

A G E N D A1. Minutes of regular and special meetings

- (a) Third meeting held Thursday, 12th June, 1924 (File No. 483)
- (b) Fourth meeting (special) held Friday, 1st May, 1925. (File No. 483)

2. Business arising out of minutes

- (a) Conservation education in Indian schools. (File No. 5208 & 4069)
- (b) Bill to amend Chapter 62, R.S.C. 1906 (N.W.T. Act) empowering Commissioner in Council to levy fur export tax - withdrawn. (File No. 2749)
- (c) Chapter 62, R.S.C. 1906 (N.W.T. Act) amended 27th June, 1925, by adding the following paragraph after paragraph (p) of sub-section 1 of section 8:-

"(q) The issuing of licenses or permits to scientists and explorers to enter the said Territories, or a part thereof, and the prescribing of the conditions under which such licenses or permits may be granted in each case, and the penalties for infractions of such conditions."  
(File No. 4427)

- (d) Order in Council (P.C. 1379) dated 19th August, 1925, empowers Commissioner in Council to make Ordinances and Regulations as provided by Chapter 48, 15-16 George V. (File No. 4427)

3. Notaries Public

Appointments of Notaries Public (File No. 26)

4. Director's Report5. Draft Ordinances for confirmation

- (a) Vital Statistics Ordinance (File No. 283)
- (b) Scientists and Explorers Ordinance (File No. 4427)
- (c) Intestate Succession Ordinance (File No. 5061)

6. New Business

Suggested amendments to the North West Territories Act by Judge Dubuc have been referred to the Commissioners now revising the statutes of Canada.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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Minutes of the fifth meeting of the  
Council held on Wednesday, the 23rd  
June, 1926 in the office of the  
Commissioner - Mr. W. W. Cory.

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PRESENT:

Mr. W. W. Cory	-	Commissioner
Mr. R. A. Gibson	-	Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Chas. Camsell	-	Member of Council
Col. Cortlandt Starnes	-	" " "
Mr. J. W. Greenway	-	" " "
Mr. H. H. Rowatt	-	" " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " " and
		Director N.W.T. & Y. Branch

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Mr. K. R. Daly	-	Legal Adviser
Mr. W. M. Cory	-	Assistant Legal Adviser
Mr. D. L. McKeand	-	Acting Secretary

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1. Minutes of Last Regular and Special Meetings.

The minutes of the third and fourth meetings of the Council held on Thursday, 12th June, 1924, and on Friday, 1st May, 1925, were approved on the motion of Dr. Charles Camsell, seconded by Colonel Starnes.

2. Business arising out of the Minutes.

(a) Mr. Finnie reported that lessons in conservation of both the forest and wild life were read to the Indians at Treaty payment time.

3. Notaries Public

Confirmation was given by the Commissioner in Council to the following appointments.

George Patton Mackenzie - Ottawa, 24th June, 1925.

4. Director's Report

It was suggested that the High Commissioner be supplied with copies of the Ordinances and Regulations affecting the North West Territories. Mr. Finnie undertook to do this. On motion of Colonel Starnes seconded by Dr. Camsell, the Director's report was adopted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Since the meeting of Council - 12th June, 1924)

1. Annual Report

Full and complete reports of the activities of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch appear in the Annual Reports for the fiscal years 1924-25, 1925-26. (File No. 2644).

2. Hospitals

The number of days treatment and maintenance given in the hospitals at Fort Smith and Fort Simpson for the fiscal years 1924-25, 1925-26 were as follows:-

	<u>1924-25</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
Treaty Indians	9,971	10,716
Indigent Whites, Halfbreeds, etc.	268	206
Pay Patients	459	679

The sum of \$5,661 and \$6,106.50 was paid these hospitals for the fiscal years 1924-25 and 1925-26, respectively.

Hospitals are being erected at Fort Resolution, Hay River and Aklavik. (File No. 38).

3. Public Health

Under the authority of the Ordinance respecting Public Health (Section 7), a request has been made to the Civil Service Commission to appoint Health Officers at Fort Smith and Fort Simpson. (Files Nos. 730 and 735).

