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O. S. FINNIE,
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 483-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
31st October,
1931

Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to advise that the Twenty-eighth Session of the North West Territories Council will be held in the office of the Commissioner on Wednesday, the 4th November, 1931, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Enclosed please find the following -

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Session - 21st September, 1931.



I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
OTTAWA.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL

- AGENDA -

Wednesday, 4th November, 1931.

2:30 p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Twenty-seventh Session - 21st September, 1931.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Administration of civil matters in North West Territories - *Mr. Doherty*
Scale of fees for sheriff and bailiff.
- (b) General Welfare of Inhabitants - *See meeting*
Quarantine *Stand*
- (c) Reindeer Experiment - *no see*
- (d) Keewatin Game Preserve - *Board of Wildlife*
- (e)
 - (i) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition *no see*
 - (ii) Bache Peninsula
- (f) Northern Waterways Limited *referred to Dept. Fisheries*
- (g) Relief Expedition for Dr. H.K.E. Krueger *Guarantee*
- (h) Fort Smith-Fitzgerald Portage Road - *on Browder 24 C 13*
for Sand
- (i)
 - (1) Great Bear River Portage Road *fully on - Park Wks*
 - (ii) Development Mineral Area Bear Lake-Coppermine.
- (j) Expenses incurred in connection with patrols by Royal Canadian Mounted Police. ✓
- (k) Destitute whites - *See letter marked*
- (l) Fur Cycles - *See page 4 - resolution*
Dr. Charles Elton
- (m) Voluntary Services Emile Lambert as Game Keeper and Fire Ranger. *Hold*
- (n) Activities of Danish Explorers in Greenland *Reply to Skilton*
- (o) Report J. Dewey Soper ✓
- (p) Liquor Dispensary - Fort Smith - *McDonagh asked C. V. Stand*

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- (q) ✓ Eskimo patients - Chesterfield
- (r) ✓ Hercules Consolidated Mining Smelting
& Power Corporation, Ltd -
Construction of road Fort Smith-
Coronation Gulf

Shaw

*Referred to
Public works*

3. New Business -

- (a) Bending Public Administrator of ✓
Mackenzie District
- (b) Michell Pierce -
Proposed Expedition "North West ✓
Passage"
- (c) North West Game Regulations - ✓
Beaver Permits.

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COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Twenty-seventh Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Monday, the 21st day of September, 1931, 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
Dr. Charles Cammell	Member of Council
Mr. O. S. Finnie	" " " and
	Director, N.W.T. & Y. Br.
Major D. L. McKeand	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE -

Mr. K. R. Daly	Legal Adviser.
Mr. Hynes Lloyd	
Mr. H. E. Hume	
Mr. T. G. Madgwick	
Mr. Austen Cumming	
Major L. T. Burwash	

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Session of Council, held on Wednesday the 24th day of June, 1931, having been sent to all the Members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Administration of civil matters
in North West Territories -
Scale of fees for sheriff and bailiff

Stand.

- (b) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine

Stand.

- (c) Reindeer Experiment -

Stand.

- (d) Keewatin Game Preserve -

Mr. Finnie reported that he had brought up

before.....

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before the Board on Wild Life Protection the question of establishing the proposed Keewatin Game Preserve. He said he had been asked by the Board to prepare a memorandum that could be read at its next meeting and on which a recommendation to the North West Territories Council might be based. Mr. Finnie said he had prepared the memorandum but that up to the present this meeting had not been called. Mr. Lloyd said he would try and arrange a meeting of the Board on Wild Life Protection at an early date.

- (e) (i) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition
- (ii) Bache Peninsula

The matter was reviewed briefly by Mr. Finnie but it was agreed by Council that no action was necessary for the time being. Mr. Gibson suggested that when the matter did come up for final action on the application of Captain Williams, that Dr. O. D. Skelton be asked to be present.

- (f) Northern Waterways Limited -

The Secretary reported that Mr. Thomas Mulvey and Mr. K. R. Daly were both of the opinion that companies operating in the North West Territories should be incorporated under Federal Charter. It was pointed out that the adoption of this policy with respect to transportation companies would also affect all other companies operating in the North West Territories. In view of the importance of the matter it was agreed that a reference should be made to the Department of Justice. Mr. Finnie was asked to assist Mr. Daly in drafting a letter to Justice for the signature of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, dealing with the general question of the incorporation of companies.

