

- AGENDA -

Wednesday, 1st October, 1930.

11:00 a. m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Eighteenth Session - 14th May, 1930

Special Session - 19th August, 1930

Special Session - 3rd September, 1930.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Committee on Legislation -
General revision of Ordinances.
- (b) Appointment Dr. J. A. Urquhart, J.P.,
having authority of two Justices
of the Peace.
- (c) Importation of Wood Alcohol (Canned
heat) for Primus stoves.
- (d) Killing Wood Buffalo
- (e) Status of Eskimo -
Liquor Permits.
- (f) Importation of Reindeer.

3. New Business -

Landing field - Fort Smith.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the North West Territories Council held on Wednesday, the 1st October, 1930, in the office of the Commissioner, Mr. W. W. Cory, C.M.G., at Ottawa.

PRESENT:

Mr. W. W. Cory (in the chair)	-	Commissioner
Mr. R. A. Gibson	-	Deputy Commissioner
Colonel Cortlandt Starnes	-	Member of Council
Mr. H. H. Rowatt	-	" " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " " and Director, N.W.T. & Y. Br.
Major D. L. McKeand	-	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. W. M. Cory	-	Legal Adviser
Mr. K. R. Daly	-	Legal Adviser
Major L. T. Burwash	-	N. W. T. & Y. Branch

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Eighteenth Session, the Special Session held on August 19th, and the Special Session held on September 3rd, 1930, having been sent to the Members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Colonel Starnes and seconded by Mr. Rowatt that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Committee on Legislation -
General Revision of Ordinances

The present status of the Revision of Ordinances was reported and after a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the Legal Advisers prepare a comprehensive memorandum respecting the need for an early amendment to the North West Territories Act, pointing out its bearing on the general revision of the North West Territories Ordinances; this memorandum to be submitted to the Members of Council for their consideration and Council's recommendation placed before the Minister of the Interior. Carried.

(b) Appointment of Dr. J. A. Urquhart, J.P.,
having authority of two Justices of the Peace -

The Secretary read for the information of the Members of Council the following notice which appeared in the Canada Gazette of September 20th, 1930 -

"James Alfred Urquhart, Esquire, of Aklavik, in the Northwest Territories, Doctor of Medicine: to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the Northwest Territories, with the powers and authorities of two Justices of the Peace under any law or ordinance, civil or criminal, in force in the said Territories."

(c) Importation of Wood Alcohol
(Canned heat) for Primus stoves -

The Secretary reported for the information of Council that letters had been received from the Hudson's Bay Company, the Northern Traders Limited, the Northern Whaling and Trading Company and the Canalaska Trading Company, giving the quantities of wood alcohol imported into the Territories (copies attached).

(d) Killing Wood Buffalo -

The Secretary reported for the information of Council that the following treaty Indians had been found guilty by a Civil Magistrate at Chipewyan of having killed wood buffalo in Wood Buffalo Park:-

Joseph Wakwan
Joseph Pamatchakwew
Leo Pamatchakwew
John Gladu.

He stated that they had been fined \$300 each and costs but being unable to pay the fines were imprisoned; also that it had been decided to withdraw their privileges to hunt and trap in Wood Buffalo Park. The action taken was approved.

(e) Status of Eskimo -

Liquor Permits

The Secretary reported that this matter had been left in abeyance at the last meeting of Council and that since then reports had been received from Inspector Eames and Inspector Wood of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Both of these officers expressed the opinion that Eskimos should not be supplied with liquor for medicinal purposes. Council felt that there was no obligation on the part of the Department to grant permits to anyone - white or Eskimo, and while no hard and fast rule should be established it was decided to leave the matter entirely with the Department.

(f) Importation of Reindeer -

The Secretary stated for the information of Council that the Lomen Reindeer Corporation had reported on the 24th of July last that the reindeer herd was well located and organized, in good condition, and everybody fine at Hunt River. (copy attached)

3. New Business -

Landing Field - Fort Smith -

The Commissioner reported that he had before him a memorandum prepared by the Director of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch in connection with the improvement of Settlement Lot 11, Fort Smith, patented to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Mackenzie, for landing field purposes. He stated that the Department of National Defence, the Post Office Department, the aeroplane transportation companies, and in fact everyone interested was pressing for improved winter aeroplane landing facilities at Fort Smith.

He stated that \$500 had been provided in the estimates of the Department of Interior last session for this purpose but in view of the principle involved he hesitated approving of the expenditure, particularly as requests for the construction and improvement of roads had been received and other similar applications might be expected. Consequently he did not wish to take any steps in the matter without the approval of Council.

The matter was discussed briefly and it was decided that Mr. Daly should prepare a memorandum, on which this matter might be discussed with the Minister of Interior, dealing first with the general question of improvements which in organized territory would have to be assumed by the municipalities and, second, the spending of Federal Government funds on the improvement of privately owned property.

Council then adjourned.

D. J. McDonald
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Secretary.

A. B. Camp
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Commissioner.

LOMEN REINDEER CORPORATION
264 Colman Building
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

July 24, 1930.

Mr. O. S. Finnie,
Department of Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Finnie:

We are in receipt of a telegram
this morning from Nome, Alaska, as follows:-

"Archie Ferguson just arrived
Kotzebue from Shungnak reports here and every-
body fine at Hunt River -- notify Finnie"

News from the herd will be rather
scarce during the summer months but we know that it is well
located and organized so have no anxiety. They had a fine
spring fawning season so we feel protected against any
possible shortage from the number contracted for delivery.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) Ralph Lomen.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY
 Fur Trade Commissioner's Office
 Winnipeg, Man.