4. Education

For educational purposes the sum of \$3,200 was included in the 1924-25 and 1925-26 estimates, and distributed as follows:-

<u>Church of England</u>	<u>1924-25</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
Aklavik (Day School)	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
McPherson (Day School)	200.00	200.00
Simpson (Day School)	200.00	200.00
Norman (Day School)	200.00	200.00
Hay River (Boarding School)	400.00	400.00
	<u>\$1200.00</u>	<u>\$1200.00</u>
 <u>Roman Catholic</u>		
Fort Smith (Day School)	200.00	200.00
Providence (Boarding School)	400.00	400.00
Resolution (Boarding School)	400.00	400.00
	<u>\$1000.00</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>

For the maintenance of destitute children in the boarding schools at Hay River and Resolution, the Church authorities received the following grants;-

Church of England

1924-25	\$370.00
1925-26	576.34

Roman Catholic

1924-25	\$1028.00	
1925-26	1094.18	(Files Nos. 4739 and 4740)

5. Aids to Navigation

During the season 1924-25, flashlight beacons were erected in the Athabasca Delta and on Burnt Island, Great Slave Lake. Buoys were placed as usual in the channels, under the supervision of the District Agent. (File No. 425).

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6. Intoxicants

In accordance with Section 88, Chapter 62, R.S.C. 1906, the Annual Report showing the number of permits issued by the Commissioner to import liquor into the Territories for medicinal purposes for the calendar years 1924 and 1925, were as follows:-

For year 1924 - 119 permits covering 226½ gallons  
 For year 1925 - 154 permits covering 320 gallons.  
 (File. No. 8-4 and 8-5).

7. Naturalization

On the recommendation of the Secretary of State, the name of Mr. G. P. Mackenzie was substituted for that of Mr. J. D. Craig as an officer appointed to accept applications for naturalization in the Franklin District. (File No. 306).

8. Geographic Board

On the recommendation of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch, the Geographic Board have eliminated many duplications of names of prominent geographic features in the Franklin District. (File No. 655).

9. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Law and order were maintained by the officers, non-commissioned officers and constables of the R.C.M.P. throughout the Territories during the past two years. (File No. 567).

10. Wireless

The North West Territories and Yukon radio system, established by the Department of the Interior and operated by the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, continue to show an increase in the transmission of commercial messages. The following stations are now in operation:-

Dawson and Mayo	Established	1923
Fort Simpson and Edmonton	"	1924
Fort Smith and Aklavik	"	1925
Herschel Island - (To be established in 1926 for operation during season of open navigation) - File No. 320.		

11. Museum

The collection on view in the North West Territories and Yukon Branch has been added to by our own officers and also through donations by scientists, explorers and traders. Many valuable and heretofore unknown specimens have now come into possession of the Government. (File No. 2517)

12. Arctic Expedition

- (a) Mr. F. D. Henderson, D.L.S., was the Officer in Charge of the Arctic expedition of 1924, and Mr. G. P. Mackenzie in 1925. (File No. 2713).
- (b) At the conclusion of the expedition of 1925, a survey showed the hull of the C. G. S. "Arctic" to be in an unseaworthy condition and she was turned over to the Government Salvage Officer for disposal. (File No. 2536).

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- (c) The expedition of 1926 will be in charge of Mr. G. P. Mackenzie, and includes a number of scientists. The party will be transported from Sydney, C.B., to the northern posts by Jobs Seal Fishery Company, Limited, of St. John's Newfoundland, in the steamer "Beothic", which has been specially chartered for the trip. (File No. 5031).
- (d) It is proposed to publish under one cover the reports of the Officers in Charge of the Arctic expeditions for the years 1923, 1924 and 1925. (File No. 2713)
- (e) A message has been received from Mr. L. T. Burwash, M.E., Exploratory Engineer, dated King William Island - 26th December, 1925. It reads:  
"Everything O.K. Am going ahead to  
Chesterfield via Repulse...."  
(File No. 407-2)

13. North West Game

- (a) During the year 1925-26, 1,634 buffalo were successfully transferred from Wainwright, Alberta, to the Wood Buffalo Park, Fort Smith, N.W.T. Further shipments are to be undertaken this year. It was found necessary to enlarge the Wood Buffalo Park by including a contiguous area of approximately 5,000 square miles immediately to the south of Peace River. (Files 349 and 5164).
- (b) During the winter of 1924-25, Messrs. Hornby and Critchell-Bullock made investigations of caribou, musk-ox and other wild life from Fort Reliance via Artillery Lake to Chesterfield Inlet. They reported having seen more than 40 musk-ox on the Hanbury and Thelon Rivers. (Files 4401 and 4841).
- (c) Mr. W. H. B. Hoare has been making investigations on the caribou migrations in the neighbourhood of the Coppermine River. (File No. 4696)
- (d) Messrs. A. E. and R. T. Porsild - Botanists and Biologists - have been employed to investigate the feasibility of introducing herds of reindeer into the northern part of the Mackenzie District. They are at present studying the reindeer industry in Alaska, from whence they will proceed to the Mackenzie District to pursue their investigations. (File No. 4819)

