

COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

- AGENDA -

Thursday, 2nd June, 1932

3:00 p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Thirty-third Session - 11th May, 1932.

2. Matters of Urgent Importance -

- (a) Export of Walrus Tusks.
- (b) Conservation of Waterfowl - James Bay.
- (c) Eastern Arctic Patrol -
  - (i) Secretary and Historian
  - (ii) Hospital Freight - Pangnirtung.
- (d) International Polar Year Parties -
  - (i) Chesterfield
  - (ii) Coppermine
  - (iii) Rae
- (e) Destitute Quebec Eskimo.
- (f) Fort Smith - Fitzgerald Portage Road.
- (g) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition.
- (h) Development Mineral Area - Great Bear Lake.
  - (i) General situation
  - (ii) Radio Station Lindsley Bay.
- (i) Insurance Agents' Registration.
- (j) "Aeroarctic".
- (k) Dental Profession Ordinance.
- (l) Hospital - Chesterfield.
- (m) Peter Norberg.

3. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) General Welfare of Inhabitants -  
Quarantine.
- (b) Keewatin Game Preserve.
- (c) Northern Waterways Limited.
- (d) Coroners' Fees.
- (e) Medical Profession Ordinance.
- (f) Telephone - Murphy Services Limited.
- (g) Prospecting Thelon Game Sanctuary.

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4. To be dealt with at Autumn Session -

- (a) Relief Expedition for Dr. H. K. E. Krueger.
- (b) Northwest Game Regulations -  
Petition from residents Reliance  
District.
- (c) Petition to the Minister for change in  
administration Mackenzie District.
- (d) Petition to the Minister for Game Preserves -  
Mackenzie Delta and Arctic Coast.
- (e) Petition from Eskimo.
- (f) Possibility of supplying additional Medical  
Officers without increasing personnel.
- (g) Bills of Sale Ordinance.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Northwest Territories Council, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of June, 1932, in the office of the Commissioner, Mr. H. H. Rowatt, at Ottawa.

PRESENT -

Mr. H. H. Rowatt (In the Chair)	-	Commissioner
Mr. R. A. Gibson	-	Deputy Commissioner
Major General J. H. MacBrien	-	Member of Council
Mr. K. R. Daly	-	" " "
Major D. L. McKeand	-	Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE -

Mr. W. J. E. Casey	-	Assistant to Deputy Minister of Fisheries
Mr. A. J. Whitmore	-	Head, Western Fisheries Division
Mr. H. E. Hume	-	Chairman, Dominion Lands Board
Mr. Hoyes Lloyd	-	National Parks Branch, Wild Life Division
Dr. Harrison F. Lewis	-	National Parks Branch, Wild Life Division.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - File 483-2.

The Minutes of the Thirty-third Session of Council, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, 1932, having been sent to all members of Council, it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by General MacBrien, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Matters of Urgent Importance -

(a) Export of Walrus Tusks - File 4783.

The Secretary read a letter received from Dr. Found in connection with an application of the Grenfell Mission for permission to export from the Northwest Territories approximately 200 pounds annually of walrus tusk ivory for use by convalescent men and boys in the Mission Hospital in Labrador.

It was pointed out that the reason why it had been decided to afford some protection for walrus was that there was a needless slaughter of these animals for the sole purpose of obtaining the tusks, and an Order in Council was passed in July last prohibiting the export of ivory tusks except for scientific purposes.

Mr. Casey reported that his Deputy Minister, Dr. Found, was not prepared to express any definite opinion on the subject. He said that there was no reason from a Fisheries standpoint to change the provisions of the Order in Council referred to, but his Department would be glad to consider any suggestions made by the Mounted Police or the Interior Department. Mr. Casey seemed to think that the request should not be granted. He pointed out that the Eskimos were allowed to kill seven animals per year, and white men four animals per year under license.