- (g) French steamships sojourning in Arctic waters -

In response to an enquiry Major Burwash said that they had only been in touch with one French vessel in the vicinity of Baffin Land and that little information could be obtained as their wireless operator did not speak French and the French wireless operator did not speak English. However, he gathered that the French fishing fleet was operating this year largely in the vicinity of Iceland.

3. New Business -

- (a) Relief Expedition for Dr. H.K.E. Krueger.
Stand.
- (b) Fort Smith-Fitzgerald Portage Road -
- (c) Northern Lead Zino Limited - Road Construction -
- and (j) (i) Great Bear River Portage Road
- (ii) Development mineral area Bear Lake -
Coppermines -

The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works by the Deputy Minister of the Interior, dated the 27th August and of the reply received, respecting the matter of constructing a portage road along the Great Bear River rapids. This correspondence was approved by Council.

In response to an enquiry Mr. Cumming said that he estimated roughly that the cost of constructing this road would be approximately \$2,000 per mile. He said that there was exceptionally good drainage for the road; that the only grades of any account would be at the beginning and end of the road where it would get down to water level, and that in making this estimate he had figured on a good road of substantial construction. He expressed the opinion that it might be cheaper in the end to let the contract for road construction to some concern such as Ryan's of Fort Smith, this Company having road construction equipment already in the Territories.

Mr. Rowatt said that he had been interviewed in this connection by representatives of the mining companies and that they were very insistent that the Federal Government construct a portage road at this point. He said they reminded him that these particular rapids were the only serious obstruction in the way of getting in heavy mining equipment to the field of operations on Great Bear Lake, and promised that if the road was built they would take in the necessary machinery and carry on operations all the year round.

After further discussion it was moved by Dr. Cansell and seconded by Mr. Gibson -

"That the North West Territories Council strongly endorse the proposal for the improvement of freighting facilities along the Great Bear Rapids, which could be provided at an estimated expenditure of approximately \$30,000 (\$2,000 per mile), the work to be started in July 1932 and to be finished by October of that year."

A further letter to the Deputy Minister of Public Works was drafted, approved by Council, and signed by the Deputy Minister of the Interior (copy attached).

(a) The Secretary read a letter received from Mr. J. Mackintosh Bell in which he stated that it was not the intention of the Northern Lead-Zinc Company to renew activities until there is an improvement in the lead and zinc situation so that so far as improving the roads constructed by the Company in the Territories was concerned, the matter might be allowed to stand for the present. The Secretary also reported that this information had been conveyed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works.

(b) The Secretary read a letter dated the 10th July 1931 (copy attached) from Mr. Ralph Parsons, Fur Trade Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, pointing out that an agreement had been entered into between the Alberta Government and Ryan Bros. for an exclusive franchise to carry freight and passengers for hire over the Fitzgerald-Fort Smith portage road; also a letter dated the 9th July 1931 (copy attached) from Premier J. E. Brownlee addressed to the Honourable Thomas G. Murphy, Minister of the Interior; also a report dated the 3rd September 1931 (copy attached), from Mr. J. A. McDougal, District Agent, on the operation of the Ryan Bros. franchise.

The decision reached by Council was that a further letter should be addressed to Premier Brownlee asking for further information with respect to the concession granted to Ryan Bros.

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(c) Accidental shooting Eskimo Tenowyah -

The Secretary reported that this Eskimo, who resided near the Manitoba-North West Territories boundary, had to be brought out to The Pas for treatment; that so far a bill had not been submitted for his care, and that therefore there was no action for the North West Territories Council to take.

(d) Expenses incurred in connection with patrols by Royal Canadian Mounted Police -
Stand.

(f) Destitute whites -
(Letter R.C.M. Police 26th June 1931) -
Stand. (Copy of letter attached)

(g) Fur Cyoles -
Dr. Chas. Elton -

Dr. Cammell reported that Dr. Elton had been enabled to carry on his studies with respect to fur cyoles, etc., largely through the assistance rendered by the Hudson's Bay Company, The Imperial Marketing Board, the Royal Society of London and by the New York Zoological Society. He also said that so far as a grant was concerned, the Hudson's Bay Company and the Imperial Marketing Board would probably drop their grants, but that the Hudson's Bay Company would continue to make available to Dr. Elton their old records with respect to fur trading. Dr. Cammell said he had taken up with the Research Council the matter of a grant to Dr. Elton and that he thought it might facilitate matters if a resolution were passed by the North West Territories Council commending the work that has been carried on by Dr. Elton. Following a brief discussion it was moved by Dr. Cammell, seconded by Mr. Finnis, that the following resolution be adopted -

The Council of the North West Territories has learned with interest of the valuable work undertaken by Dr. Charles Elton of Oxford University on the fluctuation in the wild life population of Northern Canada and wishes to express its appreciation to the Hudson's Bay Company for the support given Dr. Elton while studying these wild life conditions.

