

APPENDIX.

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APPENDIX I.

At a meeting of Council held at Government House, Fort Garry, on Monday, the 28th day of August, A. D. 1871.

Present.

The Lieutenant-Governor.
The Honorable H. J. H. Clarke.
The Honorable Thomas Howard.
The Honorable James McKay.

The Lieutenant-Governor submits a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, dated the 18th December, 1868, approving of a Minute of the arrangements provisionally come to by Delegates appointed by the Governments of Canada, Ontario and New Brunswick, respectively, on the subject of Immigration, which the Lieutenant-Governor had received by last mail, enclosed in a despatch from the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, in which that officer, calling attention to the 10th paragraph of the Minute, providing for meeting of Delegates of the different Provinces, announced that His Excellency the Governor-General, had been pleased to direct that a General Conference of Delegates of the Canada and Provincial Governments should take place at Ottawa on the 13th September next, and expressed a hope that the Government of Manitoba should be represented at the Conference. Thereupon the Council advises that a Member of the Government be Commissioned to attend such Conference. The Council are of opinion that the time has now arrived for making arrangements, with a view to a systematic and extensive immigration into the Province and the North-West Territories.

The recent Treaties entered into by the Government of Canada with the Tribes of Indians inhabiting this Province and the adjacent Territory has opened to Immigration vast tracts of country admirably adapted for purposes of Agriculture and Lumbering.

In the Province of Manitoba there will remain, after the Half-breed and Indian Reserves have been laid aside, some seven millions of acres of valuable land, of which a large proportion is fitted for agricultural purposes, while outside of the Province to the East, to the North and to the West, the Indian title has been extinguished to a tract varying from 25 to 30 millions of acres of land, offering every variety of soil, and affording unbounded scope to the industry of the Immigrant. The Council advises that the Delegate to be appointed to Ottawa should bring prominently before the Conference the