Mr. Gibson thought that inasmuch as the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection considered the question of protecting walrus prior to the establishment of the prohibitory regulations by Order in Council, that the present application might be referred to the Board, attention being drawn to the supply of mastodon ivory in the Yukon Territory which should meet the requirements of the Grenfell Mission.

Mr.....

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Daly, that reports be secured from the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and from Major McKeand, who will look into the matter during the Eastern Arctic Patrol; also that the Grenfell Mission be advised of other available sources of supply. Carried.

(b) Conservation of Waterfowl - James Bay - File 5128

Dr. Lewis said that on instructions he visited the James Bay area last fall and went into the question of the establishment of bird sanctuaries very carefully, consulting all those in the locality whom he considered in a position to express an opinion of value. He said that there was universal agreement in the locality not only as to the necessity for setting aside bird sanctuaries, but also as to the suitability of the areas suggested as such. Incidentally he mentioned specially the splendid co-operation received at the hands of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable stationed at Moose Factory.

Dr. Lewis said that he had an interview with the Chief Engineer of the T. & N. O. Railway, and the latter appreciated the fact that some protection was necessary, although quite naturally the railway would try to bring in sportsmen so long as there was shooting available in the district.

Dr. Lewis said that the nature of the two bays made three sanctuary areas desirable - one at the extreme south end of James Bay and one on each side. He said that copies of the report had been sent to all those personally interested and replies had been received with the exception of the Province of Ontario. He seemed to think that Ontario would support the proposal and that the only reason a reply had not been received was that the Deputy Minister of Game had been away for some time.

General MacBrien mentioned that in a game matter having to do with fur-bearing animals his Department had been unable to secure the co-operation of the Province of Ontario in carrying out prosecution. He wondered whether a similar attitude might be expected in connection with Migratory Birds.

Mr. Rowatt asked whether the Federal Government could set aside the areas suggested without the concurrence of Ontario. The opinion was expressed that it would be unwise to do so although the areas in Quebec and the islands in the Northwest Territories might be set aside as a bird sanctuary.

Mr. Gibson moved that when favourable word was received from the Province of Ontario, that the areas in the Northwest Territories proposed as portions of the sanctuaries be set aside along with the rest, and that the question of affording some measure of protection this year be taken up with General MacBrien, it being pointed out that there was no appropriation provided in the Migratory Birds Vote for this year that would enable the appointment of a special warden. General MacBrien said that he had been considering putting a second member of the Force at Moose Factory. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daly and carried.

- (c) Eastern Arctic Patrol -  
 (i) Secretary and Historian File 5031-7  
 (ii) Hospital Freight - Pangnirtung - File 4722

It was reported -

1. That provision had been made for sending North a Secretary and Historian.
2. That the Hudson's Bay Company had agreed to carry the Pangnirtung Hospital freight free of all charges.
3. That passenger accommodation was limited to fifteen passengers each way and that this accommodation was exceeded by one outward.
4. That the appointment of a doctor had not yet been arranged, but that Dr. Heagerty had intimated that his Minister was going to take the matter up with the Minister of the Interior.

5. That word had been received from the Department of National Revenue that the duty on the "Ungava" had been waived and permission granted for the steamer to engage in coastwise trade.

6. That the Marine Department were apparently satisfied as to the seaworthiness of the "Ungava" and proposed inspecting the life-saving equipment.

7. That the Hudson's Bay Company had asked for the payment of \$23,000 on the 26th of June. Mr. Gibson mentioned that it would be necessary to secure the authority of the Treasury Board for this payment and asked Mr. Hume to prepare a draft Memorandum to Council so that authority might be had in time. It was decided that the Marine Department should be consulted as to the usual procedure followed with respect to the time of payment in connection with matters of this kind.

8. That the Post Office Department proposed giving considerable publicity to the postal arrangements. Mr. Gibson said that Mr. G. C. Anderson of the Post Office Department had told him that there had been some discussion of this matter in the various branches of the Post Office Department, but that it was not proposed to make a special payment to the Hudson's Bay Company for the carrying of mail.

