 25, entitled 'An Act respecting the Export of Marine Shells from Labrador and the islands adjacent thereto,'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Public Works, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Highway Act, 1925" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the

Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On Motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Wednesday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question

Mr. Alderdice “ “ “ “

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means for the purpose of tabling amendments to certain Resolutions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman left the Chair at 6.30.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 8 o'clock.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Bonus on War Pensions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act respecting a Bonus addition to Pensions under the 'War Pensions Act, 1922'" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of the Min-

ister of Public Works the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Friday the 18th instant at three of the clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, March 18th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. Mr. Bindon presented a petition from the Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited praying for an extension of time for the completion of their fishery operations.

On motion this petition was received and it was ordered that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to whether the Rules of the House respecting such petitions have been observed.

The said Select Committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter.

Mr. Puddester presented a petition from residents of Conception Bay in behalf of a reduction of motor taxation.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

Mr. Alderdice " " " "

Mr. Tobin " " " "

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs;'" "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works;" "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents;'" "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929;" and "An Act to make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating Currency," without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled, respectively: "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries;" and "An Act to Amend the Law

with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea," without amendment.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under the 'War Pensions Act, 1922,'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee, and it being past midnight,

Saturday, March 19th, 1932

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Monday, the 21st instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

MONDAY, March 21st, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. P. J. Lewis, on behalf of the Select Committee, presented the following report.

To the Honourable the House of Assembly:

Your Select Committee appointed to ascertain whether the Rules of the House respecting publication of notice have been complied with by Holyrood Pond Fisheries, Limited, begs to report that it has considered the matter to it referred and finds that the Rules of this House have not been strictly complied with, the notice in the Daily Newspaper being published weekly instead of daily, as required by the Rules.

Your Committee, however, recommends that leave be given to introduce the Bill.

Dated the 22nd of March, 1932.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH

J. A. WINTER

L. E. EMERSON

P. J. LEWIS

On motion this Report was received and adopted, and the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Holyrood Pond Fisheries, Limited'" was introduced and read a

first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act (No. 11 of 1932) to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs.'"

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

The Chairman from the Committee of the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions which were read a first time as follows:

Department of Public Works... \$600,955.80

It was ordered that the said Resolutions be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Strong took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Hon. the Secretary of State tabled the Annual Report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus on Addition to Pensions under the 'War Pensions Act, 1922.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fitzgibbon took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions to amend the Act 15, Geo. V., Chapter 33, entitled "An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland, and Acts in amendment thereof."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to settle the conditions of the holding of certain Timber Lands and Water Powers."

Mr. Cashin gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Tuesday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, March 22nd, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the underquoted communication from His Excellency the Governor, which he then read as follows:

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

I have the honour to refer to your Address which was presented to me on the 1st of March and to which I replied that its prayer would receive my earnest consideration.

The prayer of your Address is as follows:

"The House of Assembly prays that Your Ex-

“cellency will be pleased to enquire fully into
“the charges and any matter or matters connec-
“ted therewith and to take such action as may be
“meet in the premises and to inform the House as
“to whether or not there has been any falsification
“of the said Minutes and whether or not Your
“Excellency was deceived or induced by such de-
“ception to sign the Minutes in question.”

Your Address further states that “Such an en-
quiry involves an investigation into the practice,
procedure, discussions and decisions of the Com-
mittee of Council.”

The Executive Council has expressed its con-
currence in my personally undertaking an enquiry
but it is necessary that I should make it clear that
the Executive Council is in no way responsible
for the views which I express in this message.

Moreover the Minister of Justice and Attorney
General and the Acting Deputy Minister of Jus-
tice are personally mentioned in your Address
while the Office of Solicitor General is held by a
Member of the Executive Council. In these cir-
cumstances I have been unable to avail myself of
the legal consideration of matters such as those
which have arisen in the course of the enquiry
which, in the peculiar circumstances disclosed in
your Address, I have considered it to be my duty
to make, but which, for reasons that will appear,
has not been an enquiry such as you requested
should be made.

The enquiry which I have made has entailed
examination of the Letters Patent, the Royal In-

structions and Acts both of the Parliament of the United Kingdom and of the Legislature of Newfoundland in which is embodied the existing Constitution of the Dominion of Newfoundland.

By certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1876, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria did constitute the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies and did provide for the Government thereof.

By the Second Clause of these Letters Patent it was ordered and declared as follows:

Clause II. "And We do hereby declare Our
"pleasure to be that there shall be an Executive
"Council for Our said Colony and that the said
"Council shall consist of such persons as are now
"or may at any time be declared by any Law en-
"acted by the Legislature of Our said Colony to
"be members of Our said Council, and of such
"other persons as Our said Governor shall from
"time to time, in Our Name and on Our behalf
"but subject to any Law as aforesaid, appoint
"under the Public Seal to be members of Our said
"Council."

The power conferred on the Legislature by the Letters Patent to enact legislation in respect of the Executive Council is restricted to declaring certain persons to be Members of the Council and that power has not been exercised. As no Law on the subject has been enacted all the Members of

the Executive Council are appointed by the Governor in virtue of the powers conferred upon him by the Letters Patent.

Certain Instructions were issued under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1876, to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

The Second Clause of these Instructions authorizes and requires the Governor to administer or to cause to be administered to all and to every person or persons as he shall think fit, who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, the Oath of Allegiance together with such other Oath or Oaths as may be prescribed by any Law or Statute.

The Oath which the Governor is authorized and required to administer to a Member of the Executive Council is as follows:

I,
do swear that I will faith and true allegiance bear unto His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth and to His Heirs and Successors and will be true and faithful to

(Here follows the name of the Governor for the
time being)

as he is commissioned and appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over this His Majesty's Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and that I will in the place and office

of His Majesty's Councillor of this Island well and faithfully serve His said Majesty and promote the good of His Majesty's affairs with my best advice and counsel.

I will with my best ability defend this Island from all foreign invasions and intestine insurrections.

I will not countenance or conceal any plot or seditious speeches against His said Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, but I will give speedy notice thereof unto His Excellency the Governor or to some Member of his Council.

The secret debates of the Council I will not reveal directly or indirectly; all of which I will to the utmost of my ability perform.

So Help me God.

The Fifth Clause of the Royal Instructions directs and enjoins that the Governor do attend and preside at the meetings of the Executive Council unless when prevented by some necessary or reasonable cause.

The Sixth Clause of the Royal Instructions directs and enjoins "that a full and exact journal "or minute be kept of all the deliberations, acts, "proceedings, votes and resolutions of Our said "Executive Council and that at each meeting of "the said Council the minutes of the last meeting "be read over, confirmed or amended, as the case "may require, before proceeding to the despatch "of any other business, and We do further direct

“that twice in each year a full transcript of all the “minutes of the said Council for the preceding half year be transmitted to Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.”

While provision is expressly made in the Eleventh Clause of the Royal Instructions whereby the Legislative Council is empowered to make Standing Rules and Orders, not being repugnant to the Instructions, for the regulation of its proceedings there is no corresponding provision in respect of the Executive Council but the regulation of the proceedings of the Executive Council has been reserved by the Crown to itself and directions have been enjoined on the Governor by the Sixth Clause of the Royal Instructions in order to ensure the accuracy of the records.

The accuracy of these records is impugned in your Address. There can be no question whatsoever as to your undoubted right to discuss and to express approval or disapproval of the policy which the records enforce. But, having regard to the origin and constitution of the Executive Council and to the provisions of the Letters Patent and Royal Instructions I am unable to admit that you have any constitutional or statutory power to question the accuracy of those records. On the contrary it would appear that in questioning the accuracy of the records of the Executive Council you have essayed, without doubt unwittingly, to assume a function which has been entrusted by the Royal Instructions to another body and to exercise a power which has not been conferred upon you by the Constitution or by Law. The

Executive Council alone is empowered in pursuance of the Royal Instructions to question and to pass judgment on the accuracy of its own records and that within the time prescribed by the Sixth Clause of those Instructions which expires on the confirmation or amendment of the records. The conduct of public business would become impossible if it were to be conceded that the accuracy of the records of the Executive Council could be called in question after confirmation or amendment in accordance with established constitutional practice as prescribed by the Royal Instructions and after the lapse of an indeterminable period of time.

While I have considered it to be my duty to lay before you, with all deference, these views on account of the gravity of the implications involved in them, at the same time I am anxious to afford you all information which, in my opinion, may properly be communicated to you without detriment to the conduct of the business of the State.

As is customary in deliberative bodies it is the practice of the Executive Council that questions proposed for decision are determined, on occasion arising, by a majority of votes of the Members present and it is competent to any Member of the Council to require that there be recorded on the Minutes of the proceedings any opinion he may give upon a question and the grounds of his opinion.

It is relevant here to quote the following extract from page 103 of "The Chairman's Handbook" (Suggestions and Rules for the conduct of Chair-

men of Public and other meetings based upon the procedure and the practice of Parliament) by Sir Reginald F. D. Palgrave, K.C.B., the late Clerk of the House of Commons.

“Notes on Procedure”—“Protests recorded in the Minutes.”

“Protests by members of a deliberative body, according to the practice of the sole authority upon the subject, the House of Lords, are concise and definite statements of the motives which prompted the votes of the protesting minority, either individually or conjointly * * * * *

“The period within which Protests are permissible should also be limited by express rule. Where no express rule exists, Protests must be handed to the Chairman or the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting when the occasion that provoked the Protest took place.

“Any mode by which a minority can qualify or thwart the Authority of the majority is not, in our opinion, to be recommended; * * * * * the practice should certainly not be permitted save in deference to established regulation or settled practice.”

The directions enjoined on the Governor by the Sixth Clause of the Royal Instructions in order to ensure the accuracy of the records of the Executive Council have been observed and in the following manner:

1. I assumed Office as Governor of Newfoundland on the 16th of October, 1928, and I presided at a meeting of the Executive Council on the 17th of November at which Minutes up to that date were read over, confirmed or amended as the case may have required. I also presided at a meeting of the Executive Council on the 3rd of December, 1928, when arrangements were agreed upon for effectually carrying out the directions enjoined on the Governor by the Royal Instructions and which included the holding of meetings at regular and fixed intervals. From that date meetings of the Executive Council have been held regularly on the first Tuesday in each month (or on rare occasions and for special reasons on a day slightly earlier or later) at which the Minutes up to the last day of the preceding month have been read over, confirmed or amended as the case may have required.

2. Separate and permanent records are kept of three stages in the evolution of a Minute of the Executive Council in ultimate and definitive form which is irrefutable. These records come within the category of Secret Documents of State which are not made public and proper arrangements have been made for their preservation and safe custody. The three records are as follows:

A. Previous to a meeting of the Committee of Council an Agenda paper is prepared in the Department of the Secretary of State on which are enumerated in sequence the matters to be submitted for the consideration of the Committee, but it is competent for the Committee to consider other matters which do not appear on the Agenda paper or to

proceed to the despatch of business although an Agenda paper may not have been prepared.

