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JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BEGUN and holden at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland on Monday the 12th day of September, Anno Domini, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-five in the Fourth Year of the reign of Her Majesty our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Monday, September 12th., 1955.

His Honour the Administrator having fixed the hour at which he proposed to open the present Session of the Legislature to be three of the clock in the afternoon of this Monday, the 12th. day of September, the Members of the House of Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber 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 Administrator had arrived.

His Honour entered the Assembly Chamber preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

His Honour the Administrator 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:

You have been called together to consider a matter of very great public importance. I refer to the proposal to open a new large iron mine in Labrador and to build a railway to connect that mine with the railway already in operation in that territory. These combined undertakings constitute the Canadian Javelin Limited project.

All Newfoundlanders must have derived keen pleasure from witnessing the striking new developments that have already taken

place in Labrador. Much employment has been obtained by our people in connection with the opening of the Knob Lake iron mines and the building of the railway from Seven Islands to that area and many millions of dollars have been paid in wages to our workers in that great enterprise. We have all been deeply impressed with the knowledge that the British Newfoundland Corporation have so energetically undertaken the work of prospecting for minerals in Labrador and the even greater task of surveying the immense water power potentialities of the Hamilton River water shed. This present Javelin project is, my Ministers believe, but the latest in what is bound to be a series of vast and far-reaching developments in the Labrador Peninsula.

You will be asked to enact legislation authorizing my Ministers to guarantee a bond issue of \$16,500,000 to assist Canadian Javelin Limited in building the railway and in creating the mining establishment at Wabush Lake. You will be asked further to take the necessary steps to amend the legislation governing the railway operated by the Labrador Mining and Exploration Company Limited in Labrador.

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

I am confident that you will give to these matters your careful and conscientious attention; and I invoke the Divine guidance upon your deliberations.

His Honour left the Assembly Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act."

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 on to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour, the Administrator, had been pleased to make a speech to the Members met in General Assembly and that for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy.

The Clerk then read the said Speech at the Table.

It was moved by Mr. Courage and seconded by Mr. Canning that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour 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 the following gentlemen were appointed to such Committee:

Mr. Courage
Mr. Canning
Mr. Browne

On motion of Hon. the Attorney General and with unanimous consent, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions in relation to the Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, 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, 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.

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

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948"

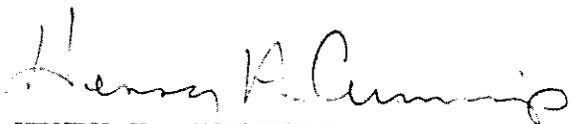
A Bill "An Act to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955"

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, Limited."

Mr. Hollett gave notice of Question.
Mr. Browne gave notice of Question.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises, it adjourn until Monday afternoon, September 19th., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

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Monday, September 19th., 1955.

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

Hon. the Premier made a statement re an Editorial in the St. John's Evening Telegram of September 16th.

Mr. Courage, on behalf of the Select Committee appointed to draft a Reply to the Speech of His Honour the Administrator, presented the Report of the Select Committee as follows:

To His Honour the Administrator,
Sir Brian Dunfield, Knight Bachelor,
Q. C. B. A. (London).

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.
Patrick J. Canning.

Assembly Room,
September 19th., 1955.

On motion it was ordered that the debate on the Address in Reply be deferred until a later hour in the day.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Economic Development, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions in relation to the Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Courage took the Chair of Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman from the Committee reported he had raised the Committee because the Hon. member for St. John's West had refused to retract a statement when ordered to do so by the Chair.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the statement, as reported, ought not to have been made and asked the Hon. Member to withdraw it.

The statement was withdrawn.

On motion of Hon. the Minister of Economic Development the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions in relation to the Guarantee of a loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, 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, 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.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises, it adjourn until tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, September 20th., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Tuesday, September 20th., 1955.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Minister of Economic Development, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Certain Resolutions in Relation to the Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited.

Mr. Spaker 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 Certain Resolutions relating to the Guarantee of a Loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited.

The said Resolutions having been 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 Economic Development, the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to Guarantee a Loan to be raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited and to enter into an Agreement with that Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee" was introduced and read a first time and it was ordered that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

The Second Reading of the said Bill 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, September 21st., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Wednesday, September 21st., 1955.

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

The second reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to Guarantee a Loan to be Raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited and to Enter Into an Agreement with that Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee" was debated and on motion was adjourned for further debate on to-morrow.

On motion the remaining Orders of the Day were deferred.

At six of the clock Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until to-morrow afternoon, September 22nd., at three of the clock.



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

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Thursday, September 22nd., 1955.

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

Hon. the Attorney General made a Statement regarding an article in the St. John's Evening Telegram of September 22nd.. concerning Dr. Alfred Valdmanis.

On the motion that the Bill entitled "An Act To Authorize The Lieutenant Governor In Council To Guarantee a Loan To Be Raised By Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited And To Enter Into An Agreement With That Company And Canadian Javelin Limited Relating To The Guarantee" be now read a second time, it was moved in amendment by Mr. Hollett and seconded by Mr. Higgins, that all the words after the word "that" be stricken out and the following substituted therefor:

That this Bill be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time six months hence.