June 20th, 1930.

In your reply refer to
 File No. 5737.

Your File No. 5538

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of May 9th, 1930, in connection with wood alcohol and similar preparations, for igniting "Primus" stoves, taken annually into the North West Territories, as requested, we quote hereunder the approximate quantities of "Wood Alcohol" and "Canned Heat" shipped during the years 1929 and 1930:

	<u>Wood Alcohol</u>	<u>Canned Heat</u>
1929 ...	225 Gals.	50 Doz.
1930 ...	295 "	45 "

We are surprised to learn from your letter that some of these preparations are not being used for the purpose intended.

To the best of our knowledge, no reports have been received by us that wood alcohol, in its various forms, is being used as an intoxicant.

We shall, of course, only be too glad to co-operate with you, in an effort to prevent its improper use, should any unfavourable reports come to hand.

We are writing to our several District Managers seeking their co-operation in this respect and having them instruct all post managers concerned to do everything in their power to prevent the improper use of these preparations.

Yours faithfully,
 (Sgd.) C. H. French
 Fur Trade Commissioner.

O. S. Finnie, Esq.,
 Director,
 North West Territories & Yukon,
 Department of the Interior,
 OTTAWA,
 Ontario.

NORTHERN TRADERS, LIMITED

Edmonton, Alberta,

May 21st, 1930.

M. Finklestein, Esq.,
General Manager,
Northern Traders Ltd.,
WINNIPEG.

Dear Sir,

Re Wood Alcohol, etc.

We have never shipped any Wood Alcohol into the North West Territories.

About twelve years ago some canned heat was sent in by Carroll, but none since.

We do not intend shipping any of the above this year.

We ship gasoline for use in primus stoves.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) Geo. A. Slater,
Asst. General Manager.

NORTHERN WHALING & TRADING CO.

(Incorporated)

Oakland, California,

May 17, 1930.

Mr. O. S. Finnie,
Director,
North West Territories and Yukon,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Your file No. 5538

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated May 9th received Mr. Clarke increased his order for kerosene this year, and also the order for alcohol and canned heat, but I cut him down about 25% on the last two items. The following will give you the information asked for -

	<u>Canalaska Trading Co.</u>		1 9 2 9	1 9 3 0
Cambridge Bay Post	30 Gal. Wood Alcohol			30 Gal. Wood Alcohol
	40 Doz. Sterno (small)			40 Doz. Sterno (small)
	1000 Gal. Kerosene			1800 Gal. Kerosene
Bathurst or Arctic Sound Post	20 Gal. Wood Alcohol			20 Gal. Wood Alcohol
	20 Doz. Sterno (small)			20 Doz. Sterno (small)
	600 Gal. Kerosene			500 Gal. Kerosene
King William Land Post	10. Gal. Alcohol			none
	20 Doz. Sterno (small)			none
	? 350 Gal. Alcohol			400 Gal. Kerosene
Read Island Post	none			5 Gal. Alcohol
	none			10 Doz. Sterno (small)
	none			300 Gal. Kerosene

Northern Whaling & Trading Co.

Herschel Island	15 Gal. Alcohol		30 Gal. Alcohol
	13 Gal. from 1928		20 Doz. Sterno (small)
	15 Doz. Sterno (small)		1500 Gal. Kerosene

The invoice for the Herschel Island kerosene for 1929 is on board the "Patterson" so I can not give you the number of gallons now, but we had about the same amount as for this year. The invoice for the Canalaska kerosene for King William Land in 1929 is missing, but my estimate is about right.

Enclosed you will find invoices to support my figures. I would appreciate it if you will mail these invoices to me at Herschel Island, as they belong to my file.

As far as I know we have not sold a gallon of alcohol or any canned heat to any Eskimos at Herschel Island for the past six or eight years. I always give my storekeepers strict instructions not to sell such preparations to the natives. Last year Thomas Omauk, Eskimo, who is an ordained minister, wanted me to sell him a gallon of denatured alcohol for his primus stoves, but I would not give it to him unless he obtained permission from the Inspector. I do not think that he went to the Inspector about it as I have not any recollection of seeing Thomas again. He was ready to leave for Shingle Point at the time.

We sell nearly 100 gallons of alcohol (denatured) on the Alaska Coast each year, but we do not hear of the natives drinking it. A few years ago I was informed that the natives on the Diomed Islands in the Bering Straits had been drinking wood alcohol and we discontinued selling it there at any price.

A couple of years ago I asked Mr. Clarke if there was any danger of the Eskimos in his locality drinking the denatured alcohol. He informed me that they never touch it as he had informed them that they would die if they drank it. These Eskimos use primus stoves a great deal and I doubt if a gallon of alcohol will last more than a couple of months. A tin of canned heat will not start a primus stove many times as we always furnish the very smallest size tins which cost \$1.35 per dozen in Vancouver B.C.

The white trappers and traders at Herschel Island buy the alcohol from us. Some days before we left Herschel Island last summer I was taken sick with the "flu" or something like it, and while I kept to my bed Mr. Eckardt asked our Super-Cargo for such a large quantity of denatured alcohol and canned heat that he was afraid to let him have it. He therefore went to the Inspector and asked if it would be alright to give Mr. Eckardt what we could spare of such things. When I go to the ship on Monday I will look through the file and see if we have any record of the amount purchased by this party.

You can rest assured that I will co-operate with you in this matter, and if it is the wish of the Department to discontinue permission to import denatured alcohol into the North West Territory, I will see to it that there will not be any of such preparations landed there by us.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) C. T. Pedersen.