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TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Begun and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of October, Anno Domino, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-one, being in the Fifteenth year of the Reign of His Majesty our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith,

Wednesday, October 24th, 1951.

His Honour having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature at three of the clock in the afternoon of this Wednesday, the Twenty-fourth day of October instant, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Room at three of the clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

At three of the clock the Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and party had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and party entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair.

His Honour was then pleased to open the Session with a Speech from the Throne as follows:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The people of Newfoundland in common with all peoples of the Commonwealth have followed with their prayers ~~and~~ recent serious illness of His Majesty the King. We rejoice with them in his continued progress towards recovery and trust

that before long His Majesty may be entirely restored to good health. With all other Canadians we have also shared in the keen interest displayed in the tour of Their Royal Highnesses The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh across Canada. The warm reception they have received everywhere is further evidence of the close ties which bind this Dominion with the Throne. This Province is looking forward with eager anticipation to the arrival here of our gracious Princess and gallant husband. Their programme of Their Royal Highnesses' visit here has been arranged to give as many of our people as possible opportunities to share in and accord our royal visitors a worthy welcome.

At the completion of ten years since the American forces have been stationed in Newfoundland, I avail myself of the opportunity to express the appreciation of the Government and people of this Province for the cordial relations which have consistently prevailed between us. The distinguishing of this relationship has been a mutual spirit of friendship, co-operation, consideration and respect. The Services' and civilian personnel of the United States who have been posted in this Province have proved to be both good neighbours and employers. It is with pride and pleasure I say this at the completion of the decade of ~~the decade~~ of their sojourn among us.

I am sure that all Newfoundlanders rejoice in the flourishing state of the Province in 1951. It is the simple truth to say that in all her long history Newfoundland has never known such a high degree of prosperity as there is in this present year. Never before did the majority of our people enjoy such a high standard of living as they do today. It will be the hope of all that this prosperity will continue and even increase to embrace all the citizens of the Province.

My Ministers have continued to devote the greater part of their energies to the task of economic development of the Province, and very encouraging success has attended their efforts. The new cement mill at Humbermouth has been completed, and cement is now being manufactured in it. The outlook for this great industrial enterprise is exceedingly bright, and it is anticipated that there will be no difficulty in selling the entire production of cement at profitable prices. It is reliably estimated that for each of the next three years there will be used in Newfoundland more than eight times as much cement as the new mill can produce, and should the deepening of the St. Lawrence Seaway be commenced in the near future a great additional market for Newfoundland cement will undoubtedly be open. The Humbermouth mill will produce Portland cement of the highest quality, and it will not be surprising if the mill's productive capacity has to be doubled or trebled within the next year or two. North Star Cement Company Limited, ^{which} has been incorporated to manage the production and sale of the cement for the first few months, ~~which~~ has already been offered a market within Newfoundland of approximately 5,000,000 bags a year at profitable prices, as against the mill's present installed capacity of approximately ~~6,000,000~~ bags. One consumer in Newfoundland offers to accept a daily amount of cement that would require a ten-car train to move. The people of the Province will, I feel sure, be very gratified to know that the future is so bright for this first of the new industries.

Very much the same situation is true of the new Gypsum, Plaster, Plasterboard and Plaster Lath Mill. This mill, which is now rapidly bearing completion, will commence production a few weeks hence. It is one of the most modern and efficient factories of its kind in the world, and for its output there is a very brisk demand at profitable prices, both within and without Newfoundland.

The third of the new industries to be launched is the birch veneer and plywood mill. This mill^{also} produce also hardwood flooring and hardwood doors. It has commenced production, and all who have inspected the enterprise cannot fail to have been impressed by the very modern and efficient plant that has been established. The market demands for the products of this mill are quite incapable of being satisfied, and my Ministers have now under consideration a proposition from a very substantial European owner of several such mills for the establishment of a second veneer and plywood mill in Newfoundland. Investigations have revealed that this Province contains very large stands of healthy birch, both white and yellow, to provide the raw materials for two modern plants. One of the most satisfactory features of the birch veneer and plywood industry is that a large amount of employment is created by it in many parts of the Province.

