

## NORTHWEST COUNCIL

### Proceedings of the Territorial Parliament.

Changes wanted in the Method of Administration. An important discussion.

Regina, July 28.

Council met at 2.30 p. m. His Honor the Lt. Governor presiding.

The former minutes of council were read and approved.

Mr. Oliver moved to introduce an ordinance respecting real estate.

His Honor thought as the session was drawing to a close that a day or two should be set apart to consider the various resolutions on the books that in the meantime to expedite matters the business on hand should take precedence.

Mr. Ross introduced an ordinance to enable trustees to hold land in the territories.

Mr. White presented a petition from the Assiniboia Agricultural Society asking for grant. Mr. Jackson moved that it lay on the table till tomorrow.

Mr. Oliver introduced an ordinance to provide for electrical districts in the Northwest. Referred to committee on miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Judge Roaleau:

"That the Dominion Government be asked to give a grant to establish a law library in the Northwest."

Mr. Goides introduced an ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting stolen horses. It received its first reading.

Mr. Turriff brought in a motion to the effect that the Dominion Government be asked to increase the accommodation of the Council chamber.

Moved by Mr. Oliver seconded by Mr. Ross:

"That the requirements of the present regulations in regard to aid to the Northwest schools are too stringent and it is advisable in the case of schools not organized under Northwest ordinance that the average attendance required in order to secure aid from the government should be reduced from 15 to 10."

That since there appears to be but little prospect of the Northwest being provided with local railway communication in the near future it is the more necessary that the leading trails throughout the country should be surveyed and placed in the hands of local government with funds for their improvement and.

That the great trail from the boundary line through Fort McLeod Calgary and Edmonton to the Athabasca landing is one of the main highways of the country and the one of most importance connecting as it does the navigable waters of the Mackenzie river system with the outer world it is of the highest importance that the Federal and Local Governments should unite to place and keep it in thorough repair as well as extend it out to the great Peace river, so that that country may be opened up.

That this Council desires to maintain the stand taken in the memorial of last year in regard to the various matters touched upon, and to reiterate the opinion therein contained in regard to colonization in companies in general and in particular most emphatically to press against the agents of the companies being allowed to act as agents of the government.

That owing to the immense distance of the western and north western parts of the territories from the Atlantic seaboard by present routes of travel, what raising cannot be carried on at a profit in those districts. The grain has to be exported by such routes as the country would be the case where railway communication established with Hudson Bay. It is therefore advisable that steps should be taken by the government of the Northwest Territories towards joint action with the Government of Manitoba, having for its object the construction of a railway to Hudson Bay to be constructed and operated under local control.

That while the locations and boundaries of the different provincial or postal districts in the Northwest make those districts well suited for the erection into provinces at some future time, it is not advisable at present to compromise on one or the other and place each one under the control of a petty or provincial government.

That although the present form of local government in the territories has been reasonably satisfactory in the past the changes which have taken place since the Northwest Act was passed have been such as to give cause for present dissatisfaction and to make it advisable, without waiting until the number of representatives required by the Northwest Act for the formation of a legislative assembly can be elected to provide for the organization of a legislative assembly at once with a less number of members under the provisions similar to those of sections 21 and 22 of the Northwest Act of 1880 and that in any case changes should be made in the method of qualifying districts for the election of members to the Northwest Council so that important localities such as Medicine Hat, Fort McLeod and Battleford should not be debared from sending representatives to the Northwest Council, while full representation should be given other localities in accordance with the spirit and interest of the Northwest Act of 1880; and that no person not directly responsible to the people of the Northwest should be allowed a voice in the Local Legislature or a seat at the Council Board; that it is the duty of this council as representing the people of the Northwest to protest against the method now frequently pursued by the Federal Government in the matter of letting contracts for works and supplies required in the Northwest (that is without advertisement in the localities where the contracts require to be filled) as being unfair to the people of the territories and also to the country at large.

That it is the opinion of this council that it would be of great advantage, both morally and socially, to the Northwest territory, if the government would allow the establishment of breweries for the manufacture of beer so that some of the surplus barley grown in the country might be utilized and money kept in circulation in the country that is annually sent out for liquor.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Turriff, that in the opinion of this Council it is the duty of its members in their legislative capacity to enact such measures as will conduce to the peace and prosperity of the Northwest Territories.

That as an executive Council they are required to aid the Lieutenant-Governor in the government of the said Territories.

That we believe it to be the duty of the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories to look carefully into matters affecting the said Territories, and where, by reason of the extraordinary growth and development of the country, laws and regulations made by the Dominion Government are found unsuitable to the present requirements of the country, such representations should be made by the Executive Council to the Dominion Government as will enable them to legislate in the interests of the said Territories.

That we believe the feeling of the country to be strongly against the introduction of party politics into this Council, well as in such a way that either political party in the Dominion parliament could use it for political purposes.

That the memorial transmitted by this Council at its last session to the Dominion Government we believe fairly set forth the requirements of the Territories.