When, as is the usual practice, an Agenda paper has been prepared the names of the Members present and the decisions of the Committee are entered on it at the time of the meeting and from this document are formulated the Minutes of the proceedings which embody the decisions and intentions of the Committee.

It is competent for any Member of the Executive Council, who is present at the meeting, to require that there be recorded on the Minutes of the Proceedings any opinion on which he may give on a question, and there are instances in which such opinions have been recorded.

B. The Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee are submitted in duplicate to the Governor for his approval and if approved such approval is endorsed by the Governor on both the original and duplicate copies. The original copy is returned by the Governor to the Department of the Secretary of State and becomes the authority for any executive action which may be required. The duplicate copy is filed in the Governor's Office.

C. From the original copy of the Minutes of proceedings referred to in the preceding subparagraph a full transcript of all the Minutes is made by the Department of the Secretary of State in a book bearing the title

"Proceedings of Council" and at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council (at which in accordance with the Fifth Clause of the Royal Instructions the Governor presides) the Minutes are read over, confirmed or amended as the case may require and thereafter the book is signed by the Governor. The omission from the records of the "Proceedings of Council" of a transaction, which according to its date should have been included, would afford grounds for a Member of the Council questioning the accuracy of the records.

3. At each of the meetings referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph I have presided, as directed by the Fifth Clause of the Royal Instructions, and for my own convenience it has been my invariable practice to follow the reading of the Minutes from the volume of "Proceedings of Council (Record II.C.) with the duplicate copy of the Minutes of proceedings which is filed in the Governor's Office (Record II.B.). At the conclusion of the reading of the Minutes I have on each occasion put the question that the Minutes be confirmed and the Minutes have been confirmed or amended as the case may have required. On no occasion between the 17th of November, 1928, and the 31st of December, 1931 has any question been raised as to the accuracy of the Minutes owing to the omission of the record of a transaction which should have been included but there are instances in which an earlier decision has been rescinded by a subsequent decision.

4. A full transcript of all the Minutes of the Executive Council has been transmitted half-yearly to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs in accordance with the Sixth Clause of the Royal Instructions and a transcripts of the Minutes for the half-year ending on the 31st of December, 1931, was so transmitted on the 8th of January, 1932.

With regard to the several Minutes which are referred to in your Address,

(1) They extend over a period from the 14th of August, 1929, to the 22nd of December, 1931.

(2) I have examined the relevant records, which have been referred to above as II.A, II.B., and II C in respect of each of the transactions.

(3) The subject matter of each transaction (bearing a serial number) appears on and the decision in respect of it is entered on II.A. There is no irregularity but even if any irregularity or inaccuracy had existed it was capable of remedy and rectification in the record of the "Proceedings of Council" (Record II.C.) up to the time of confirmation or amendment and no action towards that end was taken.

(4) I have compared the Minutes of proceedings (Record II.B.) on which my approval is endorsed with the "Proceedings of Council" (Record II.C.) and there is no discrepancy between them.

(5) The Minutes were read over from the

"Proceedings of Council" (Record II.C.) at the regular monthly meetings of the Executive Council at which I presided and which were held within a few days after the last day of the month in which the transactions were recorded. As has been my invariable practice and for my own convenience I followed the reading of the Minutes from the "Proceedings of Council" (Record II.C.) with the duplicate copy of the Minutes (Record II.B.) which is filed in the Governor's Office. On each occasion on the conclusion of the reading of the Minutes I put the question that the Minutes be confirmed and each of the Minutes was confirmed without amendment and thereon the record of the transaction became irrefutable. In no case was any question raised as to the accuracy of the "Proceedings of Council" (Record II.C.) owing to the omission of the record of transaction which should have been included.

I have the honour to inform you that there has not been any falsification of the said Minutes and that I have not been deceived or been induced by deception to sign the said Minutes.

(Sgd.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.

Government House,

St. John's,
22nd March, 1932.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act (No. 11 of 1932) to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the

Customs,' ” was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the following Resolutions form Supply:

Department of Public Works \$600,956.80 were read a second time and concurred in by the House.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled “An Act respecting a Bonus on Addition to Pensions under the ‘War Pensions Act, 1922,’ ” was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Strong took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions with some amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received.

On motion for adoption of this report Mr. Alderdice moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Dr. Mosdell:

Strike out all words after the word "that" and substitute therefor the following:

"In the opinion of this House the tax proposals contained in the said resolutions will seriously impair the carrying on of the trade of the Country during the coming year, add considerably to the heavy burdens already borne by the people, and fail to produce the results anticipated."

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the amendment: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Parsons, and against it, Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative.

The original motion for adoption of the report was then put and there appeared in its favor. Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr.

Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Parsons, so it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Whereupon the Bill entitled "An Act for the further amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following Message from the Legislative Council, acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930;" "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,'" "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20, George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'" and "An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto," without amendment.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions to Amend the Act 15, Geo. V., Chap-

ter 33, entitled "An Act respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland" and Acts in Amendment thereof

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman left the Chair till 8 p.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received.

On the motion for adoption of the Report, the House divided, when there appeared in its favor: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Hon. Mr. Bindon, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge; so it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Whereupon the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15, George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland, and amendments thereto'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this Report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Strong gave notice that he would on to-morrow move that a Committee of five be appointed to ascertain (by summoning witnesses and taking evidence upon oath) the writer of the article appearing in the Daily News of date March 22nd, 1932 under the heading "Here and There, by Scriba," which article did cast asperations upon the character and conduct of Mr. Speaker in this House, so that this House may take such action as

it deems meet in the premises.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Wednesday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Emerson gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Companies Act."

On Mr. Strong's motion that a Committee of five be appointed to ascertain (by summoning witnesses and taking evidence upon oath) the writer of the article appearing in the Daily News of date March 22nd, 1932, under the heading—"Here and There, by Scriba" which article did cast asperations upon the character and conduct of Mr. Speaker in this House may take such action as it deems meet in the premises.

Mr. Emerson, on behalf of the Daily News, presented the following apology, whereupon the notice of motion was withdrawn.

APOLOGY

On Tuesday, March 22nd, under the caption "Here and There" appeared an article written by

a contributor whose non de plume is Scriba. This article seriously reflected upon the impartiality and good faith of Mr. Speaker.

The Article in question was written by a regular contributor whose writings in the past have been so discreet as to make it unnecessary for the Editor to censor them. The usual practice was followed in this case, and the contents of the article and the nature of the comment escaped the attention of the Editor.

We take this, the first opportunity, to express our regret at the occurrence and to withdraw the imputation cast upon Mr. Speaker, and to apologize to Mr. Speaker for the imputation upon his honour and to the House for the breach of its privileges, and undertake to publish this explanation and apology on the Editorial page of the next issue of the Daily News.

The Chairman from the Committee on the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions which were read a first time as follows:

Department of Justice \$358,063.18

On motion the second reading was deferred till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Mr. Pudester, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Sunday Observance" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. Mr. Bindon, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Act 18 Geo. V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and the Holyrood Pond Fisheries, Limited'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee on Private Bills, as follows: Mr. Murphy, Hon. P. J. Lewis, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Winter.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend the Revenue Act, 1925" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33 entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland' and Amendment thereto" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Income Resolutions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received.

On the motion for adoption of the report Mr. Alderdice moved and Mr. Puddester seconded the following amendment, viz:

“That the report of the Committee be amended by adding thereto the words ‘But the said Bill should not operate so as to become effective at a date earlier than Jan 1st, 1932.’”

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the Amendment: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge, and against it: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Downey; so it passed in the negative.

The original motion for adoption of this report

was then put and there appeared in its favor: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. the Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Downey; and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdeil, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Fudge; so it passed in the affirmative and was ordered accordingly.

Whereupon the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929'" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Monday the 28th instant at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

MONDAY, March 28th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

A petition was presented by Mr. Skeans from Bonne Bay re Ferry Service.

Mr. Puddester, on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition, gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the following:

WHEREAS an Address was on the first day of March 1932 presented to His Excellency the Governor by this House setting forth that:

“Charges have been formulated by the Honourable member for St. John’s City, East, Mr. F. C. Alderdice, leader of the Opposition, as follows:

“(a) That upon the following dates the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully procured to be transferred from the Department of Marine and Fisheries and/or the Department of Public Works and/or the Highroads Commission, the following amounts, namely:

“August 16th, 1929	\$20,000.00
“November 14, 1929	9,800.00
“May 10, 1930	5,100.00
May 15	11,000.00
“September 25, 1930	5,000.00

“To be placed to the credit of an account known as the Humber Constituency Trust Account, and in so far as the said transfers purport to have been made by virtue of an Order in Council, such Order or Orders and each of them were procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor without having first been passed by the Committee of Council and without knowledge direct or indirect of the members of Council.

“(b) That on or about the 22nd day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purports to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself the sum of \$5,000.00, to Mr. B. E. S. Dunfield, K.C. the sum of \$5,000.00, to Mr. Curtis, K.C., the sum of \$2,000.00 and to Hon. A. J. Walsh the sum of \$3,000.00 out of the General Contingencies Fund, the said Order not having been passed by the Committee of Council and being obtained from His Excellency the Governor without the knowledge direct or indirect of the members of the Council.

“(c) That the Secretary of State (Hon. A. Barnes) wrongfully caused to be entered in the Minute Book of the Executive the purported Minute referred to above knowing that the same had not been passed by members of the Council.

“(d) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$2,500.00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute of December 22, 1931.

“(e) That on or about the 5th day of December, 1931, the Prime Minister (Sir Richard Squires) procured to be signed by His Excellency the Governor what purported to be a Minute of Council ordering to be paid to himself out of the Reparations Account the sum of \$5,000.00 the said Order not having been passed by the

“Committee of Council and being obtained from
“His Excellency the Governor in Council and be-
“ing obtained from His Excellency the Governor
“without the knowledge direct or indirect of mem-
“bers of Council..

“(g) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard
“Squires) wrongfully received the sum of \$5,000.-
“00 under and by virtue of the purported Minute
“of Council of the 5th day of December, 1931.

“In addition to the charges formulated by the
“said Honourable member for St. John’s East, Mr.
“F. C. Alderdice, leader of the Opposition, the
“said Honourable member for Ferryland, Mr.
“Peter J. Cashin, made the following charges al-
“so relating to Minutes of Council:

“(h) That on or about the 26th day of July,
“1930, a false Minute, manipulated by the Prime
“Minister and his Secretary of State, transferred
“\$100,000.00 which had been allocated for the
“Memorial College and lay to the credit of the
“1930 loan in the Bank of Montreal, to an account
“designated “The Savings Bank Trust Account”
“in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.”

“(i) That the Prime Minister (Sir Richard
“Squires) at a meeting of Your Excellency the
“Governor in Council held at Government House
“on the 5th day of January, 1932, omitted to read
“a certain Minute and/or Minutes of Council
“which were duly entered in the Minute Book.”

