

SPECIAL

SPECIAL SESSION

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of a Special Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Friday the 8th of May, 1931, in the office of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, at Ottawa.

PRESENT -

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

IN ATTENDANCE -

Mr. K. R. Daly	-	Legal Adviser
Mr. C. C. Ross	-	Supervisory Mining Engineer.

2. (f) Hospital Accommodation at Coppermine -

The Chairman pointed out that although the Estimates pertaining to the North West Territories had been reduced, a further reduction would require to be made and that it was necessary that Council should give attention to the manner in which this reduction should be made. In order to bring the expenditures within the Estimate it had been suggested that the Medical Services at Coppermine and Chesterfield be temporarily withdrawn.

With respect to Coppermine - Dr. R. D. Martin, the Medical Officer, had stated that the work was very much restricted owing to the lack of proper hospital accommodation and other adequate medical equipment. Furthermore, Dr. Martin had been absent since the 11th March and could not return until July. Dr. Camsell pointed out that the residents of this District had fared very well without a doctor and the probability was they could continue to do so in the meantime. Moreover, as Coppermine was only a short distance by air from the hospital at Resolution or even at Fort Smith, and the mining corporations were providing excellent air transportation facilities, medical attention and hospital treatment were readily available to those engaged in the mining industry. Mr. Finnie explained that the Minister had advised the Mission authorities there was no money available for the present for a hospital at Coppermine. He added that the cost of supplying a Medical Officer, together with necessary equipment, etc., for one year, would exceed \$8,000, and the point to be determined was whether this expenditure would be justified.

With respect to Chesterfield - Mr. Finnie stated he had received reports on the unsatisfactory conduct of Dr. D.S. Bruce, the Medical Officer at that point. He made it clear that the Department had undertaken to furnish a doctor there, if and when the Roman Catholic Mission hospital was ready to treat patients, and in view of this understanding it was not desirable to withdraw the Medical Officer, even temporarily, without reference to Bishop Turquetil. However, he felt Bishop Turquetil would not have very strong objections to the withdrawal of Dr. Bruce and delaying the appointment of another Medical Officer until next year. He promised to write Bishop Turquetil and obtain an expression of his views.

After a very full discussion, and bearing in mind the great urgency for economy, it was moved by Dr. Camsell, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that for the present year, at least, the Medical Officers at Coppermine - Dr. R. D. Martin, and Chesterfield - Dr. D. S. Bruce, be retired. This last retirement being subject to the concurrence of Bishop Turquetil.

3. (b) Purchase of supplies for Government Officials from Arctic Posts of Hudson's Bay Company -

The Secretary reported that an offer had been received from the Hudson's Bay Company to furnish equipment and supplies to Government officials in the Arctic at cost plus twenty-five percent.

The Members of Council thought the arrangement satisfactory and it was moved by Colonel Starnes, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that the offer be accepted. Carried.

(d) Liquor Permits to Husband and Wife -

Council was asked to express an opinion as to the advisability of issuing more than one liquor permit to one family. It was pointed out that the Commissioner had the necessary power to issue or refuse a permit to a man or his wife, or any other person, under the provisions of the North West Territories Act.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the Commissioner continue to exercise discretion in the granting of liquor permits as provided in Section 91, Chapter 142, R.S. 1927, and that Council go on record as favouring the issue of liquor permits to more than one member of a family, for medicinal purposes only, unless the Commissioner considers there are good and sufficient reasons to the contrary.

The meeting then adjourned.

*A. J. McKeand*  
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Secretary

*H. H. Rowatt*  
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Commissioner.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ESKIMO RUINS  
IN THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

Authorized by the Eskimo Ruins Ordinance, assented  
to on the fifth day of February, 1930.

Approved by Commissioner in Council 18th May, 1931.

Permits may  
be granted.

1. Permits for the examination and excavation of archaeological sites and the collection of archaeological and ethnological specimens may be granted to such persons as the Commissioner may consider desirable.

Form of appli-  
cation.

2. Applications for permits shall be submitted to the Director of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch, Department of the Interior, on forms provided by him.

Applications  
recommended.

3. Applications for permits may be referred for recommendation to the Director of the National Museum of Canada at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Copies of  
permits.

4. A copy of each permit granted shall be transmitted to the Director of the National Museum of Canada and to the Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Termination  
of permits.

5. Permits are terminable at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Permits to be  
shown.

6. Permits shall be shown on demand to persons authorized thereto by the Commissioner.

Duration of  
permits.

7. No permit shall be granted for more than two consecutive years, provided that if satisfactory evidence is submitted to show that the work has been diligently prosecuted, an extension of time may be granted for such a period as the Commissioner may consider necessary. Applications for extension of time shall be submitted in the same manner as those for original permits.

Area limited.

8. No permit shall be granted for an area larger than can be fully and systematically investigated within the time specified in the permit.

Failure to  
perform work.

9. Failure to begin work within six months from the granting of a permit, or to prosecute such work diligently, shall render the permit null and void.

Confiscation  
of specimens.

10. Any archaeological or ethnological specimen taken by any person not in possession of a permit or contrary to these regulations or to the terms of his permit, may be seized by any person authorized thereto by the Commissioner, and be disposed of as the Commissioner may think fit.

Permanent  
structures.

11. No permit for the removal of any structure which may be permanently preserved in situ as an object of scientific or historic interest, shall be granted.

Restoration  
of sites.

12. All excavated areas shall, as far as possible, be restored to their normal condition.

Reports on  
work done.

13. At the close of each season's field work every holder of a permit shall furnish a report in duplicate to the Director of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch, Department of the Interior, on the work performed, with full details of any stratification or other chronological evidence encountered, a descriptive catalogue of the specimens collected, copies of all photographs taken in connection with the work, with explanatory notes, and a list of the specimens, if any, which he is willing to donate to, sell to, or exchange with the National Museum of Canada.

*H.S.H.*