Mr. Speaker put the motion that the original words remain part of the Question. The House divided. There appeared in favour of the motion: Hon. the Premier, Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. the Minister of Mines and Resources, Hon. the Minister of Fisheries and Co-operatives, Hon. the Minister of Provincial Affairs, Hon. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Button, Mr. Janes, Mr. Norman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Canning, Mr. Courage, (15), and against it : Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Browne, Mr. Higgins, (3). The amendment was lost.

Whereupon the Bill entitled "An Act To Authorize the Lieutenant Governor In Council To Guarantee a Loan to be Raised By Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited And To Enter Into An Agreement With That Company And Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee" 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 to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948" 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 to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955" 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 Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, 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 Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act" 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 of Hon. the Attorney General, and with unanimous consent, the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund Act, 1920" 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 to-morrow afternoon, September 23rd., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Henry H. Cummings

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

Friday, September 23rd., 1955.

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

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act To Authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council To Guarantee a Loan to be Raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited and to Enter Into An Agreement with that Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee".
- A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act."
- A Bill "An Act to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948.
- A Bill "An Act to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955."
- A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, 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, had made some progress, 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.

The House recessed until eight of the clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Bills:

- A Bill "An Act to Authorize the Lieutenant Governor In Council to Guarantee a Loan to Be Raised By Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited And To Enter Into An Agreement With That Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee."

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955."

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of An Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, 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 following Bills without amendment:

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955."

A Bill "An Act Further To Amend the Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, Limited."

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

The Chairman from the Committee further reported that they had considered the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to Guarantee a Loan to be Raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited and to Enter Into An Agreement With That Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee" 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund Act, 1920" was read a second time and it

was ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of Hon. the Attorney General and with unanimous consent, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill entitled "An Act Further to Amend the Women's Patriotic Trust Fund Act, 1920"

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.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rises, it adjourn until Monday afternoon, September 26th., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Monday, September 26th., 1955.

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

Hon. the Premier made a statement re damages caused by the Hurricane.

The Address in Reply was debated.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Browne and seconded by Mr. Higgins:

That the following paragraph be added to the Address in Reply:

This House regrets that Your Ministers continue to neglect to inform the House of the manner in which the new Industries are being operated and feels that since the amount invested in them now reaches the vast sum of \$25,000,000.00, and the House is now asked to guarantee a further sum of \$16,500,000.00 to be invested in a speculative enterprise on the Labrador-Quebec boundary, a Royal Commission consisting of a competent and independent person and the Auditor General should be immediately appointed to conduct a full and impartial enquiry into the manner in which the said industries were established and have been operated and the said Commission should report to the House of Assembly within three months of its appointment as to the best methods to be adopted to safeguard the Capital invested in the said Industries.

The debate on the amendment to the Address in Reply was concluded.

On the Amendment to the Address in Reply having been put by Mr. Speaker, the House divided and there appeared in favour of the Amendment: Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Browne; (3), and against it: Hon. the Premier, Hon. the Attorney General, Hon. the Minister of Finance, Hon. the Minister of Mines and Resources, Hon. the Minister of Education, Hon. the Minister of Labour, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Button, Mr. Janes, Mr. Norman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Courage, Mr. Mercer; (13). The Amendment was lost.

On motion it was ordered that the debate on the Address in Reply be adjourned until 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, September 27th., at three

of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Tuesday, September 27th., 1955.

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

Hon. the Premier made a statement re Shares of Canadian Javelin Limited and tabled a letter relating thereto.

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 Administrator was adopted.

Pursuant to order and on motion of Hon. the Attorney General, the Bill entitled "An Act to Authorize The Lieutenant Governor in Council to Guarantee a Loan to be Raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company, Limited and to Enter Into An Agreement With That Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee" was, on division, read a third time with some verbal amendment 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 House of Assembly Act" 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 Labrador Railway Act, 1948" 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 Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955" 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 Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act for the Confirmation of an Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, 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 Women's Patriotic Trust Fund Act, 1920" 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, September 28th., at three of the clock.

The House then adjourned accordingly.



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

Wednesday, September 28th., 1955.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House that at six of the clock yesterday afternoon the Members had proceeded to Government House and had presented the Address in Reply to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to which His Honour had been pleased to reply as follows:

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

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

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 the 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:

A Bill "An Act to Authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to Guarantee a Loan to be Raised by Wabush Lake Railway Company Limited and to Enter into An Agreement with that Company and Canadian Javelin Limited Relating to the Guarantee."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Wabush Lake Railway Act, 1955."

A Bill "An Act to Amend the Labrador Railway Act, 1948."

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the Act No. 41 of 1938 entitled "An Act For the Confirmation of An Agreement Between the Government and Labrador Mining and Exploration Company, Limited."

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the House of Assembly Act."

A Bill "An Act Further to Amend the Women's
Patriotic Trust Fund Act, 1920."

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to make the following Speech:

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

I thank you for your attendance at this Special Session of the House of Assembly and the expeditious manner in which you have assented to the request of My Ministers that they be authorized to guarantee a Bond Issue of \$16,500,000.00 to assist Canadian Javelin Limited in building the Railway and in creating a Mining establishment at Wabush Lake.

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

In releasing you from your duties I express my best wishes for success in your several avocations.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor left the Assembly Chamber.

Mr. Speaker then said:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the second day of November next and this Assembly is prorogued accordingly.



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