AND WHEREAS the prayer of the said Address was as follows:

“The House of Assembly humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to enquire fully into the charges and matter or matters connected therewith and to take such action as may be meet in the premises, and to inform the House as to whether or not there has been any falsification of the said Minutes, and whether or not Your Excellency was deceived or induced by such deception to sign the Minutes in question.”

AND WHEREAS by the reply of His Excellency the Governor dated March 22nd, 1932, it appears that His Excellency enquired into only “(1)” above.

THAT there be appointed a Select Committee of the House consisting of five to enquire into, by taking evidence upon oath and sending for persons, records and things, and to report to the House (with a verbatim copy of the evidence taken and documents adduced) upon, the charges marked (a) to (h) above.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question

Mr. Puddester “ “ “ “

Mr. Quinton “ “ “ “

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Mr. Emerson, the Bill entitled “An Act to Amend the Companies Act” was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the following Resolutions from Supply:

Department of Public Works, \$600,956.80 were read a second time and concurred in by the House.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Archibald took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods Imported into Newfoundland and amendments Thereto.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Greene took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Godden took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman left the Chair at 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 8 p.m.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, March 29th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Petitions were presented by:

Mr. Smith, from Burnt Head, re Post Office.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, from Truckmen, re Gasoline Tax.

Mr. Alderdice, from Truckmen, re Gasoline Tax.

Hon. the Minister of Posts tabled the Report of the Postal and Telegraph Department for the year ended June 30th, 1931.

On notice of motion being called for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the charges made against Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister and the Honourable Secretary of State with respect to the alleged falsification of certain Minutes of Council, Mr. Speaker submitted to the House this question, viz:—

(a) Whether this question is substantially the

same as that before this House on February 23rd, 1932, which question the House resolved in the affirmative on the following division: affirmative: Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Fudge.

(b) Whether this House disposed of that question on February 23rd, 1932; which question the House resolved in the affirmative, when on division there appeared in favor of the affirmative: Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Fudge.

The motion of Mr. Alderdice was therefore ruled out of order.

The Chairman from the Committee of the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:

Civil Government	\$ 69,283.85
Public Charities	445,188.50
Public Health	266,806.00

It was ordered that the said Resolutions be read a second time on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Cashin, seconded by Dr. Mosdell, it was ordered that the answer to Mr. Cashin's question on the Order Paper, Number 256, be furnished to the House.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20, George V., Chapter 36 entitled 'An Act respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland and Amendments Thereto'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill

entitled "An Act to amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36 entitled the Income Tax Act, 1929" and amending Acts.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, March 30th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from His Excellency the Governor:

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the House of Assembly.

I have the honour to refer to the Message which I addressed to you on the 22nd of March and further to inform you that I presided at a special meeting of the Executive Council which was duly summoned on my authority by formal notice and was held on the 11th of March when there were present:

Right Honourable Sir Richard A. Squires, P.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.; Honourables Sir Tasker K. Cook, Dr. A. Barnes, Ph.D., W. W. Halfyard, F. G. Bradley, K.C., Dr. A. Campbell, M.D., F.R.C.S., P. J. Lewis and J. J. Bindon.

The Members in Council assembled being

under their Oath of Office, of which the Form is recited in my Message to you of the 22nd of March, were formally invited to submit to me any information they might have to lay before me on the subject of the Minutes referred to in the Address from your Honourable House which was presented to me on the 1st of March. No member submitted to me any information on the subject of the said Minutes.

(Sgd.) J. MIDDLETON,
Governor.

Government House,
St. John's,,
30th March, 1932.

Mr. Lewis gave notice that he would on tomorrow move that Resolutions of this House passed on February 23rd, 1932, in so far as they, or any of them, negatived the motion, or motions, for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into certain charges against the Rt. Honourable the Prime Minister and the Honourable the Secretary of State, be rescinded.

Hon. the Secretary of State tabled certain signed copies of Report of Railway Operations for the year ending June 30th, 1931.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question

Mr. Alderdice " " " "

Mr. Emerson " " " "

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that

he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider Resolutions relating to the adjustment of certain pensions to former Civil Servants.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider Resolutions relating to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of certain Civil Servants.

Pursuant to order, certain Resolutions from Supply were called.

On the motion that the vote for Civil Government, \$69,283.85 be read a second time, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Puddester, seconded by Mr. Cashin, that the following Votes be deleted from the resolutions of the Department of the Secretary of State, viz:

High Commissioner's Office	\$12,650.00
Two Moving Picture Censors	618.75
Press Despatches	270.00

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the amendment: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Lewis; and against it: Hon. the Prime Minister, Hon. The Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy; so it passed in the negative.

The original motion that the said vote be read a second time and concurred in was then put.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Hon. The Prime Minister, Hon. The Secretary of State, Hon. The Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts Hon. Mr. Bradley, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy; and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Lewis: so it passed in the affirmative and the said Resolution was read a second time and concurred in.

On motion that the vote for Public Charities \$445,188.50 be read a second time, the following amendment was moved by Mr. Alderdice, seconded by Mr. Emerson:

That this House deploras the action of the Government in reducing the Vote for Widows, Orphan and the Infirm from \$240,000 to \$185,000 a reduction of \$55,000 in a vote that has always been inadequate, and censures them for so doing.

Whereupon the House divided and there ap-

peared in favor of the amendment: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Lewis, and against it: Hon. The Prime Minister, Hon. the Secretary of State, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy; so it passed in the negative.

The original motion that the said vote be read a second time and concurred in was then put.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favor of the motion: Hon. The Prime Minister, Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Hon. The Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Lewis, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Lady Squires, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, and against it: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Lewis; so it passed in the affirmative and the said Resolution was read a second time and concurred in.

The Resolution respecting Public Health \$266,806.00 was then read a second time and concurred in.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman left the Chair at 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 8 o'clock.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain votes, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Bennett gave notice of question

Mr. Strong " " " "

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow, Thursday the 31st instant, at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, March 31st, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister moved and Mr. Alderdice seconded the following Resolution, which was passed unanimously:

RESOLVED: That this House desires to record the expression of its deep regret at the death, this morning, of Dr. Charles J. Howlett, Mayor of the City of St. John's.

Hon. Acting Minister of Finance tabled Report of the Board of Liquor Control, 1932.

On motion of Mr. Puddester the "Act Respecting Sunday Observance" was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

At this point a deputation of citizens of St. John's appeared at the Bar and presented the following petition, which being read by the Clerk, was referred to the Department of State for further consideration:

To The Honourable The Speaker and the Honourable The Members of the House of Assembly

THE PETITION of the undersigned

HUMBLY SHEWETH THAT

1. Your Petitioners represent the unemployed population of St. John's numbering more than twenty-three hundred and responsible for the lives and comfort of over six thousand people.

2. It has been found impossible to subsist on

the dole ration which has been lately further decreased through the imposition of taxes on flour, etc. and as a result your Petitioners are suffering from mal-nutrition and semi-starvation which seriously interferes with their capacity for work.

3. Your Petitioners are in constant fear of being thrown on the streets because of non payment of rent and numerous landlords have threatened eviction proceedings against your Petitioners for the above reason.

4. Your Petitioners are of opinion that now Spring is approaching strong efforts should be made to provide Public Works such as bridge-building, road work, etc., also provision should be made for the cultivation of the soil and the growing of vegetables.

5. Realizing the necessity of immediate steps being taken in the above matters your Petitioners request that they be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity.

*Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly Pray That
Your Honourable House Will Make
Arrangements For*

1. An increase in the present dole ration of a least fifty per cent.

2. To insure that no unemployed person will be ejected because of inability to pay rent.

3. For the immediate commencement of Pub-

lic Works and land cultivation etc., in order to provide vegetables for the coming Winter.

4. An immediate attention to this Petition.

And as in duty bound Your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

(Sgd.) JOHN CADWELL, Chairman

DAVID FOLEY, Secretary.

Pursuant to notice, and leave granted, and on motion of Mr. Emerson, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Companies Act" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Act be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Emerson the said Bill was referred to a Select Committee for consideration, as follows: Mr. Emerson, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Mr. Winter, Mr. Godden, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Lewis moved, and Dr. Mosdel seconded the following motion, viz:

That the resolutions of this House passed on February 23rd, 1932, in so far as they, or any of them, negatived the motion, or motions, for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into certain charges against the Right Honourable the Prime Minister and the Honourable the Secretary of State, be rescinded.

Whereupon the House divided and there ap-

peared in favor of the motion: Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Puddester, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Cashin, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Fudge, Mr. Lewis, and against it: Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance, Hon. The Minister of Posts, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Mr. Downey, The Minister of Public Works, The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Brown, Mr. Earle, Mr. Starkes, Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Skeans, Lady Squires, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Godden, Mr. Strong, Mr. Greene, Mr. Smith, Mr. Murphy, so it passed in the negative and was ordered accordingly.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled respectively: "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal" and "An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act 1925" without amendment.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman left the Chair at 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman resumed the Chair at 8.00 p.m.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this Report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Friday, at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, April 1st, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Downey presented a petition from Alfred A. Montgomery and Edgar C. Irish, Lumbermen, praying for certain concessions in aid of proposed industries, which was received.

Mr. Downey gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave of this House to waive the Rules respecting Private Bills.

Mr. Downey gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An

Act Authorizing the making of a Contract between the Government of Newfoundland and Alfred A. Montgomery and Edgar C. Irish, of Portland, Maine, in the United States of America.

Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Select Committee on Holyrood Pond Fisheries Operations, as follows:

The Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill respecting an extension of time for the furtherance of the Holyrood Pond Fisheries, Limited, operations, beg to submit that they have considered the said Bill and recommend its adoption.

(Sgd.) R. G. STARKES,

P. J. LEWIS

L. E. EMERSON

H. W. QUINTON

On motion this report was referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question

Mr. Puddester " " " "

Mr. Emerson " " " "

The Chairman from the Committee of the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:

Department of Customs	\$431,858.95
Department of Posts & Telegraphs	839,496.37

The said Resolutions being read a second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein and the said Resolutions were agreed to.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the amendment of the Act 20, Geo. V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act 1929.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Monday, April 4th at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

MONDAY, April 4th, 1932.

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, and Acts in amendment thereof."

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Downey, seconded by Mr. Greene, the House waived the procedure required in connection with private Bills in connection with a proposed private Bill relating to Pulp and Water Power Development in Newfoundland.