14. Recommendations of the Advisory Board

- (a) On the recommendation of the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection, the area of the game preserves in the North West Territories for the exclusive use of natives, has been largely increased. It has been recommended that Backs River Preserve be extended eastward to include Melville and Brodeur Peninsulas, and all the Arctic islands. (File No. 5199).
- (b) It has also been recommended that no trading posts be allowed to be established anywhere in the North West Territories without the consent of the Commissioner. (File No. 704).

15. Governor General's Trip

His Excellency the Baron Byng of Vimy, is

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the first Governor General to make the journey down the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. This trip was undertaken during the season of open navigation in 1925. His Excellency visited the natives, both Indian and Eskimo, in their own settlements. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the whole trip. (File No. 4796).

16. Northern Advisory Board

Owing to the increased interest in the Arctic Regions, the Government decided to place on record with all interested Governments a statement indicating the extent of the territory claimed by Canada for the British Empire. By Order in Council (P.C. 603), dated 23rd April, 1925, an Inter-departmental Committee was formed to draft such a statement for the consideration of the Government. This has since been done and a statement forwarded through the usual diplomatic channels to the Secretary of State for the United States and the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs. (File No. 4809)

17. Commissioners for Oaths

Since the last meeting of the Council, the Commissioner by virtue of the Ordinance empowering him to do so, appointed a number of commissioners to administer oaths. There were a number of revocations in cases where persons were no longer connected with the work in the Territories. (File No. 26. Appendix No. 1 in envelope).

18. Justices of the Peace

Under authority of the Magistrates Ordinance the Commissioner appointed a number of Justices of the Peace. There have been no revocations since the last meeting of Council. (File No. 53 . Appendix No. 2 in envelope).

19. Coroners

By virtue of Section 60, Chapter 62, R.S.C. 1906, the Commissioner is authorized to appoint coroners for the Territories. The appointments and revocations are shown on the list attached hereto. (File No. 4427. Appendix No. 3 in envelope).

20. Scientists and Explorers

Permits to scientists and explorers as shown on the list attached hereto, were issued under the authority of Section 8, sub-section (q) Chapter 62, R.S.C. 1906. (File No. 4427 - Appendix No. 4 in envelope).

5. Legislation

(a) Vital Statistics Ordinance:

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Camsell, the following Ordinance be assented to. (Ordinance in envelope)

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(b) Scientists and Explorers Ordinance

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Camsell, the following Ordinance be assented to: (Ordinance in envelope)

(c) Intestate Succession Ordinance

On motion of Colonel Starnes, seconded by Mr. Finnie, the following Ordinance be assented to: (Ordinance in envelope)

6. New Business

- (a) Mr. Finnie reported that the suggested amendments to the North West Territories Act raised by Judge Dubuc before the Northern Advisory Board were, in collaboration with Judge Ford being referred to the Commissioner revising the Statutes of Canada.
- (b) Mr. Finnie reported that payments were being made to the hospitals in the North West Territories for the treatment of indigents who were not residents of the Territories. Most of them came from the Province of Alberta. They came to the Mackenzie District to remain over a winter for the purpose of hunting and trapping. During their stay sickness had overtaken some of them and they were obliged to go to the hospital. As they had no means, the Government of the North West Territories was charged with their maintenance. It had recently been decided by the Commissioner that we would be responsible for residents of the North West Territories only and not for residents of Alberta or any other Province. The question arose as to what definition should be given to "resident". After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Colonel Starnes, to adopt the definition given by the Departmental Solicitor in his memorandum to the Director, dated the 8th June, 1926 - file 38 N.W.T. which reads, as follows:-

" 'Resident' shall mean any person who has made his home in the Territories for at least three successive months, immediately prior to the date of his receiving assistance from the Territories or being placed in the hospital."

Council then adjourned.

'sgd' D. L. McKeand,

Acting Secretary

'sgd' W. W. Cory,

Commissioner