

the Minister of Customs, calling the attention of Your Excellency to the expediency of making early provision for the extension of the Customs and Excise Laws of Canada to the North-West Territories, so soon as they are admitted into the Dominion.

With that view they recommend that the Lieutenant Governor appointed by Your Excellency, be instructed to procure the passing of Ordinance or Ordinances by His Council so soon as it is constituted, making the Customs and Excise Laws of the Dominion operative in the Territories. Such Ordinance or Ordinances to be in force until the said laws are extended to the Territories by the Parliament of Canada.

They further recommend that Mr. Alexander Begg, of the Inland Revenue Office, be instructed to proceed with all reasonable speed to Fort Garry, and that he assume the duties of Collector of Customs and Inspector of Inland Revenue under the said Ordinances. That his travelling expenses be paid, and that his salary be raised from \$800 to \$1,000, to commence from 1st October, 1869.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

WM. H. LEE,
Clerk P.C.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 7th December, 1869:

On a memorandum, dated 3rd December, 1869, from the Honorable the Minister of Finance, submitting that it is expedient to come to an immediate decision as to the final policy to be adopted in Rupert's Land, in the event of that Territory being added to the Dominion of Canada.

That it would, in his opinion, be inexpedient to make any material changes in the Customs Duties in Rupert's Land, until the means of access to the Territory shall have been greatly improved.

He therefore suggests that the present tariff should remain in force for at least two years from the 1st January next. That it may, however, be necessary to establish duties on spirits, and, possibly, some other articles, which are at present exempt.

That if the above suggestion be concurred in, he would further recommend that an announcement of the intention of the Government be made to the people resident in the Territory, who may possibly feel some alarm on the subject of increased duties.

The Committee concur in the Report of the Finance Minister, and submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 11th December, 1869.

The Committee of Council, on the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Finance, and for the reasons given in his memorandum of the 11th December instant, advise that the Minute in Council of the 7th instant—having reference to the policy to be adopted in Rupert's Land in the event of that Territory being added to the Dominion—be cancelled.

The Minister of Finance submits that, in his opinion, it is inexpedient to make any material changes in the Customs Duties in Rupert's Land until the means of access to the Territory shall have been greatly improved,