Whereupon, pursuant to notice, and on motion of Mr. Downey, the Bill entitled "An Act for the Establishment of a Pulp and Paper Industry at St. George's and for the confirmation of an agreement between the Government and Alfred A. Montgomery, Banker, and Edgar C. Irish, Lumberman," was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question

Mr. Byrne " " " "

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Act 20 Geo. V. Chapter 36 entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929,'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. Mr. Bindon, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3

(1927) entitled 'An Act for the confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited.' ”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it

was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Civil Servants.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to the adjustment of certain pensions to former Civil Servants.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the notice that a Select Committee of this House, consisting of five members, be appointed to examine into and report to this House on the matter of a redistribution of seats with a view to reduction of the number of members of this House was deleted from the Order Paper.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow, Tuesday, the 5th instant, at 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 5th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

At this point a deputation of citizens appeared

at the Bar of the House presenting a petition and certain Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

*To The Honourable the Speaker and the Members
of the Honourable House of Assembly*

THE PETITION of the undersigned humbly sheweth as follows:

1. Your Petitioners are the Executive Committee of a body of citizens appointed to organize and conduct a public meeting which was held in St. John's on Monday the 4th instant.

2. The said meeting numbered some two thousand people, representative of all classes, sections and creeds in the community, and would have been attended by many thousands more if the capacity of the building in which it was held had permitted.

3. At the said meeting the following Resolutions were unanimously passed, namely:

“WHEREAS at the opening of the present
“session of the Legislature certain charges of a
“most serious nature were preferred by a former
“member of the Executive Council against the
“Prime Minister and Secretary of State;

“AND WHEREAS the said charges alleged
“facts which, if proved, would constitute not
“merely criminal offences of the gravest kind but
“breaches of duty by persons in the highest posi-

“tions of public trust and responsibility;

“AND WHEREAS motions in the House of
“Assembly for a full inquiry into the said charges
“have been repeatedly rejected notwithstanding
“that one of the most serious among them has
“been corroborated by another member of the
“Executive Council;

“AND WHEREAS without such full inquiry
“it would appear that appropriate legal action with
“regard to the said charges would be either impos-
“sible or a least delayed and seriously embarras-
“sed;

“BE IT RESOLVED:—First, that in the opin-
“ion of this public meeting of citizens the mat-
“ters above recited and the position resulting from
“them affect the honour, dignity, welfare and
“safety of the whole country and threaten to un-
“dermine the legal and political structure of its
“society;

“Secondly, that this meeting places itself on
“record as deploring and protesting, in the name
“of justice and morality, against the matter afore-
“said;

“Thirdly, that, in order to give effect to such
“protest, a Petition be forthwith drawn and pre-
“sented by this meeting and such other citizens of
“the country as may be of the same mind to the
“House of Assembly, now in session, humbly
“praying that it take such steps as may seem to it
“necessary or desirable for the full and proper

“consideration and investigation of the said charges, to the end that they be finally and conclusively proved or disproved and such other action be taken thereon as justice and the dignity of the people may require.”

4. From the expressions of opinion made at the said public meeting, from communications received from all parts of the country and from other evidences, your Petitioners are encouraged to believe, and do firmly believe, that the above Resolutions truly reflect and embody the opinion and wish of an overwhelming majority of the people of this Dominion.

Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly Pray

1. That your Honourable House be graciously pleased to give its immediate and most earnest consideration to the matters above recited and resolved.

2. That your Honourable House with all possible despatch order that a full, final and conclusive inquiry be appointed and held into the grave charges aforesaid either by a suitable Committee or Committees of your Honourable House or by trial by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in accordance with the laws of the Dominion.

3. That if in your opinion, Mr. Speaker, or that of your Honourable House, there exist difficulties, formal, technical or substantial, in the way of such inquiry or trial, they be immediately removed, whether by amendment of the Rules of your Hon-

ourable House or by Act of Parliament or otherwise as in your wisdom you may see fit and as necessities of the case may require.

And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

(Sgd.) *James M. Howell, Chairman*

W. Ewart Godfrey

Harry A. Winter

Thos. J. Molloy

J. H. Devine

Wilfred Canning

T. H. Stevenson

K. M. Blair

Eric Bowring

C. J. Carter

Hon. the Solicitor General moved, and Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance seconded, that this Petition be received and referred to a Select Committee consisting of five members of this House, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, to ascertain and advise the House as to what steps the House may take to carry out the Prayer of this Petition.

Some objection was taken to the form of this motion, during which an unseemly situation arose in the galleries, and Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until three of the clock to-morrow Wednesday afternoon.

FRIDAY, April 8th, 1932

At quarter past three of the clock, Mr. Speaker

took the Chair, there being no Members present, and declared the adjournment of the House, by reason of its condition as a result of the occurrences within and about the Building a few days previously. Mr. Speaker stated that the House would be adjourned from day to day until conditions were such as that the business of the House could be conducted with dignity and decorum.

Mr. Speaker stated that Mr. Clerk would be advised, and Members given due notice, before the House resumed the transaction of business.

MONDAY, April 11th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, at three of the clock.

TUESDAY, April 12th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon at three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, April 13th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, at three of the clock.

THURSDAY, April 14th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow afternoon, Friday, at three of the clock.

FRIDAY, April 15th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until Monday afternoon, the 19th instant, at three of the clock.

MONDAY, April 18th, 1932

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon, the 19th instant, at three of the clock.

TUESDAY, April 19th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Halfyard gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and the Western Union Telegraph Company."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the Granting of Certain Retiring Allowances.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the further Amendment of Chapter 28

of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of Stamp Duties."

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions to provide for the addition of a Temporary Surtax for Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Grant certain lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association."

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Mr. Alderdice, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act and Acts in Amendment thereof" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of

an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited,'” was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled respectively “An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Death Duties:’” “An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury;” and “An Act Respecting a Bonus Addidton to Pensions under ‘The War Pensions Act 1922’” without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up entitled respectively “An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925” and “An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entited ‘An Act respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto’” without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled “An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes

(Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services' with an amendment in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The said Amendment is as follows:

Strike out the words "Legislative Council" in the twenty-second and twenty-third lines of Section 3 24 (1) of the said Bill and substitute therefor the words House of Assembly."

Strike out the words "Members of the House of Assembly" in the twenty-fourth line of Section 3 24 (1) of the said Bill.

On motion the discussion on this matter was deferred until to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. the Solicitor General, seconded by Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance, the Citizens' Petition and Resolutions, presented to the House April 5th, was referred to a Select Committee to ascertain and report to the House as to what steps the House may take to carry out the prayer of the Petition, as follows: Hon. F. G. Bradley, Mr. Godden, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winter and Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions relating to a Temporary Reduction of Certain Civil Service Pensions.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act in relation to the Temporary Reduction of the Civil Service Pensions" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without

amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act relating to the Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of certain Persons in the Public Service" was introduced and read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act (No. 11 of 1932) to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House, as follows: Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Scammell, Mr. Hibbs, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Quinton.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

This report was received and adopted and it

was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36 entitled 'The Income Tax Act 1929 and Amending Acts'" without amendment.

Hon the Acting Minister of Finance tabled the Customs Returns 1930-1931.

Mr. Emerson gave notice of question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Wednesday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, April 20th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Emerson presented a petition from the Great Eastern Oil Import Company protesting against the Petroleum Products Bill.

On motion this petition was received and ordered to be placed on the table for future reference.

Mr. Quinton presented a petition from Bonavista South re postal matters.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question

Mr. Emerson " " " "

Pursuant to notice, and leave granted, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited and Western Union Telegraph Company" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the granting of certain retiring allowances.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act for the Granting

of certain Retiring Allowances” was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the further amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties.’ ”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled “An Act for the further amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties’ ” was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain

Resolutions to provide for the addition of a Temporary Surtax for Customs and Excise Duties and Import taxes.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment, and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act for the addition of a Temporary Surtax on Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions for the further amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions without amendment and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act for the further amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister it was ordered that the Rules of the House be suspended as they relate to procedures in connection with the Bill of the Grenfell Association.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Whereupon with the unanimous consent of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" was read a second time and with unanimous consent, it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on tomorrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again presently.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again on to-morrow.

Consideration of Council's Amendment to "Postal Bill" was deferred.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Pulp and Paper Industry at St. George's and for the Authorization of an Agreement between the Government and Alfred A. Montgomery, Banker, and Edgar C. Irish, Lumberman" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House, as follows: Mr. Lake, Hon. Mr. Bradley, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Abbott. On motion the Committee was asked to report not later than Friday, the 22nd instant.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Mr. Alderdice, the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Salt Codfish Act 1931" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, and Acts in Amendment thereof" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon.

the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the Suspension of the Rules of the House with respect to all business now before or to come before the House during this Session.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister tabled certain correspondence and interviews between Mr. Alan S. Butler and the Government.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Thursday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, April 21st, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce "An Act further to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly.'"

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce "An Act further to Amend the Election Act 1913"

The Chairman from the Committee of the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions which were read a first time as follows:

Finance Department	\$5,330,506.70
Supplemental Supply	1,493,384.47
Additional Estimates	517,232.00

The said Resolutions being read a second time it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein, and the said Resolutions were agreed to.

On motion of Rt. Hon the Prime Minister the Amendments sent down by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" were read a first and second time and concurred in and it was ordered that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting that body that the said Amendments had been agreed to without amendment.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister

leave was granted to introduce the Public Service Act, which was read a first time as follows:

“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 1932 and the 30th day of June 1933, and for other purposes Relating to the Public Service.”

On motion it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled “An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary’s Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" was read a third time, and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Mr. Alderdice, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Mr. Alderdice, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act 1931" was read a third time, and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as

above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited'" without amendment.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, and Acts in Amendment thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into

a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Limited and Western Union Telegraph Company" was read a second time, and it was or-

dered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the Granting of Certain Retiring Allowances" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Granting of Certain Retiring Allowances."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Godden took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the Granting of Certain Retiring Allowances" was read a third time and pas-

sed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for the further amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the further amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties.'"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the further amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the addition of a Temporary Surtax for Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

With unanimous consent Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister introduced the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees'" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon.

the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees' " was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Friday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, April 22nd, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Minister of Lands and Fisheries tabled the Reports of the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and leave granted and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend 'The Election Act 1913'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, and Acts in Amendment thereof" was read a third time, and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

On motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill respecting the Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and Western Un-

ion Telegraph Company was referred to a Select Committee. Mr. Speaker appointed the Select Committee as follows: Hon. the Minister of Posts Hon. the Acting Minister of Finance and Mr. Emerson, with authority to sit during Session.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the addition of a Temporary Surtax for Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the addition of a Temporary Surtax for Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent

to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

The remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until Tuesday afternoon next, the 26th instant, at 3 of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

TUESDAY, April 26th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

With unanimous consent Hon. Sir Wm. Coaker introduced the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting certain Legislative Disabilities" which was read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

With unanimous consent Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister introduced the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor of St. John's" which was read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor of St. John's" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Mr. Alderdice gave notice of question.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed certain Resolutions and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime minister the Resolutions respecting the Petroleum Products and Dominion Loan were combined under the form "In Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes, and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan, and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills sent up, respectively "An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions;" "An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Per-

sons in the Public Service;" "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances;" "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties;'" "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees;'" "An Act further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921;" "An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes;" and "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925," without amendment.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House.