9. That no word had been received from Dr. Skelton re the proposed call at Godhavn.

In answer to a suggestion General MacBrien felt that it would be well to advise the Police posts in the North by wireless of the approximate date of arrival of the "Ungava". Major McKeand asked whether it would be necessary to report the position of the ship daily. It was decided that the Marine Department should be consulted as to the necessity for requiring daily reports.

(d) International Polar Year Parties -  
(i) Chesterfield - File 6969

It was reported that the Minister of the Interior had authorized the transfer of medical supplies in the doctor's residence at Chesterfield to the Roman Catholic Hospital at that point; also the loan of the building and the balance of the equipment to the Marine Department for use by their Polar Year Party.

(ii) Coppermine - File 6971

It was reported that the doctor's residence at Coppermine had been vacated by the Mounted Police and was available for the second Canadian Polar Year Party. The building and equipment therein was also being loaned to the Marine Department.

(iii) Rae - File 6735

It was reported that Mr. Stagg, the officer in charge of the English Polar Year Party occupying a site near Rae, called on Mr. Hume and again brought up the question of fresh meat, and that Mr. Hume had informed him that there might be a limited slaughter of buffalo next fall and that if Mr. Stagg were unable to secure fresh meat locally the Department might favourably consider an application from him for a buffalo carcass, the meat to be sold at a nominal figure - say five or six cents a pound - and shipped by aeroplane to Rae at Mr. Stagg's expense. No decision was reached because it was not clear that Mr. Stagg would need any meat.

During the discussion with Mr. Stagg the impression was gathered that his party was not being financed by the British Government, but rather by the families or friends of those participating.

(e) Destitute Quebec Eskimo - File 7257

The Secretary read a letter addressed to Mr. Chas. Lanctot, K.C., Deputy Attorney General of Quebec, by Mr. Rowatt, and copies of a subsequent exchange of telegrams (copies attached).

Mr.....

Mr. Gibson suggested that the correspondence be closed out by a courteous letter to Mr. Lanctot and that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the traders concerned, and the Mission authorities be informed that the Department of the Interior would no longer have anything to do with advancing relief to destitute Eskimos in the Province of Quebec.

(f) Fort Smith - Fitzgerald Portage Road - Files 215 & 6967

The Secretary read a letter addressed to Mr. Hume by Mr. Austin L. Cumming, reporting that the portage road was in good condition and suggesting that copies of a new franchise to Ryan Brothers be obtained from the Alberta Government. It was agreed that the Commissioner should request a copy of the new agreement.

(g) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition - File 7048

The Secretary read a letter received from Dr. Skelton advising that the Williams Expedition to Fort Conger had been definitely abandoned.

(h) Development Mineral Area - Great Bear Lake -  
(i) General Situation - File 7323

The Secretary handed to each member of Council a memorandum prepared by Mr. Hume, as follows -

"Present situation at Great Bear Lake"

"In view of the publicity given to the mineral discoveries in the vicinity of Great Bear Lake, and in order to cope with any rush which might take place, Mr. Mackay Meikle, Mining Inspector at Fort Smith, was appointed Sub-Mining Recorder at Echo Bay, Great Bear Lake, arriving at that point on the 27th of March last by aeroplane. While Mr. Meikle's duties are those of Sub-Recorder, he has also been vested by Order in Council with the powers of a Mining Recorder under the provisions of Section 66 of the Quartz Mining Regulations to hear and determine all disputes arising in regard to mining property, previous to the issue of a lease. This action was deemed necessary as the office of the Mining Recorder for the district is situated some hundreds of miles from the scene of activity.

"Mr. A. L. Cumming, Chief Mining Inspector, is now en route to Great Bear Lake, where he will supervise mining operations, and carry out other work for the Department in the Mackenzie District.