Construction of the new tannery is proceeding rapidly at Carbonear, and a start has been ~~made~~^{made} at the construction of the large new machinery factory at Donovan's. This latter seems likely to become the largest single labour-giving enterprise in Newfoundland, apart from the fisheries. It is expected, within the next two years or so, to employ 5,000 men in full-time work, or more than the number now fully employed in the Corner Brook and Grand Falls paper mills, and the mines of Bell Island, Buchans, St. Lawrence all counted together.

The first of the machinery for the new cotton textile mill is scheduled to leave Europe for Newfoundland on the fifth of November next. Construction of the buildings is expected to commence even before that date.

The new leather-goods factory is expected to commence early in November, and indeed before the close of the present calendar year a number of other new industries are due to commence actual construction. My Ministers expect that by the Spring of 1952 more than twenty new industries will have commenced production or else be in course of construction.

My Prime Minister, accompanied by my Attorney General, returned recently from a six weeks' tour of Europe, during which they visited the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden. This tour was undertaken for the sole purpose of inviting certain industrialists of those countries to establish new industrial enterprises in Newfoundland. You will be pleased to learn that they were^{very} successful in their purpose. Some fifteen additional new industries were secured in England, Belgium, Germany and Sweden. Directors and other representatives of these fifteen firms have either visited Newfoundland since my Ministers' return from Europe, are here now, or are expected to arrive within the next week or two.

I am sure that you, in common with all the people of Newfoundland, will be gratified to learn that three different financial groups are at present in touch with my Government with regard to the establishment of pulp mills in this Province. My Ministers have adopted the firm policy of refusing to issue permits for the export of round or raw wood from the Province, except in cases where a very substantial amount of payment is received into the Treasury for each cord so exported. Their policy is to encourage the establishment of pulp mills, or pulp and paper mills, which will manufacture the wood into finished, or at least semi-finished, products within the Province. The demand for pulpwood has grown to very great proportions on the continent of Europe, and important financial

and industrial interests are turning their attention increasingly to the timber resources of Labrador. The three interests who have already approached my Government with propositions for the establishment of pulp-mills have also suggested that in the meanwhile, during the period of construction, they be permitted to export certain maximum quantities of pulp-wood in the round or raw state. The policy of the Government is to refuse to grant such permits except under two conditions; first, that the parties concerned give written guarantees, with penalty clauses and time limits, to establish pulp-mills, in which case a reasonable charge would be made for the wood so exported; or, second, that if no pulp-mill is guaranteed to be built, a very much higher rate be charged for round wood exported.

Labrador At your last Session you presented for my assent a Bill empowering the Labour Timber Utilization Company to cut some 200,000 cords of pulpwood annually in the Lake Melville area of Labrador, at a charge for the timber running at present around five dollars a cord, but in any case to fall below half that amount at any time. The promoter of this company, as it appears to my Ministers, has since then made every sincere effort to carry out the obligations imposed by the Act upon him. He applied to his Government for the official release of close to three million dollars to place on deposit in his company's bank in St. John's, to finance the Labrador timber operations. Expecting fully that his Government would agree to the necessary release, he loaded some hundreds of tons of logging and similar equipment aboard a steamship routed to Newfoundland. Before the steamship had sailed, however, his Government had stipulated that before the dollar capital could be released there would have to be an examination of the practical prospects of the operation in Labrador. He was therefore obliged to unload the equipment, though some material lies now in St. John's. In the meanwhile a commission visited the Lake Melville area to make the examination on the spot, and to the deep regret of all concerned the result of the examination was a report stating that the whole project was unsound and impracticable. This report stated that it was physically impossible to carry on logging in Labrador for more than three months ~~in~~ a year. ~~No permit was issued for the release of the dollar capital needed, and the promoter was obliged to postpone his operations. He and a second commission is due to arrive in the Lake Melville area within the next week to make a more thorough and careful investigation of the project.~~ In the meantime, the Newfoundland Treasury has been put to no expense whatsoever in the matter. If the promoter finds in the end that he cannot perform what he has undertaken in his contract with my Government, then his rights will come to an end. If however he finds that he is in a position to carry on his undertakings then considerable amounts of revenue will flow into the Treasury, and a result reached which will be satisfactory to all concerned.