Mr. Speaker appointed the said Select Committee as follows: Hon. the Solicitor General, Sir William Coaker, Mr. Lake, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Mosdell, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Puddester.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend 'The Election Act, 1913'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a

Bill relating to the Seats in this House of future Directors of the International Power and Paper Company.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Wednesday, the 27th instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, April 27th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries.' "

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill "An Act relating to the Seats in this House of future Directors of the International Power & Paper Company" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Tobin gave notice of Question.

The Chairman from the Committee of the Whole on Supply reported certain Resolutions which were read a first time as follows:

Department of Lands and Fisheries \$13,000.00

The said Resolutions being read a second time, it was moved and seconded that the House concur with the Committee therein, and the said Resolutions were agreed to.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Petroleum Products and Loan Resolutions were referred to a Select Committee of the House. Mr. Speaker appointed the said Select Committee as follows: Hon. Sir Wm. Coaker, Hon. Mr. Bindon, Mr. Godden, Mr. Alderdice, Mr. Emerson.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931" without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" with an amendment in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The amendment is as follows: Insert the words "for the purposes aforesaid" between the word "assigns" and the word "ALL" in the second line of the first Section.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the

said amendment was read a first time, and with unanimous consent a second time and passed, and it was ordered that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting that body that the said Amendment had passed without amendment.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932"

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had made some progress and recommended that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee.

On motion this report was received and adopted and Mr. Speaker appointed the said Select Committee as follows: Mr. Strong, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lake, Mr. Winter, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Lewis.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act respecting a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor of St. John's."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

With unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act respecting a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor of St. John's" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of Money for defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1932, and the 30th day of June, 1933, and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow.

The Select Committee appointed to consider the

Bill entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement to be entered into between the Government and Alfred A. Montgomery, Banker, and Edgar C. Irish, Lumberman" presented the following report.

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the matter to them submitted in the limited time at their disposal. The bill is an involved one and in many aspects insufficient information is available upon points of importance, such as stand of timber, water power, cost of logging and the financial standing of the promoters. Very Considerable concessions are asked which should not be given except after due deliberation.

Your Committee is therefore of opinion that in view of the fact that we have reached the closing hours of the session, and importance of the matter from the standpoint of the country, it should neither be passed hurriedly nor rejected without exhausting every possibility of reaching an agreement acceptable to this House and the country, on the one hand, and the promoters on the other.

(Sgd.) H. B. CLYDE LAKE,

Min. Lands & Fisheries

F. GORDON BRADLEY,

H. W. QUINTON,

JAS. BINDON

On motion this Report was received and adopted.

With unanimous consent, and on motion of Mr.

Brown, the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, the Bill entitled "An Act further to amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the House of five.

Mr. Speaker appointed the Select Committee as follows: Mr. Brown, Mr. Greene, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Fudge, Hon. Mr. Bindon.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Thursday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

THURSDAY, April 28th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Brown presented the report of the Committee on the Lottery Bill as follows:

Report of Select Committee in reference to a Bill "An Act further to amend Chapter 105 of

the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled
'Of Lotteries.' "

Meeting convened at 11.30 a.m April 28, 1932"

Mr. Brown in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Bindon, seconded by Mr. Greene
that holders of those permits that are already in
operation be permitted to operate until December
31, 1932.

After some discussion on the general principle
of the Bill was agreed to, with certain amendments

(Sgd.) PHILIP E. FUDGE, Secty.

K. M. BROWN

H. W. QUINTON

On motion this report was received and ordered
to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House
presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, on mo-
tion of Mr. Brown the House resolved itself into
a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill en-
titled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 105 of
the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) 'Of
Lotteries.' "

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Brown, the Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" was read a third time, and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Report of Select Committee appointed to consider a Bill "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Ltd. and Western Union Telegraph Company."

To Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members of the House of Assembly.

Your Committee has held two meetings and have considered the Bill and also the previous Acts relating to the New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company, and other contracts with Telegraph Companies. After hearing what had to be said by Mr. Barbour of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company Mr. Hunt, Solicitor for that Com-

pany, and the various Members of the Postal Telegraph Department, who are experienced in all features involved in the Bill, your Committee recommend its acceptance to the House.

(Sgd.) W. W. HALFYARD,
L. E. EMERSON,
JAS. BINDON.

Whereupon on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Ltd. and Western Union Telegraph Company."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Posts, the Bill entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor in Coun-

cil to enter into a contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Ltd. and Western Union Telegraph Company" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

The Report of the Select Committee upon the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly' and Acts in Amendment thereof."

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred and recommend that Newfoundland be divided into twenty-four electoral districts in accordance with the boundaries and descriptions in the plan and schedules hereto annexed.

It is further recommended that each of the following of the said districts, namely: Harbor Main-Bell Island, St. John's West and St. John's East, shall return two Members each to this House, and the remaining twenty-one districts one member each.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) F. GORDON BRADLEY,

H. B. CLYDE LAKE,

W. F. COAKER,

LEO. J. MURPHY,

H. M. MOSDELL,
L. E. EMERSON,
J. C. PUDDISTER

Whereupon on motion of Hon. the Solicitor General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Election of Members of the House of Assembly' and Acts in Amendment thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time on to-morrow.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Customs."

Your Committee has given consideration to the said Bill, and, in view of its contentious nature, and the limited time at the disposal of the Assem-

bly, recommends that the said Bill be deferred for consideration at the next session of Parliament.

(Sgd.) JAS. BINDON,
R. HIBBS,
J. B. SCAMMELL
H. W. QUINTON,
JOHN M. TOBIN

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until to-morrow Friday, the 29th instant, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

FRIDAY, April 29th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's" without amendment.

Mr. Puddester gave notice of question.

On motion of Hon. the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker left the Chair until eight o'clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half past nine.

Cyril J. Fox, Esq., K.C., appeared at the Bar

of the House and presented a petition from the Great Eastern Oil and Import Co., Ltd, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:

To the Honourable the House of Assembly in Legislative Session convened.

1. Your Petitioner is a Company incorporated in 1926 under the Laws of Newfoundland, and has its Registered Office at St. John's Newfoundland aforesaid.

2. The object for which your Petitioner was established was the importation into and sale within Newfoundland of Gasoline, kerosene oil, and other petroleum products.

3. The paid up capital of your Petitioner, considerably in excess of \$100,000.00, has been subscribed in whole by approximately 200 shareholders resident in Newfoundland and representative of all classes, many of whom have invested their entire savings in your Petitioner's Shares.

4. Since its incorporation your Petitioner has built up and conducted a successful business and has invested a considerable amount of its paid up capital in permanent equipment, such as steel drums, pumps, trucks and delivery wagons, and other appliances necessary to the conduct of its operations.

5. Under Resolutions now before your Honourable House, an agreement is proposed to be made between His Excellency the Governor in

Council and The Imperial Oil, Limited, whereby the exclusive right will be conferred upon the said Imperial Oil, Limited, to import into Newfoundland, deal with, and sell gasoline, kerosene oil, and other Petroleum Products for the term of fifteen years.

6. The monopoly which the said Imperial Oil, Limited, will thereby acquire will prejudice your Petitioner's business to such an extent as to exclude the possibility of its continuing operations, involving severe loss and hardship to your Petitioner and its shareholders.

7. To avoid such loss and hardship it is requisite that your Petitioner have the right to import, if necessary, 700,000 gallons of Petroleum Products per annum, being the average quantity handled by your Petitioner during the past three years, in order to render certain that terms as to price, quality and service heretofore enjoyed by your Petitioner in its relationship with the Imperial Oil, Limited, will be similarly available to your Petitioner in the future.

8. The said right to import the said quantity of Petroleum Products as aforesaid would be exercisable by your Petitioner only in the event of the said terms as to price, quality and service not being so obtainable by your Petitioner from the Imperial Oil, Limited, as aforesaid, and would be subject to the payment by your Petitioner to the Imperial Oil, Limited, of one-half cent per gallon on Petroleum Products so imported by your Petitioner in excess of the respected royalties pay-

able by the Imperial Oil, Limited, to the Government, as provided by Section 9, Sub-section 2 of the Resolutions.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honourable House will be pleased to decree that the said Resolutions be amended so as to confer upon your Petitioner the right to import the said minimum quantity of Petroleum Products per annum as aforesaid, in the eventualities and upon the conditions aforesaid, to the end that your Petitioner's business may continue, though in a restricted manner, and the interests of its shareholders may be protected.

In Witness Whereof the Common Seal of Your Petitioner has been hereunto affixed, and these presents signed by its duly authorized officers this 29th day of April, A. D., 1932.

The Common Seal of the Great Eastern Oil & Import Co., Ltd. was hereunto affixed in the Presence of:

L.S.

(Sgd.) CHAS. P. PENNEY, Prsident,
P. H. COWAN, Secretary
W. W. McDONALD, Manager

On motion the said Petition was received and tabled for future consideration.

Hon. the Minister of Lands and Fisheries presented the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the

Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932” as follows:

Mr. Speaker,

The Select Committee appointed to consider the draft Bill “An Act to make provision for the holding of a General Election in the Year 1932” beg to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and make the following recommendations:

In place of section 1 insert the following two sections and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.

1. A General Election of Members of the House of Assembly shall be holden not later than the eleventh day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

2. The list of electors taken and revised in the year 1928 shall be valid and may be used for the purpose of compiling lists for the election as provided in section 1 hereof, anything in the Election Act 1913 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Amend new section 3 by striking out the words “it shall be lawful for” and the word “to” in the first line, and substitute for the word “to” the following words, “shall forthwith.” This section will then read as follows: The Secretary of State shall forthwith cause to be compiled, etc. Also strike out the words “any election held before the end of June 1932” and substitute therefor the following

“the election provided to be held by section 1 hereof.”

Delete section 5, (hereby recommended to be renumbered as Sec. 6) and substitute therefor the following: In order to make provision for the recording of the votes of the increased number of voters likely to be found unregistered by reason of new lists not having been taken since 1928, polling booths in all districts shall remain open on Polling Day until 10 p.m.

(Sgd.) H. B. CLYDE LAKE,

P. J. LEWIS

A. J. WALSH

J. A. STRONG

J. A. WINTER

H. W. QUINTON

Reserving Section 7 as renumbered

Pursuant to order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled “An Act to make provision for the holding of a General Election in the Year 1932.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them refer-

red, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the holding of a General Election in the Year 1932" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Hon. Sir William Coaker presented the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Raising of a Loan and Oil Products, as follows:

To The Honourable The House of Assembly

Your Select Committee on the Resolutions in relation to the raising of a Loan and Oil Products beg to report as follows:

Your Committee sat on several occasions and made a number of minor amendments which have been incorporated in the Resolutions as now reprinted and attached hereto. In addition to this two further amendments, copies of which are also attached, are recommended by your Committee.

Your Committee summoned before it represen-

tatives of Imperial Oil, Ltd. and at their own request heard representatives of the Great Eastern Oil Import Company. Each of these parties was represented by Counsel.

