

Copy of a Report of a Committee of The Honorable the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 13th September, 1870.

On a Report, dated 3rd September, 1870, from the Hon. Sir George Et. Cartier, acting for the Hon. the Minister of Justice, stating that to carry out the Order in Council of the 20th August last, leave of absence granted under the same to the Hon. Francis Godschall Johnson, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, from the duties of his office from the 10th September to the 15th May next, has been assented to by the Government of Quebec, to enable him to proceed to Manitoba, in the capacity of Recorder of that Province, and of the North West Territories, and as Commissioner under the Order in Council.

That he therefore recommends that leave of absence be accordingly granted to Mr. Johnson for the period mentioned. He further recommends that Thomas Kennedy Ramsay, Esq., Q. C., be appointed from the 10th September next, as Assistant Judge of the Superior Court for Lower Canada (now the Province of Quebec) during the absence from the office of Judge of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, of the Hon. F. G. Johnson, and that Mr. Ramsay, whilst holding that office, shall receive the salary and allowances appertaining to the Judge of the Superior Court, officiating in the District of Bedford and Beauharnois.

The Committee submit the foregoing recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified.

(Signed), W. M. H. LEE,
Clerk, Privy Council, Canada.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,
OTTAWA, 16th September, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit, herewith, for your information, copies of two Orders of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated respectively the 20th August last, and the 13th instant.

No. 395. 2. The Order in Council of the 20th August, refers to your recent appointment as a Commissioner to enquire into and report on the state of the Laws now existing in the Province of Manitoba, and explains your duties as such Commissioner.

3. By the same Order in Council you are requested to make a similar enquiry and report with respect to the Laws, Ordinances or other Regulations, now in force in Rupert's Land and the North West Territory not included in the Province of Manitoba, and now constituting the North West Territory. And you are further requested in making these enquiries and reports, to put yourself in communication with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and the North West Territory.

4. The Order in Council of the 13th instant, gives the said Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories authority to appoint you Recorder of such portion of the North West Territories heretofore known as the Territory of Rupert's Land and of all such other places wherein trade was carried on under the Hudson's Bay Company's Charter.

I have &c.,

(Signed), E. A. MEREDITH,
Under Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Honorable F. G. Johnson,
Care of C. Schiller, Esq., Clerk of the Crown, Montreal.