

## Northwest Territories Act

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Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

AMENDMENTS TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER TO BORROW AND LEND MONEY, ETC.

**Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources)** moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Northwest Territories Act to authorize the commissioner of the territories to borrow money for territorial, municipal or local purposes on behalf of the territories and to lend money for local purposes; and also to provide for the appointment and remuneration of deputy police magistrates.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Courtemanche in the chair.

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** Mr. Chairman, the resolution I have the honour to move tonight seems on the surface to contain two very simple amendments, and I am not going to say much more than what appears in the text of the resolution on the order paper. One of the amendments originated with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources and is part of the program of that department to move the status of the government of the territories one step further towards self-government. The other amendment comes from the Department of Justice as an administrative amendment to help improve the administration of justice in the Northwest Territories and is concerned with the appointment of deputy police magistrates.

The first amendment gives to the territorial government in the Northwest Territories the same rights as the territorial government of the Yukon, namely the right to borrow money and the right to lend money to municipal and school associations. I think that is all I need to say on the resolution stage. I think it is well understood that the measure has the general support of all members of the house in a move to bring the Northwest

[Mr. Starr.]

Territories one step forward in their progress towards self-government. I know we all look forward to the development of this area in the hope that the population and the financial base will improve and make possible some day complete self-government for the territory.

**Mr. Lesage:** Mr. Chairman, as far as the two points covered by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources are concerned, there will be no objection on this side, of course, because the proposed legislation had been approved by the previous administration before the election on June 10.

I should like to ask the minister just two or three questions. Will the bill authorize the commission council to establish a Northwest Territories liquor account in the consolidated revenue fund of Canada? I might as well put all my questions together. Will the bill authorize the governor in council to make regulations respecting archeological sites and specimens? Will it authorize the governor in council to appoint a small debts official? Finally, will the bill provide that the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act shall not apply to the Northwest Territories?

**Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle):** No, Mr. Chairman, the amendments are simply as I described them, that is to give to the territorial council the right to borrow with the consent of the governor in council, and once the money is in their hands it is classified as territorial revenues and is mixed up with other revenues of the territorial government. The council has the right to carry on as they see fit, and lend the money to the institutions I mentioned, namely the municipalities and school districts. This is all that the amendment entails.

So far as these other questions are concerned, such as a liquor account, archeological sites, small debts officials and the importation of intoxicating liquors act, those matters will be left as they are at the present time.

**Mr. Herridge:** In view of the long-standing interest of this group in the development of the Northwest Territories and its natural resources and our continuing keen interest in the welfare of the population of the Northwest Territories, as well as the future development of this area, this group is pleased to support this resolution as it apparently provides some further opportunity for the implementation of those objectives which we have repeatedly sought over the years.

**Mr. Hardie:** The hon. member for Montmagny-L'Islet said and quite rightly, that the last government proposed these amendments because, in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon the municipalities have no way of