The Great Eastern Oil Company claimed to have certain vested interests in the oil business of Newfoundland and also trading relations with the Imperial Oil, Ltd. They sought protection on these two points in the Bill. In the time at the disposal of your Committee it was found impossible to reconcile matters which were disputed by both these parties. Your Committee recommends, however, that if the Resolutions are accepted and a consequent Bill passed, the Government should, before finalising an agreement with the Imperial Oil, Ltd., give consideration to the claims of the Great Eastern Oil Company in the hope that provision may be made in the agreement which will be satisfactory to them and to Imperial Oil, Ltd.

Respectfully submitted

(Sgd.) W. F. COAKER
F. C. ALDERDICE
JAS. BINDON
L. E. EMERSON
E. J. GODDEN

To be added to Sec. 9 (3) as sub-paragraph (a):

The Company shall undertake to provide a good and efficient service and in the agreement shall make provision that if a complaint be made by a customer of the Company that there has been a

substantial failure to carry out this undertaking, the matter shall be submitted to the arbitration of three arbitrators to be appointed mutatis mutandis in the manner prescribed by sub-section 8 of this section, and the arbitrators or any two of them shall have power to award damages for any proved or substantial injury done to the complainant. Costs in any event shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators.

Delete Clause 3 (b) and substitute the following: "The balance remaining in the said account at the end of each fiscal year after payment of the said interest shall form a Sinking Fund, and shall be utilised either for the purpose of redeeming at their par value and accrued interest stock or bonds of the Loan or for the purpose of purchasing such stock or bonds on the open market. Where stock or bonds are redeemed or are to be redeemed the particular numbers shall be determined by the drawing by lot from among the numbers of all the bonds of the Loan outstanding at the time of such drawings. Any stock or bonds so redeemed or purchased shall be forthwith cancelled."

On motion the said Report was received.

On motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Raising of a Loan, and Oil Products.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said resolutions with some amendment and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to

the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the Committee have leave to sit again presently.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act relating to the Seats in this House of future Directors of the I.P. & P. Co." was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act relating to the Seats in this House of future Directors of the International Power & Paper Co., Ltd.,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon, with unanimous consent, on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act relating to the Seats in this House of future Directors of the International Powes & Paper Company, Ltd," was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

With unanimous consent, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions Relating to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, had passed the said Resolutions and recommended the introduction of a Bill to give effect to the same.

On motion this report was received and adopted and the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" was introduced and read a first time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a bonus on Gasoline" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

On motion of Mr. Puddester the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was recommitted to the Whole House.

Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendments.

On motion this report was received and adopt-

ed and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Puddester, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of Money for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1932 and the 30th day of June 1933, and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had passed the said Bill without amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1932, and the 30th day of June 1933 and for other Purposes relating to the Public Service" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to Order and on motion of Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, the Bill entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

And it being past midnight, Saturday, April 30th, 1932.

On motion of the Minister of Lands and Fisheries, the Bill entitled "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent the Bill entitled "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" was read a second time, and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Whereupon with unanimous consent, and on motion of the Minister of Lands and Fisheries, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to them referred and had passed the said Bill with some amendment.

On motion this report was received and adopted and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Pursuant to Order, and on motion of the Minister of Lands and Fisheries, the Bill entitled "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be engrossed, being entitled as above, and that it be sent to the Legislative Council with a message requesting the concurrence of that body in its provisions.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises it adjourn until this Saturday afternoon at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

SATURDAY, April 30th, 1932

The House met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bills setn up entitled, respectively: "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company;" "An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public for the Financial Years ending respectively the 30th day of June 1932 and the 30th day of June 1933, and for other Purposes relating to the Public Service;" "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly;'" "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly;'" "An Act Relating to export of Manufactured Products of Timber;" "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline;" "An Act to make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932" and "An Act in relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan, and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" without amendment.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the House of Assembly that it had passed the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated

Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries' with some amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out the words "September 30th" and insert the words "December 31st" in Section 6 (e).

Insert the words "not exceeding" after the word "five" in the 7th line of Section 6 (b) and strike out the word "of" in the said line.

The said amendments having been read a first time and second time, and concurred in, it was ordered that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting that body that the said Amendments had been concurred in without amendment.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair until five minutes to four of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

At four of the clock the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod appeared at the Bar of the House with a message from His Excellency the Governor commanding the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker at the Bar of the Council Chamber addressed His Excellency as follows:

May it Please Your Excellency:

The House of Assembly have voted the Supply required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

In the name of the House of Assembly I present the following Bills for Your Excellency's assent:

An Act to Amend the Law with respect to the carriage of Goods by Sea.

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

An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts of 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930.

An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled "Of the Postal and Telegraph Services."

An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company."

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

“An Act to make provision for controlling the Export of Gold and for regulating the currency”; “An Act to reorganize the Department of Public Works”; “An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Customs’ ”; “An Act to amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Auditing of Public Accounts’ ”; An Act for the control of the Public Treasury”; “An Act to combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of ‘The Department of Lands and Fisheries’ ”; “An Act or the confirmation of a certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal”; “An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925”; “An Act to amend the Act 22 George V., Chapter 25, entitled ‘An Act respecting the export of shells from Labrador and the islands adjacent thereto’ ” “An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Death Duties’ ”; “An Act respecting Bonus addition to Pensions under ‘The War Pensions Act, 1922’ ”; “An Act to amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entitled ‘An Act respecting a tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland and amendments thereto’ ”; “An Act for the further amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925”; “An Act to amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled ‘The Income Tax Act, 1929,’ and Amending Acts”; “An Act to amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited’ ”; “An Act in relation to the tempor-

ary reduction of Civil Service Pensions"; "An Act in relation to a temporary reduction in the salaries of certain Persons in the Public Service"; "An Act to amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931"; "An Act to grant certain lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association"; "An Act respecting certain Retiring Allowances"; "An Act in relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties'"; "An Act to further amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees'"; "An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925"; "An Act further to amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921"; "An Act to provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes"; "An Act respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's"; "An Act authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company"; "An Act further to amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'"; "An Act in relation to the raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in relation to the raising of Money for the service of the said Loan and in relation to the issue of Savings Certificates"; "An Act in relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline"; "An Act to make provision for the holding of a General Election in the Year 1932"; "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'"; "An Act for grant-

ing 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, 1932, and the 30th day of June, 1933, and for other purposes Relating to the Public Service"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'; "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber."

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech to both Branches of the Legislature:

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

It gives me pleasure at the close of this long and important Session to relieve you from your legislative duties. Within a few days I shall issue a Proclamation dissolving the House of Assembly, and an election of representatives to that Chamber will be held, with Polling Day in the early part of June.

Your chief endeavour has been to adjust the Dominion's finances to the situation that has arisen because of world wide depression. This has made necessary severe measures of retrenchment and the imposition of additional taxes. In these matters we have had the guidance of financial experts from Great Britain and Canada. I

feel sure that the spirit of loyalty in our people will lead them to assist in every possible way in the carrying out of the proposals which have for their object the balancing of our Budget.

Under the Agreement made at the end of December last with the Syndicate Banks, you have passed certain legislation dealing with the export of Gold, and with the Control of the Public Treasury, and these measures will tend to stabilize our finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet the interest due on the Public Debt at the end of June, and the Act respecting a Dominion Loan ensures that our obligations in this respect will be fulfilled.

In your wisdom you have thought it well to reduce the representation to the House of Assembly, and the Redistribution Act for this purpose will give that branch of the Legislature a membership of twenty-seven representatives. This action, while assigning enlarged Districts to the individual representatives will assist in the present effort to restrict expenditure.

In order that a General Election may be held with the shortest possible delay, an amendment to the Election Act has provided that, for this Election only, the Voters Lists of 1928 shall be used and the booths throughout the country kept open to a later hour in order that all voters may have an opportunity to exercise their franchise.

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

I thank you for the care you have exercised in connection with the financial provision for the carrying on of the Public Services of the country, and it is with great regret that my Ministers have found it necessary to prescribe such drastic economies.

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:**Mr. Speaker and Members of the Honourable House of Assembly:**

In now proceeding to take up your ordinary vocations, I hope you may find great success, and I trust that Divine Providence may direct the destiny of our beloved land.

After which the Honourable President of the Legislative Council, by command of His Excellency, said:

Gentlemen:

It is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Saturday, the seventh day of May, ensuing, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

H. Y. MOTT,
Clerk.

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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 Newfoundland.



Fourth Session of the Twenty-Seventh
General Assembly, 1932.

Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

Fourth Session of the General Assembly of Newfoundland.

THURSDAY, February 4th, 1932.

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

The House met.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
S. Milley
Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
D. A. Ryan
Geo. Shea
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
G. A. Bartlett
A. Kean
Francis Pike

The President informed the House that he had a communication informing him of the appointment of Hon. Francis Pike as a Member of this House.

Hon. Mr. Pike was introduced by Hon. Sir T. K. Cook and Hon. Mr. McNamara.

The Commission appointing the Hon. Francis Pike was read by the Clerk, and the new Member was welcomed by the President, and took his seat accordingly.

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

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

Who being come thereto, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows:

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

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

Since I last had the pleasure of addressing you the page of history has recorded events of grave importance. Questions in connection with international finance and economics have occupied the attention of the world’s legislators and financiers,

and we are now entering a period even more momentous which will test the basis of our civilization in the solution of the greater problems that are affecting the well-being of humanity. Newfoundland, in common with the rest of the world, feels the burden, and I have called you together at an earlier date than is usual in order that you may give consideration to the various matters which in the opinion of my Ministers require attention for the economic upbuilding of this country.

The exports of pulp and paper for the last fiscal year show an increase in quantity and value. Our mineral production did not quite equal that of the previous fiscal year, while the value was considerably lower. Fishery products also show a total lower value, while the results of last season's catch show still greater depreciation. Our total exports, however, exceeded the imports in value by a sum of over \$4,000,000. Adequate returns for our products cannot be expected until the necessary adjustment of the world's economic condition has been carried out. The low prices received have been further discounted by the loss in exchange.

As my Ministers consider that the fisheries are of paramount importance, they have decided to continue the operations of the Fishery Research Commission in co-operation with the Empire Marketing Board of the United Kingdom. It is absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of this industry that we make use of the assistance which science offers, and in the preparation and

marketing of the product take advantage of the world's knowledge and experience.

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

The financial crisis throughout the world has had its reflection on our own Budget position. The deficit on the account of 1930-31 had to be met by borrowing and in view of the serious financial situation which was developing, my Ministers deem it advisable to obtain outside assistance and advice in the rehabilitation of the country's finances. For this purpose my Prime Minister proceeded to England, and in consultation with the appropriate Financial Departments, selected Sir Percy Thompson, K.B.E., C.B., Deputy Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, and Mr. J. H. Penson, M.C., an acting Principal in the Treasury, men of high financial standing and experience, recommended by the British Treasury.

