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Whereas, by the fifteenth section of the Act of Parliament of Canada, passed in the forty-third year of Her Majesty's reign, known as 'The North-west Territories Act, 1880,' it is amongst other things enacted:

That when and so soon as the Lieutenant-Governor shall, by proclamation, set apart an area of one thousand square miles, containing a population of not less than one thousand inhabitants of adult age, exclusive of aliens or unfranchised Indians, the Lieutenant-Governor shall, by proclamation, set apart a portion of the said North-west Territories, by a name and with boundaries to be respectively declared in the proclamation:

And whereas, I am satisfied that the portion of the North-west Territories, hereinafter designated, not exceeding an area of one thousand square miles, contains a population of not less than one thousand inhabitants of adult age, exclusive of aliens or unfranchised Indians; and that under and by virtue of the powers imposed upon and vested in us by the hereinbefore in part recited section of the said North-west Territories Act, I do hereby proclaim and declare as follows:

That the portion of Territory comprised in the following group of Townships and bounded by the outside lines of the outer Townships of the said group, is erected into an Electoral District by the name of

CALGARY Namely, West of Fourth Principal Meridian.

Range xxviii, Township numbered 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23; Range xxix, Township numbered 18 and Fractional Townships numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25; Range xxx, Fractional Township No. 18.

West of Fifth Principal Meridian. Range i, Township numbered 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25; Range ii, Township numbered 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25; Range iii, Township numbered 25.

Of which all persons whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the North-west Territories to be hereunto affixed. Witness His Honor Edgar Dewdney, Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories, at Government House, Regina, this twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighty-Four, and in the forty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign.

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CALGARY DISTRICT. The Meeting on Friday Night.

James D. Geddes and James Voucher, Candidates for the Northwest Council - Summary of the Speeches.

There was a pretty fair attendance at the meeting in Boynton's Hall on Friday evening last to consider the matter of electing a candidate to the North-west Council for the new electoral district of Calgary.

Mr. Geddes called the meeting to order and Mr. N. G. Macleay was nominated as chairman. Mr. Macleay took the chair, and Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed secretary.

The chairman said he supposed they were all aware of the object for which the meeting was called. He asked for one of the bills calling the meeting, but no one appeared to have any.

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Mr. Geddes said he was not aware that his name was down on the bill until some one had pointed it out to him. (Laughter.) Mr. D. C. Robinson thought it would be advisable to appoint a committee to select candidates.

Mr. Voucher being called upon said he did not know anything about the meeting. If his friends thought him capable of fulfilling the office he was ready to go. He had not consulted with the expectation of saying anything.

Mr. Geddes said if he were elected, he would use his best endeavors to forward the interests of the district. He himself was a farmer. He was against leases. He did not want to see 100,000 acres of land locked up in leases. He wanted to see the small farmer encouraged. His idea was to have large ranching was unprofitable. He referred to Mr. Brown's letter and he saw that there was a good deal of insincerity in that letter. The fact was when a lease was granted, the farmer was not to be generally referred to as a leasee, but as a tenant.

Mr. Geddes said there were two interests which were supposed to be opposed to that of the leaseholder, and the other was that of the stockholder. The question was who was entitled to the land the men of the best? (Hear, hear.) The interest of the farmer was the interest which he wished to see protected.

Mr. Geo. Murdoch seconded by Mr. Robinson a motion that the meeting proceed with the nomination of candidates for representation in the Northwest Council.

Mr. James Voucher and Mr. G. D. Geddes were then respectively nominated.

Mr. ELLIOTT said he would like to hear the views of the candidates with reference to local matters coming within the powers of the North-west council. There were certain local questions which would have to be dealt with, and it was necessary that the candidates should state their views on these questions.

Dr. Henderson said there was the question of Indian affairs, the permit question was another matter requiring immediate attention.

Mr. Thomas CARNEY was here nominated. He said he had very little to say. He thought the meeting was not a representative one.

Mr. Geddes was called upon a second time. He said with regard to bridges, he would support anything that was for the good of the district in this respect. As to smoke stacks he thought the present eastern way should be put a stop to. There was another strong question. It was that of licensing. He was in favor of beer licensing and holding permits. He also wanted the land given to the people. It belonged to Canadians. It was their heritage.

In answer to Mr. Livingstone he said he went in for encouraging the settler all he could. He asked how Calgary was going to succeed if the settler was not allowed to come in and said that the people could not live upon each other, the grass would grow upon the streets if there was.

A voice: -How are you on the nigger question? Laughter.

Mr. Geddes: -Do you mean a nigger on the fence? More laughter.

He said it was the lease holders that had started the cry of summer frosts. This cry was industriously circulated in Manitoba for apparent purposes. The country he longed to the settler and he should have it.

Mr. BOUCHER said he was against leases and leaseholders. He thought they should be done away with. In this respect he agreed with what Mr. Geddes had said. If these leases were to continue the grass would certainly grow in the streets of Calgary. There would be nothing for the people to buy or sell.