"As the staking of a large number of claims entails considerable extra work on the Mining Recorder, the latter has been given the temporary assistance of a clerk from the Dominion Lands Administration. As a part of the Northwest Territories Radio System, a radio station has been established at Lindsley Bay, Great Bear Lake.

"In Mr. Meikle's last report, dated the 2nd ultimo, he states that there were at that time one hundred and twenty-five (125) men at Echo Bay and the surrounding district engaged in prospecting, most of whom represented the following companies or syndicates -

"Eldorado Gold Mines, Limited,  
"Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada,  
"(Great Bear Lake Mines, Limited )  
"(Great North West Prospectors Syndicate)  
"A X Syndicate (of Toronto),  
"Great Bear Development Company (Silveradium),  
"N. A. M. E. Limited (at Great Bear Lake),  
"" " " " " (at Bornite Lake),  
"The North of 60 Syndicate (of Ottawa),

"Polar...

"Polar Bear Mines, Limited,  
 "Silver Bear Mines, Limited,  
 "Contact Lake Mining Company, Limited,  
 "St. Paul Sub-Arctic Syndicate,  
 "McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Limited (Timmins),  
 "The Calgary Syndicate,  
 "Fort Smith Syndicate,  
 "The Beck Syndicate (Edmonton),  
 "Ursa Major Mines, Limited.

"These prospectors are stated to be of a superior type to those who usually follow a mining rush.

"While the number of prospectors in the district at present is not perhaps as large as might be expected, there is no doubt that the number will be considerably augmented when navigation on the Mackenzie opens and regular aerial transportation schedules come into effect.

"Since the 1st April, 1931, 641 Miner's Licenses and 397 Renewals have been issued, which would indicate that a considerable number of prospectors may yet enter the Northwest Territories this year. On the 31st March, 1932, there were 1,265 Quartz Mining Claims in good standing in the Northwest Territories. From that date to the 15th ultimo the Mining Recorder at Fort Smith has reported the staking of 361 claims, making a total of 1,626 claims in good standing."

(ii) Radio Station Lindsley Bay - File 7323.

The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Interior by Mr. Desbarats, Deputy Minister of National Defence, reporting that no change was proposed in the location of the radio station at Great Bear Lake for the present.

(i) Insurance Agents' Registration - File 7373

The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Commissioner by the Standard Life Assurance Company advising that they proposed sending Mr. Upson into the Territories for the purpose of soliciting people. Mr. Daly said that there was no Ordinance which could control an insurance agent and that a letter of consent was all that was necessary.

Mr. Gibson expressed the opinion that insurance companies operating in the Northwest Territories should be vouched for by the Insurance Department. It was decided that this application should be referred to Mr. Finlayson, Superintendent of Insurance, for an expression of opinion.

(j) "Aeroarctic" - File 5988

The Secretary read a statement that had been prepared giving a brief outline of the circumstances relating to the decision to take out a national membership in the Aeroarctic Society.

Mr. Hume mentioned that so far as the literature issued by the Society was concerned the membership was of little or no value.

It was decided that a letter should be addressed to Dr. Skelton enquiring as to whether a definite promise had been given that membership would be taken out for a period of years.

(k) Dental Profession Ordinance - File 247

Mr. Daly read a draft Ordinance that had been prepared and submitted to the Canadian Dental Association; also a letter from Mr. A. W. Faulkner, Chairman, Committee on Legislation, Canadian Dental Association, Halifax, commenting on the Ordinance.

Mr. Daly also mentioned that a few years ago he had consulted the Department of Health in connection with the Dental Ordinance and had been referred to the Dental Association.

After.....

After discussion it was decided that the same practice should be followed in this case as was decided in the case of the Medical Ordinance and anyone who could produce satisfactory evidence showing that he was in good standing in one of the Dental associations, might be allowed to practice in the Northwest Territories.

(1) Hospital - Chesterfield - File 6336.