That the action of the Dominion Government in dealing liberally with the proposed Hudson Bay Railway is satisfactory to the people of the territories.

That the system of letting contracts by the lowest tender at present followed we believe to be in the interest of all the parties.

That His Honor the Lt. Governor has indicated his desire to leave such representation made by the Executive Council to the Dominion Government as will enable the Northwest Territories to be divided for local purposes on the basis as nearly as may be of representation by population, and that the matter of establishment of breweries in the Territories should also receive consideration; This council do not consider that action in Legislative session is called for.

That the matter of lessening the average attendance at public schools from 15 as a present requirement in order to secure Government aid, to 10, be referred to the Executive Council in order that the desired change be brought more directly to the notice of the Government. That this council is of the opinion that the requirements of the Government should be made as liberal as possible, owing to the sparsely settled condition of the country in some districts it is in most instances impossible to comply with the present regulations.

Mr. Jackson held that the resolutions must be considered together.

After some discussion on the Lt. Governor ruled that the resolutions must be considered as a whole. Mr. Jackson's amendment was carried on the following division: Yeas, Messrs. Richardson, Roaleau, White, Jackson, Turriff, Hamilton, Ross, Irvine and Goides; nays, Messrs. Oliver and Ross.

Mr. Goides introduced an ordinance to amend the ordinance respecting stolen horses. It was read a first time.

Mr. Jackson submitted a financial estimate showing a balance on credit of the council in the Bank of Montreal and there was to be refunded by the Dominion Government last year's indemnity to members of council amounting to \$24,000 and the estimated revenue to be derived from permits brought the total revenue up to \$10,000.

Mr. Oliver thought the Council should wait until they heard from the Federal Government with reference to indemnity to members.

His Honor stated that he had been informed by the Deputy Minister that the indemnity to the members of council for that session was now lying in the bank of Montreal.

Mr. Jackson resumed the debate and presented estimates of the amount required to be expended in his district. Several other members submitted estimates and Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Macdowell:

"That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to the Battleford district, and that His Honor Judge Roaleau be counted a member for the purpose of expending the same."

That \$1,000 be appropriated to the Regina District.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to the Moose Jaw District.

That 1,000 be appropriated to the Moose Mountain District.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to the Broadview District.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to Qu'Appelle District.

That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to the Macleod District, and that His Honor Judge Macleod be counted a member for the purpose of expending the same.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to the Lorne District.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to Calgary District.

That \$1,000 be appropriated to Edmonton District.

And that the Members representing the several districts be empowered to expend the money be paid over as requested by a member by the Lt. Governor on the production of a certificate signed by three commissioners recommended by the members and acceptable to the Lt. Governor "such certificate to certify that a sum of money purporting to have been expended and is signed by the members representing the said district and that members may appropriate a portion of such funds to encourage agricultural societies.

The motion was carried.

His Honor the Lt. Governor stated that he had telegraphed from Sir John A. Macdonald to the effect that the Minister of the Interior on his return from Europe will take into his serious consideration the questions relating to the "three brothers" in the Northwest Territories.

**Somnambulism.**

On Wednesday night the guests of the Royal were alarmed by a loud noise as if somebody was breaking into or out of the house. The clerk proceeded to investigate and discovered one of the boarders, a man from the vicinity of McLeod, seated on the street in his "robe de nuit," with a somewhat bewildered expression on his face. He explained that he had been dreaming of robbers, thieves etc. and in order to escape from his imaginary pursuers, he had taken a bedline through his bedroom window on to the roof of the verandah from whence he had come to the street a distance of ten or twelve feet. Strange to say he sustained no further injury than a few bruises on his feet.

**Why a Reporter was Chosen as a Favored Suitor.**

(Bet your life every time on a Newspaper man.)

Two fashionably dressed ladies were sitting in the front of their cottage at Mount Desert, one evening last week talking over the late arrivals and laying their plans for the summer campaign.

"How is this Edith, I hear you have broken your engagement with young Couston?" said the elder.

"Yes mother, I judge it best to tell you I have."

"In favor of whom pray? He is good for \$10,000 a year now, and will come in for a large estate when his father dies. What young millionaire have you now centered your affections upon?"

"He is not a millionaire at all mother; I am engaged to Charley Pencil."

"Who is he? How much is he worth?"

"He is a reporter on the New York Constitution and just money enough to take him through a month's vacation."

"My child why will you throw yourself away? You will reduce me to beggary."

"Wait mother, please wait until I tell you. In the first place, he is acquainted with every body, and then he gets free passes to all the shows and theatres; he attends all the big receptions and."

"Are you crazy child? Those things will all come with money and position. He knows all about the latest scandals in high life—and he told me some horrid, escapes the Blanks got into when they were in Europe last summer, and now he had in his possession the secrets of all the big people of the country."

"Bring him to meet me once, I approve of your choice, Edith. Why did you not tell me of this before?"—Boston Globe.

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