More than ever my Ministers are convinced that economic development is their first duty and first responsibility. They have abiding faith in the industrial future of this Province, and ~~abundant~~ that Newfoundland has now entered upon an era of great development that will make this Province, in the next few years, one of the most prosperous parts of North America. New confidence has arisen in the minds of our people, and the feeling is spreading rapidly that Newfoundland at last is coming into her own. Newfoundland, with Labrador, contains one of the last great storehouses of natural wealth to be developed in North America; my Ministers have succeeded in arousing very considerable interest amongst industrialists and financiers of Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. The past two years have been a period of exploration and preparation. The next two or three will be a period of speedy development. Never in all our Newfoundland history was the opportunity

so great to bring about a large scale economic development, and my Ministers are convinced that their energies must be devoted almost wholly, in the next two or three years, to that purpose.

You will be gratified to know that revenue continues to be very buoyant. If the present rate of revenue and expenditure is maintained for the remainder of the financial year it is anticipated that there will be a surplus of not less than one million dollars on current account. This is all the more impressive in view of the fact that teachers' salaries and civil servants' cost of living bonus have been increased, since the Estimates were adopted in your last Session, by an amount of one Million dollars a year.

My Ministers will submit to you a Bill enabling my Government to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada for the inauguration of a plan of old age pensions, on the basis of a means test, to needy persons between the ages of sixty-five and sixty-nine.

In view of pending legislation by the Government of Canada you will be asked to approve legislation effecting a similar agreement to ensure continuance of existing pensions for blind persons twenty-one years of age and over.

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the ^{Education} Act, 1951".

On motion of Hon. the Attorney General the said Bill was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time ^{tomorrow}.

Mr. Speaker then stated that for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy of the Speech made by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which the Clerk then read at the table.

It was moved by Mr. Courage and seconded by Mr. Drover that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Honour had been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature and that a Select Committee be appointed to draft such an Address in Reply.

It was ordered accordingly and the following gentlemen were appointed to the said Committee:

Mr. Courage
Mr. Drover
Mr. Higgins

Hon. the Premier gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement Between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Construction ~~Company~~ Limited."

A Bill "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited."

A Bill "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanniers-William Dorn Limited".

Mr. Cashin gave notice of Questions

Mr. Higgins gave notice of Questions

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises, it adjourn until Thursday, October 25th, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, October 25th, 1951.

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

Mr. Courage, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to His Honour's Speech, presented the report of the Select Committee as follows:

To His Honour the Lieutenant Governor,
Sir Leonard Cecil Outerbridge,
Knight Bachelor, C.B.E., D.S.O.

May it please Your Honour:

We, the Commons of Newfoundland in
Legislative Session Assembled, beg to thank Your Honour
for the Gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed
to this House.

(Sgd) John R. Courage
John G. Higgins
Samuel Drover.

Assembly Room,
October 25th, A.D., 1951.

On motion of Mr. Russell the debate on the Address in Reply was deferred until to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited" 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 Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited" 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 Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Higgins gave notice of Question.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and United Cotton Mills Limited".

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Industries Act, 1951" 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 Hon. the Attorney General, and with unanimous consent, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H.H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, October 26th, 1951.

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

Hon. the Premier tabled a letter from ^{Mr.} Elja Lurje, re an article published in the Jewish Newspaper "The Day".

Hon. the Attorney General have notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951".

Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Alcoholic Liquors Act, 1949".

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and United Cotton Mills, Limited" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of Questions.

Mr. Higgins gave notice of Questions.

Mr. Fogwill gave notice of Questions.

The Address in Reply was debated and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

The Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited" was debated and on motion was deferred for further debate on to-morrow.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises, it adjourn until Monday afternoon, October 29th, at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Monday, October 29th, 1951.

