

people of this Colony possess under existing Treaties, has been, or will be, ceded to any foreign power.

I may be asked—why such delay? I can only answer that I believe that the stipulations contained in the new Convention were some time ago agreed to by both nations; but, I believe, also, it was equally agreed on that some understanding should take place that a suitable Marine Police, or Protective Force, should be supplied for the fishermen of both nations, under such rules and regulations as may be considered necessary and determined on, in order that the stipulations in existing Treaties may be faithfully carried into effect; and this course, as far as I know, been adopted wherever extensive Fisheries are carried on, and their limits defined by Treaty, Usage, or Legislative Enactment.

The aspect of political affairs in Europe has been such as must have occupied the attention and time of the Foreign Affairs Departments in both nations, and diverted their attention from many other matters,—among others the Newfoundland Fisheries.

I am sure you must all deeply deplore the lamentable events which have taken place in the neighbouring Great Republic,—events which forbode the horrors of Civil War and loss of human life. The people in this Colony ought to be grateful to the Almighty for the blessings hitherto bestowed upon them,—and I can only hope that peace and harmony may prevail among them.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. EVANS,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the Gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Assembly.

Select Committee to prepare address of thanks.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Prowse, Mr. Evans, Mr. Whiteway, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Kavanagh, do form the Committee.

The Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means, and that such Committee do take precedence of all other matter, immediately after the reading of the Journals :

Notice of Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, that the Rules of the House be suspended with reference to the introduction and passing of a Revenue Bill.