The Secretary read a memorandum addressed to Mr. Rowatt by Mr. Hume suggesting that the usual grant of 50¢ per person and in addition \$1.50 for each indigent per day, be allowed in the case of the Chesterfield Hospital.

It was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Daly, that this recommendation be approved. Carried.

(m) Peter Norberg - File 5332.

The Secretary mentioned for the information of Council that a report had been received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in connection with the case of Peter Norberg who was charged with incest and that it was proposed to either send a judicial party to the Arctic to hear the case or to appoint Inspector Eames stipendiary magistrate. General MacBrien said that it had been decided to appoint Inspector Eames a Magistrate to hear this particular case.

Council then adjourned.

*H. H. Rowatt*  
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Commissioner.

*H. J. Weiland*  
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Secretary



- T E L E G R A P H -

Department of the Interior,  
Ottawa, 31st May, 1932.

Charles Lanctot, Esq., K.C.,  
Deputy Attorney General,  
Quebec, P.Q.

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW AND THEN  
NOT AGAIN UNTIL FALL Stop IF YOU HAVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS  
TO MAKE IN CONNECTION WITH RELIEF TO ESKIMOS IN QUEBEC  
TERRITORY WOULD APPRECIATE WIRE FROM YOU

H H ROWATT  
COMMISSIONER NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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H. H. Rowatt,  
Commissioner Northwest Territories  
Ottawa, Ont.

THANKS FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF TODAY RE RELIEF TO ESKIMOS Stop  
IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION WE DO NOT SEE THAT WE CAN MAKE ANY  
SUGGESTION

CHARLES LANCTOT  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

11.

6th May, 1932.

Dear Mr. Lanctot,

In a letter written by the Minister of this Department to Premier Taschereau, dated the 17th March, 1931, he intimated that we were prepared to continue to co-operate in the advancing of relief to needy Eskimos in the Province of Quebec to the extent of authorizing such relief as was deemed necessary, checking the accounts and forwarding them to you for payment, until such time as the Province was able to complete arrangements for giving the matter direct attention by its own officials.

You are familiar with the correspondence that has passed between us since then. In my letter to you dated the 18th February last, I pointed out that if it was desired by the Province that relief should be distributed to Quebec Eskimos under Federal supervision in 1932-33, arrangements should be concluded as early as possible in order that the method of dealing with the accounts might be understood by all. As we have not heard from you in this regard we assume that the Province has taken over complete charge of this matter and we are notifying those traders and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Northern Quebec, who have in the past furnished relief to Eskimos, that in future authorization for such relief should be had from the Provincial authorities of Quebec and the accounts submitted to the Province for payment. Advice is also being sent to the Mission authorities of the change in procedure.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) H. H. Rowatt,

Deputy Minister.

Charles Lanctot, Esq., K.C.,  
Deputy Attorney General,  
Quebec, P.Q.



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
CANADA

OTTAWA  
30th May,  
1932

To The Commissioner in Council -

The undersigned has the honour to report that under Section 3 of the Hospitals Ordinance the Commissioner in Council may designate such hospitals in the Territories as comply with the provisions of this Ordinance and of all the regulations thereunder.

The undersigned further reports that Ste. Theresa's Mission at Chesterfield submitted a list of materials and furnishings, together with photographs of the completed hospital, on the 10th February, 1931, and at the same time made application for public aid.

The undersigned also reports that monthly returns commencing the 8th September, 1931, showing the number of patients treated have been regularly submitted by the Registered Nurse in charge, and duly certified by the Missionary in charge; and that all the provisions of the said Ordinance have otherwise been complied with.

Therefore, the undersigned begs to recommend that Ste. Theresa's Hospital at Chesterfield be designated a hospital under the provisions of The Hospitals Ordinance from the Eighth day of September, 1931.

Chairman,  
Dominion Lands Board.

30th May, 1932.

Approved.

Commissioner.