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

Hon. the Premier tabled Accounts of the St. John's Municipal Council for the year ended the 31st. December, 1950, together with the Report of the Auditor General thereon".

Hon. the Premier tabled a copy of the Jewish Newspaper "The Day" together with an English translation.

Mr. Cashin gave notice of Question.

Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance".

Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons".

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951" 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 Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Alcoholic Liquors Act, 1949" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Industries Act, 1951".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage took the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported that they had considered the matter to 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 debate on the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited", was continued.

It was moved in Amendment by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Higgins that the said debate be adjourned until such time as expert, impartial advice was made available to the House sufficient to give members an opportunity to make a reasoned decision.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favour of the Amendment: Mr. Higgins, Mr. Fogwill, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Cashin, Mr. Russell (5); and against it, Hon. the Premier, Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, Hon. the Minister of Health, Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Co-operatives, Hon. the Minister of Supply, Hon. the Minister of Provincial Affairs, Hon. the Minister of Education, Hon. the Minister of Labour, Hon. Mr. Vardy, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Courage, Mr. Button, Mr. Janes, Mr. Drover, Mr. Horwood (16) so the amendment was lost.

Whereupon, on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited" 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.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Tuesday, October 30th, 1951

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

Hon. the Premier tabled Regulations made under the Social Security Assessment Act, 1949.

Mr. Higgins gave notice of Question.

Hon. the Premier gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to make Provision for the Granting or Guaranteeing of Loans to Certain Companies.

Hon. the Premier gave notice thzt he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Records Act, 1951".

Hon. the Premier gave notice that he would on to-morrow move the House into Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions in Relation to the Grant of Supplementary Supply to His Majesty.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance 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 Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued and on motion was adjourned for further debate at a later hour in the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited" 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 Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

The Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect ^{to an agreement} between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" was debated and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, October 31st, 1951.

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

Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare made a statement Re Southern Labrador.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1951" 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 Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Records Act, 1951" 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 Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Industries Act, 1951" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

On motion of Hon. the Attorney General, it was ordered that the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited," be recommitted.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to Consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

The Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and the United Cotton Mills Limited" was debated and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

And it being six of the clock, Wednesday, it was ordered, on motion of Hon. the Premier, that the House do not adjourn.

The House recessed until eight of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

On motion, the report of the Select Committee appointed to draft a reply to the Opening Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951" 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 Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Alcoholic Liquors Act, 1949" 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 Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Records Act, 1951" 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 Hon. the Premier the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 debate on the Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" was debated and on motion was adjourned, for further debate on to-morrow.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Thursday, November 1st, 1951.

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

Hon. the Premier made a Statement Re a General Election.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Alcoholic Liquors Act, 1949" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Records Act, 1951" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance" 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 Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons" 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 Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" was read a second time and it was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House at a later hour in the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Courage 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.

Hon. the Minister of Finance informed the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the contents of certain Resolutions in relation to the Grant of Supplementary Supply to His Majesty, had recommended the same to the House of Assembly.

Hon. the Minister of Finance tabled Executive Orders in explanation of the amounts mentioned in the said Resolutions.

Pursuant to notice and motion of Hon. the Minister of Finance, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Grant of Supplementary Supply to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 granting Supplementary Supply to His Majesty and recommended that a Bill be introduced to give effect to the same.

The said Resolutions being read a first and 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 Hon. the Minister of Finance 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 Year Ending The Thirty-first Day of March One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-two and for Other Purpose Relating to the Public Service, was introduced and 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 Hon. the Minister of Finance the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, and with unanimous consent, 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 presently.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the said Bill 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 Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Elections Act, 1913".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

On motion of Hon. the Premier, the previous order to refer the Bills entitled "An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance" and "An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons" to a Committee of the Whole House on to-morrow, was rescinded and it was ordered that the said Bills be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

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Pursuant to order and on motion of the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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 Bills without amendment.

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

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.



H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Friday, November 2nd, 1951.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply, presently.

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

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

I thank you for Your Address in Reply to the Speech with which your Present Session was opened.