Prior to their arrival here, steps had already been taken to curtail expenditure, and under their advice, a more comprehensive system of financial control has been established and considerable further economies have been effected.

In the early Summer my Prime Minister arranged to secure the services of an outstanding business executive from Canada in the person of Mr. R. J. Magor. In September last Mr. Magor commenced the reorganization of the Railways and other commercial and industrial enterprises with which the Government are concerned. As a result these services are making a considerably

improved financial showing, and it is confidently hoped that before long they will entirely cease to be a charge on Public Funds.

The process of financial reform is not yet completed, but substantial progress has already been made, and various Bills giving effect, so far as Legislation is necessary, to the reforms which have been introduced, will be laid before you.

It is anticipated that there will again be a substantial deficit in the accounts of the current fiscal year. It was necessary once more to resort to borrowing in order to obtain the funds required to pay the interest on the Public Debt which became due on the 1st January. It is also expected that the interest due on the 1st July will have to be met in part by borrowing, and a Bill providing for an International Loan will be laid before you in due course.

The Estimates of Expenditure and Revenue for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you, and it is hoped that, as a result of the reduction in expenditure which is taking place, and of measures, which will be laid before you, adequate provision will be made for balancing Revenue and Expenditure, and for the payment out of Revenue of all future interest on the Public Debt as and when it falls due.

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

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

A Bill will be laid before you which is intended to bring the currency policy of this Dominion into greater harmony with that of the rest of the Empire. It will provide for the restriction of the right to export Gold and for rendering legal tender the notes of certain Banks operating in Newfoundland.

A Bill will also be laid before you providing for a system of Treasury Control of expenditure on the lines of that which has been put into force since December last. The Bill will also provide that the Controller of the Treasury and Deputy Minister of Finance will hold office on terms similar to those relating to the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The establishment of the new system of financial control will render necessary a considerable alteration of our present audit procedure, and it will be necessary to amend the present Audit Act.

In carrying out the policy of economical reform, it has been decided to amalgamate the Departments of Agriculture and Mines and of Marine and Fisheries to form a Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Public Works will include that of the Government Engineer and of the Highroads Commission. Bills for legislative sanction to such reorganizations will be laid before you.

I trust that you may have Divine guidance in your consideration of the important matters which will come before you affecting the welfare of the people of this Dominion.

The House of Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Hon. the President reported His Excellency's Speech and on motion of Hon. Mr. McNamara and by consent of the House the reading of the same by the Clerk was dispensed with, and the Speech was taken as read.

The Hon. Mr. Pike moved the appointment of a Committee to draft an Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Davey seconded the motion.

The Hon. Mr. Job moved that the Debate on this motion be adjourned until the next sitting.

On motion put it was ordered accordingly.

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

Government House,
St. John's,
Newfoundland,

19 January, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Harold Macpherson has applied to the Governor for leave of absence from January 25th

to February 12th in order to visit Canada on business, and that His Excellency has been pleased to grant this leave.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

for Private Secretary.

The Honourable
The President,
Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned until the 23rd of February instant, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1932.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
D. A. Ryan
Geo. Shea
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
A. Kean
E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea
H. Macpherson
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Thursday, February 4th, were read and confirmed.

After some debate on the motion that a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature,

It was ordered, on motion put—

“That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature, and

Ordered—That the Hons. Messrs. Pike, Davey, Sir M. G. Winter, Messrs. Murphy and Sinnott be a Committee for that purpose.”

Hon. Sir T. K. Cook tabled:

Report of the Department of the Assessor of Income Tax.

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

Government House,
St. John's,
Newfoundland,
6 February, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable Samuel Milley during the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

for Private Secretary.

The Honourable
The President,
Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 1st day of March, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 1st, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

D. A. Ryan

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

Francis Pike

The Minutes of Tuesday, February 23rd, were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Pike, 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 Hon. Mr. Pike, and with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Address was read a second time (at length).

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Pike, 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 Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St.

George, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

May It Please Your Excellency:—

We the Legislative Council of Newfoundland in Session convened beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of the Legislature.

M. P. GIBBS,

President.

Council Chamber,

March 1st, 1932.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 10th day of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 10th, 1932

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E.
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
Harold Macpherson
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 1st, were read and confirmed.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea;" "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts of 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929," and "An Act to amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 3rd, 1932.

Mr. President:

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

titled, respectively, "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works" and "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and Other Documents,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 8th, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" and "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 10th, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act to amend Chapter 23

of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts,'” and “An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs,'” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 9th, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled “An Act to make provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency,” in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 8th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively,—

“An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts' ”;

“An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs' ”;

“An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury”;

“An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of ‘The Department of Lands and Fisheries’ ”;

“An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents’ ”;

“An Act to Amend the Law with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea”;

“An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Act 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929”;

“An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled “Of Companies’ ”;

“An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works”;

“An Act to make provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency,”

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 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.

At 4.30 p.m., the House having returned, the Honourable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address and return an Answer thereto in the following words:

**Mr. President and Honourable Members 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, Newfoundland,
10th March, 1932.

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

The Governor has the honour to communicate to The Honourable Legislative Council the appointment of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Cap. 7, Consolidated Sta-

tutes (3rd Series) as set forth in the accompanying certified copy of a Minute of the Honourable Executive Council approved on the 8th of February, 1932.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
11th February, 1932.

CERTIFIED COPY OF MINUTES OF THE
HONOURABLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR ON THE 8th FEBRUARY,
1932.

February 5, 1932.

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

Honourable President Legislative Council,
" Sir Tasker Cook, Kt.,
" J. V. O'Dea,
" The Speaker, House of Assembly,
" H. M. Mosdell, M.D.,
" F. G. Bradley, K.C., and
" P. J. Lewis.

Certified true Copy,

(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Secretary of State.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
18 February, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Govern-
to inform you that His Excellency has granted
leave of absence from the Legislative Council to
the Honourable D. A. Ryan for the remainder of
the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

for Private Secretary.

The Honourable
The President,
Legislative Council.

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
26 February, 1932

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Govern-
to inform you that His Excellency has granted
leave of absence from the Legislative Council to
the Honourable Capt. A. Kean for the remainder
of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,

for Private Secretary.

The Honourable

The President,

Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday next, the 15th day of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 15th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

J. J. Murphy

Sir T. K. Cook

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

E. F. Sinnott

Harold Macpherson

Francis Pike

The Minutes of Thursday, March 10th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively—"An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts'"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Customs'"; "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries'"; "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works"; "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents'"; "An Act to Amend the Law with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea"; "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1927, 1928, and 1929"; "An Act to make provision for controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating Currency," were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed on tomorrow.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the second reading of the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies'" were severally deferred.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act further to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'" and "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 4th, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 3rd, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act further to Amend the Act 20 George V. Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to

enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company’ ”; “An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services,’ ” and “An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930,” 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 communication had been received from Government House:

Government House,
St. John's,
Newfoundland,
12th March, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has granted leave of absence from the Legislative Council to the Honourable Sir M. G. Winter, Kt., C.B.E., for the remainder of the present session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) GEO. R. CAKE,
for Private Secretary.

The Honourable
The President,
Legislative Council.

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, the 16th day of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 16th, 1933.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
Harold Macpherson
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 15th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Auditing of Public Accounts.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. 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.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries.'"

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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works."

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. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Amendment of Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Law with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea."

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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts 1898, 1928, 1928 and 1929."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating Currency."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled “An Act for Control of the Public Treasury” was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, “An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Companies’ ”; “An Act further to Amend the Act 20, George V., Chapter 3, entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company’ ”; “An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services’ ” and “An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930” were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed on to morrow.

The Honourable 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 en-

titled, respectively, "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal," "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V., Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto,'" and "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," in which they request the Concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 15th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act for the Confirmation of a certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal," "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V., Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto,'" and "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," 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 Friday, the 18th day of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 18th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
J. J. Murphy
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
Geo. Shea
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
E. F. Sinnott,
J. V. O'Dea,
Harold MacPherson,
Francis Pike.

The Minutes of Wednesday, March 16th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of 'The Department of Lands and Fisheries'," and "An Act to Amend the Law with respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea," 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 informing that body that this House had passed the same without amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T.K. 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. Macpherson 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled, "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V. Chapter 3 entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company'."

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

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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'."

Hon. Mr. Pike in the Chair.

After some time 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930."

Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

After some time 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. Sir T. K. Cook the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925," "An Act to Amend the Act 22 George V., Chapter 25, entitled, 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto'," and "An Act for the Confirmation of a certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal," 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 that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties'," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 18th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties'," was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 22nd of March instant, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 22nd, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

J. J. Murphy

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

Geo. Shea

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

Harold Macpherson

Francis Pike

The Minutes of Friday, March 18th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir. T. K. Cook the Bills sent up en-

titled, respectively, "An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930," "An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Companies,'" and "An Act Further to Amend the Act 20, George V., Chapter 3, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company,'" 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 Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services.'"

Hon. Mr. Pike 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925."

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

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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 22, George V., Chapter 25, entitled 'An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto.'"

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of a certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the second reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed 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 Bill entitled "An Act respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under 'The War Pensions Act,'" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus addition to Pensions under 'The War Pensions Act, 1932,'" was read a first time, and

Ordered—To be read a second time on tomorrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, March 31st, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 31st, 1932

PRESENT

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
S. Milley
F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
H. Macpherson

The Minutes of Tuesday, March 22nd, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, Hon. Sir T. K. Cook moved the third reading of the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'," but shortly thereafter asked leave to withdraw this motion.

The motion that the Hon. Sir T. K. Cook have leave to withdraw his motion having been put, was carried.

The Hon. Sir T. K. Cook then moved that the third reading of the said Bill be deferred until tomorrow.

The motion having been put and carried it was ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bills sent up entitled, respectively: 'An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act' and "An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Mon-

treasuries" 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the Order for Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Death Duties,'" was deferred.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed on to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under 'The War Pensions Act 1922,'" was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed 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 en-

titled, respectively, "An Act to amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entitled 'An Act respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto'" and "An Act for the further amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" in which thy request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
March 29th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 and amendments thereto'," and "An Act for the further amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" 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 Thursday, the 7th day of April, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 7th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
Geo. Shea
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
G. A. Bartlett
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
H. Macpherson
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Thursday, March 31st, were read and confirmed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McNamara, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'," was re-committed.

Hon. Mr. Steer in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill as amended was read a third time and passed, and

The Honourable 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 an amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Off Death 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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under 'The War Pensions Act 1922'."

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. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House the said Bill was read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. 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 and Amendments thereto'," and "An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act 1925" were severally read a second time, and

Ordered—To be severally committed on to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 14th day of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 14th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
S. Milley
Sir T. K. Cook
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
G. A. Bartlett

E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
Harold Macpherson
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Thursday, April 7th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 35, entitled 'An Act Respecting a Tax on Goods imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto.'"

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be received.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925,

Hon. Mr. Macpherson 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. Sir T. K. Cook with the unanimous consent of the House, 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.