He himself would like to have the facilities for keeping 100 head of cattle, but the way they were at present this was impossible. As regards changes in the roads he did not think these were necessary. They had been using the old Fort McLeod trail 15 years and they were good enough. The permit system was a hanging, and he had not yet got over it. He was in favor of licensing a limited number of places to sell liquor. He would have no deadfalls such as they have on the other line. The speaker alluded in a great deal of slang phraseology which had no special weight or meaning. He was opposed to railways, and he appeared to possess some very extraordinary views on general subjects.

Mr. LEVINGSTONE said that the present situation of the Indian question was a nuisance. The fact was the Indians were a nuisance. Their reserves instead of being few were many and they were scattered in small bands all over their proper reserve should have been the Red Deer River country. There was a great quantity of timber in this district. The timber was included in the Indian Reserves and he did not know what the settler was going to do. Mr. Carney being again called upon, asked to be excused.

Major Walker said he had listened to the candidates that had been nominated. A great deal had been said upon questions upon which the Northwest Council had no power. What the people had to advocate were roads, schools and local matters. He wanted to see a man sent as representative who had some influence and who could advocate their cause ably. When such a man could be found he would support him.

Mr. REILLY said he was glad to see so many there. The meeting was an important one. It was the first time they had met to select candidates. The speaker eloquently referred to considerable length to the resources of this district, to the good which the Rev. Mr. Gates had done the country, and the benefit to be derived by encouraging such men. He had his all at stake in Calgary. He had great confidence in its future and that of the district. He listened to with a good deal of attention and his remarks were loudly applauded at the close.

Dr. HENDERSON said he concurred in what Major Walker had said. A discussion followed between him and Mr. Geddes on several questions which had been raised.

Mr. MACDONALD spoke of the necessity of sending down a man who was able to express himself intelligently in the Council. The meeting then adjourned.

A BLOODY AFFRAY. Bill Reed allas Buckskin Shorty is fatally stabbed.

By James McManus on Sunday evening the stillness of Sunday evening was broken by a report which was heard in several places throughout the town that a man known here as Buckskin Shorty had been killed by an accomplice named James McManus near Geddes's farm.

The particulars as stated to a Nor-wester representative by Major Dowling last evening are as follows.

About half past eight Sunday evening a man named George Harvey rode into the mounted police headquarters and informed Major Dowling that a man named James McManus had murdered Buckskin Shorty (Bill Reed) close to Geddes's farm. Harvey said he was passing down the road when he heard some one say O God. He went about 100 yards into the bush in the direction of the voice and saw McManus on top of Buckskin Shorty who was down. McManus had a knife in his hand and before Harvey could interfere McManus had given the unfortunate Shorty his death wound with the knife which he had just cut from the man's jacket. Harvey was quickly successful in grasping the knife away from McManus but it was then too late. Harvey then immediately left and went to Mr. Geddes's house where he gave the alarm. Mr. Geddes and his men were not to reach McManus and Harvey rode into town and notified the police. A party was instantly in the middle and in less than twenty minutes McManus was arrested, and under escort to town. He made no attempt to escape. The body of Buckskin Shorty was brought into town and put in the hospital pending an examination. Harvey was also placed under arrest as he is an important witness, and this precaution was deemed necessary as he has no fixed abode, and there is no coroner in the district and the law makes no provision for a substitute in the absence of the stipendiary, Col. Irvine was telegraphed and will reach here on Wednesday morning and will hold an inquest on Wednesday evening. A post mortem examination of the body was held to-day by Dr. De Veber, Post Surgeon. From Harvey's statements it appears that the men had been quarrelling and that they were under alcoholic influence. The police have been hunting Buckskin Shorty for some time. He was suspected of being an illicit whisky trader so is McManus. The preliminary examination is going on at a place like Calgary is in violation to the well known physical fact being unable to occupy two different places at one and the same time. This will no doubt account for the recent demoralization of our contemporary. In its last issue it has just discovered that the project of starting a newspaper at Silver City has fallen through. This is a matter which is quite stale in proportion, but the Leader vouches for it in editorial paragraph in its issue of the 29th ult. In the same issue its readers are editorially informed that Quarry Victoria on the 24th inst was 55 years old, and on the 20th inst it will be 27 years since Her Majesty ascended the throne, and that she was a little more than 18 years of age when she did so. This information is stale enough God knows, but the Leader is not satisfied with these episodes of antiquity; it has to have a fling at Calgary and this is the way it proceeds about it. "If all the places along the C.P.R. between the western boundary and the Rocky Mountains were rolled into one they would scarcely do more than support one really good weekly paper. Our Moose Jaw contemporary will hardly disagree with us. The absurdity of publishing two papers in a place like Calgary is obvious. If we mistake not the recent census returns give a population of 1200 in 28 townships of which Calgary is about the centre.

The Leader is misleading in this instance. There is no absurdity whatever in Calgary having two papers. The fact that it is supporting them is insufficient and where the absurdity comes in does not appear. The Leader must be jealous for it resorts to falsehood. It has misrepresented the matter of the census. The law requires 1200 before the 28 townships could be erected into a district. Therefore it was only necessary to show that there was at least 1200 in the proposed district. The Leader has assumed from this that the total population was 1200 all told. This is a gross error.

We care nothing about whether Mr. Davin is neglecting his own paper or not. It is none of our concern but we think if some of the Northwestern parabolists that we have seen would be a little more industrious and attentive to their own business instead of interfering with that of others they would be acting well and wisely.

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