Hon. the Minister of Supply tabled "Town of Corner Brook Pension Regulations".

Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that he would at a late hour in the day ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Town Council Bond Guarantee Act, 1951".

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Finance, 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 Year Ending the Thirty-first Day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-two 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 printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

On the motion of Hon. the Premier that the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" be read a third time, and it was moved in amendment by Mr. Higgins, Seconded by Mr. Fogwill, that the said Bill be read a third time six months hence.

Whereupon the House divided and there appeared in favour of the amendment, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Fogwill, (2); and against it, Hon. the Premier, Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, Hon. the Minister of Health, Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Co-operatives, Hon. the Minister of Supply, Hon. the Minister of Provincial Affairs, Hon. the Minister of Labour, Hon. the Minister of Education, Hon. Mr. Vardy, Mr. Courage, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Makinson, Mr. Button, Mr. Janes, Mr. Horwood, Mr. Cashin, (17); so the amendment was lost.

Whereupon, on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited" was read a third time and passed, and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Public Welfare, the Bill entitled "An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Election Act, 1913" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and United Cotton Mills Limited" 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 Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and United Cotton Mills Limited" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1951" 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 Hon. the Premier, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the said Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Premier, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1951" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

Pursuant to notice and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Town Council Bond Guarantee Act, 1951" was introduced and 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 Hon. the Attorney General, the said Bill 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 Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Town Council Bond Guarantee Act, 1951".

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Courage 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.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Town Council Bond Guarantee Act, 1951" was read a third time and passed and it was ordered that the said Bill be printed, being entitled as above, and that it be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor for his assent.

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

The House then adjourned accordingly.

H. H. CUMMINGS,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Saturday, November 3rd, 1951.

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

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor had arrived.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of this Province has at its Present Session passed Certain Bills, to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bills entitled:

An Act to Amend the Industries Act, 1951.

An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement Between the Government and Newfoundland Asbestos Limited.

An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement Between the Government and Canadian Machinery and Industry Construction Limited.

An Act Further to Amend the Alcoholic Liquors Act, 1949.

An Act to Amend the Public Records Act, 1951.

An Act Further to Amend the Election Act, 1913.

An Act to Amend the Automobile Insurance Act, 1951.

An Act Respecting Old Age Assistance.

An Act Respecting Allowances for Blind Persons.

An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement Between the Government and Newfoundland Tanneries-William Dorn Limited.

An Act to Approve and Give Statutory Effect to an Agreement between the Government and United Cotton Mills Limited.

An Act to Amend the Loan and Guarantee Act, 1951.

An Act to Amend the Town Council Bond Guarantee Act, 1951.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then said "In His Majesty's name I assent to these Bills.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

It is my agreeable duty on behalf of His Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects, His faithful Commons in Newfoundland, to present to Your Honour Bills for the appropriation of Supply granted in the Present Session.

Whereupon the Clerk read the following Bill entitled:

An Act for Granting to His Majesty Certain Sums of Money for Defraying Certain Expenses of the Public Service for the Financial Year Ending the Thirty-First Day of March One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two and for Other Purposes Relating to the Public Service.

His Honour then said "In His Majesty's name, I thank His loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence, and assent to these Bills".

His Honour was then pleased to make the following Speech:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I thank you for the industrious and faithful manner in which you have performed your duties.

Although your Session has been short you have given your careful attention to numerous important pieces of legislation.

Assembly

My Prime Minister has advised me to dissolve this Twenty-Ninth General and to cause my Proclamation to be issued for the holding of a General Election. I have accepted the advice tendered to me, and my Proclamation will issue in a matter of hours from now.

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOURABLE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Although this Twenty-Ninth General Assembly has been of shorter than the usual duration, it can be said that during your four Sessions you have presented for the Royal Assent more Bills of Legislation than were ever before passed by any General Assembly in Newfoundland. Throughout those four Sessions you have performed your public duties with diligence and with the desire that the many measures enacted should promote the progress and prosperity of our Province.

I now release you from your duties as Members of the House of Assembly and wish you God-speed in your several occupations.

Henry H. Cummings