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 acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929,' and amending Acts." in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH.

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 4th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929,' and Amending Acts'" was read a first time, and

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

On motion made the House adjourned until to-morrow, Friday, the 15th day of April instant at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 15th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
S. Milley
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
Geo. Shea
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
G. A. Bartlett
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
H. Macpherson
Francis Pike

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 and Amendments thereto.' "

Hon. Mr. Sinnot 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. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act 1929 and Amending Acts'," was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed on to-morrow.

On motion made the House adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th day of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 19th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President
S. Milley
F. McNamara
Sir T. K. Cook
F. H. Steer, M.B.E.
John Davey
C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.
R. B. Job
G. A. Bartlett
E. F. Sinnott
J. V. O'Dea
H. Macpherson.
Francis Pike

The Minutes of Friday, April 15th, were read and confirmed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled 'The Income Tax Act, 1929, and Amending Acts.' "

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, 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.

On motion made the House adjourned until Thursday, the 21st of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 21st, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

G. A. Bartlett

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

Francis Pike

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 19th, 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 Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act or the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited,' " in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 19th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled 'An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited' " was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the said Bill was read a second time, and

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, with the unanimous consent of the House, the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

The 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. Sir T. K. 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.

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

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the Postal and Telegraph Services'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 21st, 1932.

Mr. President:

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St.

Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 21st, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" was read a first time, and

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

The Hon. Mr. McNamara tabled the correspondence passing between him and Sir Percy Thompson respecting Income Tax Legislation.

Hon. Sir T. K. Cook gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the suspension of the Rules of the House in relation to the passage of Bills now before the House or to come before it during the Session.

On motion made the House adjourned until Friday, the 22nd day of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 22nd, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

G. A. Bartlett

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

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

Pursuant to Notice and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook—

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received, and

Ordered—That the said Bill be read a third 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 in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions”;

“An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service”;

“An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931”;

“An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances”;

“An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties,’” and

“An Act further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Trustees,’ ”

in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker

House of Assembly,
April 21st, 1932.

On motion of the Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled “An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions” was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time, and

Ordered—To be committed on to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes

(Third Series) entitled 'Of Stamp Duties' " was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was then read a third time, and passed, and

The Honourable 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Trustees' " was read a first time;

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 Bill entitled "An Act further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 22nd, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Further to Amend the St. John's Municipal Act, 1921," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 Honourable 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 provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs Excise Duties and Import Taxes" and "An Act for the further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH.

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 22nd, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson 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. Sir T. K. 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 Tuesday, the 26th day of April instant, at 3.00 o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY, April 26th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

Geo. Shea

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

A. Kean

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

The Minutes of Friday, April 22nd, were read and confirmed.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson moved that the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" be recommitted.

The Motion having been put and carried it was ordered accordingly.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill, as amended, 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 with an amendment and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1931."

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 Thursday, the 28th of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 28th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

J. J. Murphy

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

Geo. Shea

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

A. Kean

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

I. R. Randell

The Minutes of Tuesday, April 26th, were read and confirmed.

The President informed the House that he had a communication informing him of the appointment of Hon. Capt. Isaac Randell as a Member of this House.

Hon. Capt. Randell was introduced by Hon. Mr. Davey and Hon. Capt. Kean.

The Commission appointing the Hon. Capt. Randell was read by the Clerk, and the new Member was welcomed by the President, and took his seat accordingly.

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 acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Amendment sent down in and upon the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Mary's Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association" without amendment.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 27th, 1932.

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 Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 27th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor of St. John's" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 Friday, the 29th day of April instant, at 3.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 29th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

J. J. Murphy

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

A. Kean

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

H. Macpherson

I. R. Randell

The Minutes of Thursday, April 28th, 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 Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act further to Amend

Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries,' and "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company," in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,
April 28th, 1932

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bills sent up entitled, respectively, "An Act further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" and "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company" 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 Saturday, the 30th day of April instant, at 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, April 30th, 1932.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:

Hons. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., President

S. Milley

F. McNamara

Sir T. K. Cook

Geo. Shea

F. H. Steer, M.B.E.

John Davey

C. P. Ayre, M.B.E.

R. B. Job

A. Kean

E. F. Sinnott

J. V. O'Dea

Harold Macpherson

I. R. Randell

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook, the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 with some amendments.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill as amended 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 with some amendments and requesting concurrence therein.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day and on motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company" was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. 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 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'" and "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 29th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly'" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. Sinnott in the chair,

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

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 had passed the Bill entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years Ending the 30th day of June, 1932, and the 30th day of June, 1933, and for other purposes Relating to the Public Service.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 29th, 1932.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending the 30th day of June, 1932, and the 30th day of June, 1933, and for other Purposes Relating to the Public Service" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 acquaints the Legislative Council that they have passed the Bills entitled, respectively, "An Act in Relation to the Raising of of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in relation to the raising of a Sum of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in relation to the issue of Savings Certificates"; "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'"; "An Act to make Provision for the holding of a General Election in the Year 1932," and "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" in which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Passed by the House of Assembly,
April 29th, 1932.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in 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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates."

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. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of the House of Assembly'," was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the House went into Committee on the said Bill.

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.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act to make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 the Bill without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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. Sir T. K. Cook the Bill sent up entitled "An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline" was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. Cook the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 without amendment.

Ordered—That the Report be received.

On motion of Hon. Sir T. K. 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 House adjourned during pleasure.

The House resumed.

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 further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled 'Of Lotteries'" without amendment.

(Sgd.) A. J. WALSH,

Speaker.

House of Assembly,

April 30th, 1932.

At 4 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 the 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 speak as follows:

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

It gives me pleasure at the close of this long and important Session to relieve you from your legislative duties. Within a few days I shall issue a Proclamation dissolving the House of Assembly, and an election of representatives to that Chamber will be held, with Polling Day in the early part of June.

Your chief endeavour has been to adjust the Dominion’s finances to the situation that has arisen because of world wide depression. This has made necessary severe measures of retrenchment and the imposition of additional taxes. In these matters we have had the guidance of financial experts from Great Britain and Canada. I feel sure that the spirit of loyalty in our people will lead them to assist in every possible way in the carrying out of the proposals which have for their object the balancing of our Budget.

Under the Agreement made at the end of December last with the Syndicate Banks, you have passed certain legislation dealing with the export of Gold, and with the Control of the Public Treasury, and these measures will tend to stabilize our finances.

Arrangements have been made to meet the interest due on the Public Debt at the end of June, and the Act respecting a Dominion Loan ensures that our obligations in this respect will be fulfilled.

In your wisdom you have thought it well to reduce the representation to the House of Assembly, and the Redistribution Act for this purpose will give that branch of the Legislature a membership of twenty-seven representatives. This action, while assigning enlarged Districts to the individual representatives will assist in the present effort to restrict expenditure.

In order that a General Election may be held with the shortest possible delay, an amendment to the Election Act has provided that, for this Election only, the Voters Lists of 1928 shall be used and the booths throughout the country kept open to a later hour in order that all voters may have an opportunity to exercise their franchise.

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

I thank you for the care you have exercised in connection with the financial provision for the carrying on of the Public Services of the country,

and it is with great regret that my Ministers have found it necessary to prescribe such drastic economies.

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:

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

In now proceeding to take up your ordinary vocations, I hope you may find great success, and I trust that Divine Providence may direct the destiny of our beloved land.

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

“An Act to Amend the Salt Codfish Act, 1932.”

“An Act to Amend the Act 18 George V., Chapter 3 (1927) entitled ‘An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Holyrood Pond Fisheries Limited.’”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Postal and Telegraph Services.’”

“An Act for the Control of the Public Treasury.”

“An Act to Amend the Act 15 George V., Chapter 33, entitled ‘An Act Respecting a Tax on

Goods Imported into Newfoundland and Amendments thereto.' ”

“An Act Respecting a Bonus Addition to Pensions under ‘The War Pensions Act, 1922.’ ”

“An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Death Duties.’ ”

“An Act to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 36, entitled ‘The Income Tax Act, 1929’ and Amending Acts.”

“An Act in Relation to the Amendment of the Loan Acts of 1898, 1927, 1928 and 1929.”

“An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act, 1925.”

“An Act to Amend the Act 22 George V., Chapter 25, entitled ‘An Act Respecting the Export of Marine Shell from Labrador and the Islands adjacent thereto.’ ”

“An Act for the Confirmation of a Certain Loan in connection with the Western Marine Railway from the Bank of Montreal.”

“An Act to Combine the Departments of Agriculture and of Mines with the Department of Marine and Fisheries under the title of ‘The Department of Lands and Fisheries.’ ”

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

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

“An Act to make Provision for Controlling the Export of Gold and for Regulating the Currency.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 111 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the Registration of Deeds and other Documents.’ ”

“An Act to Amend the Law with Respect to the Carriage of Goods by Sea.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 127 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Companies.’ ”

“An Act to Amend the Radio Telegraph Act, 1930.”

“An Act Further to Amend the Act 20 George V., Chapter 3, entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.’ ”

“An Act to Reorganize the Department of Public Works.”

“An Act in Relation to the Temporary Reduction of Civil Service Pensions.”

“An Act Respecting Certain Retiring Allowances.”

An Act in Relation to a Temporary Reduction in the Salaries of Certain Persons in the Public Service.”

“An Act Further to Amend the St. John’s Municipal Act, 1921.”

“An Act in Relation to the Amendment of Chapter 28 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Stamp Duties.’ ”

“An Act to Provide for the Addition of a Temporary Surtax to Customs and Excise Duties and Import Taxes.”

“An Act for the Further Amendment of the Revenue Act, 1925.”

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 125 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Trustees.’ ”

“An Act Further to Amend Chapter 105 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Lotteries.’ ”

“An Act Authorizing the Governor in Council to enter into a Contract with Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Limited, and Western Union Telegraph Company.”

“An Act in Relation to the Raising of a Loan on the Credit of the Dominion for Certain Public Purposes and in Relation to the Raising of Money for the Service of the said Loan and in Relation to the Issue of Savings Certificates.”

“An Act in Relation to the Payment to Fishermen of a Bonus on Gasoline.”

“An Act Relating to Export of Manufactured Products of Timber.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of Legislative Disabilities and the Vacation of Seats in the House of Assembly.’”

“An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for defraying certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Years ending, respectively, the thirtieth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and the thirtieth day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and for other Purposes relating to the Public Service.”

“An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series) entitled ‘Of the House of Assembly.’”

“An Act to make Provision for the Holding of a General Election in the Year 1932.”

“An Act to Grant Certain Lands at St. Marv’s Harbour, Labrador, to International Grenfell Association.”

**"An Act Respecting a Vacancy in the Office of
the Mayor of St. John's."**

The Hon. the President then said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly stand prorogued until Saturday, the 7th day of May next, then and here to be holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

R. A. PARSONS,

Clerk of the Legislative Council