The Council desires also to express the hope that the Hudson's Bay Company will continue to provide Dr. Elton with the facilities for carrying on his studies in the North West Territories.

(h) Resignation Colonel Cortlandt Starnes as Member of North West Territories Council and appointment of Major General J. H. MacBrien in his stead -

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of Council, Commissioner Starnes had submitted his resignation as a Member of the North West Territories Council and that his successor, Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., had been appointed a Member of the North West Territories Council by Order in Council (P.C. 1897). Copies of resignation and Order in Council attached.

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- (i) Termination of appointment H. Milton Martin as Public Administrator in and for Mackenzie District -

The Secretary submitted a recommendation (s) to the North West Territories Council that the services of Mr. H. Milton Martin as Public Administrator for the Mackenzie District be terminated because of political partisanship, and that in his stead Mr. Egbert Owen be appointed. It was stated that in connection with charges of political partisanship it was the practice in the Government service to accept the statement of the sitting Government Member that an employee was guilty of political partisanship. It was therefore moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the recommendation (s) be approved.

- (k) Voluntary services Emile Lambert as Game Keeper and Fire Ranger -

Stand.

- (l) North West Game Regulations -
Permits live non-migratory birds -

The Secretary reported that this matter had been placed on the agenda due to a clerical error in which the word "migratory" had been typed in a submission to the Deputy Minister of the Interior, when it should have been "non-migratory"; that there was no action for the North West Territories Council to take at present.

- (m) Activities of Danish explorers in Greenland -

Stand - till Dr. Skelton is in attendance.

- (n) Cumborgulf Syndicate -

It was reported that the four survivors of the "Watts" had been brought out on the "Beothic" and that they had been sent back to the Old Country by the Department of Immigration and Colonization.

- (o) Report J. Dewey Soper.

Stand.

- (p) Suggested Liquor Dispensary - North West Territories -

The Secretary reported that it had been suggested by Dr. Bourget, representative of the Department of Indian Affairs at Resolution, that a Liquor Dispensary be opened at some principal point or points in the North West Territories so that it would not be necessary for a resident of the Territories to purchase a large quantity at one time. The Secretary read the section of the North West Territories Act governing the issue of liquor permits and after a brief discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken by Council, at least until after the District Agent, Mr. J. A. McDougal has been consulted.

It was agreed that a letter should be written to Mr. McDougal in this connection.

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(q) Eskimo Patients - Chesterfield
Stand.

(r) Hercules Consolidated Mining, Smelting and
Power Corporation Limited -

The Secretary read a letter dated the 9th
September, 1931 (copy attached), re the proposal for a railroad or
truck highway from Fort Smith to Coronation Gulf. Council was
of the opinion that this matter should be transferred to the
Department of Public Works.

(s) Unemployment Relief in North West Terri-
tories -

Mr. Gibson reported for the information of
Council that a decision had been given that there would be no
unemployment relief in the North West Territories on the ground
that it had not been proven that there was any special need for
such relief.

Council then adjourned.

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21st September, 1931.

Dear Mr. Hunter,

I have your letter of the 2nd instant with respect to the matter of constructing a portage road at Great Bear Rapids, N.W.T., and note that you have communicated with your District Engineer at Winnipeg with a view to determining whether a survey might be undertaken this season. Since this letter was written, the matter has been considered again by the North West Territories Council and the following resolution adopted -

"That the North West Territories Council strongly endorse the proposal for the improvement of freighting facilities along the Great Bear Rapids, which could be provided at an estimated expenditure of approximately \$30,000 (\$2,000 per mile), the work to be started in July, 1932, and to be finished by October of that year."

I might add that we have received representations from the mining interests operating in the North that it is of the utmost importance from the standpoint of the development of the mineral resources of this area that a road be constructed at this point so as to enable the importing of heavy machinery to provide means for working mineral deposits all the year round. The Great Bear Rapids at the present time form the only obstacle in water communication from Fort Smith to Great Bear Lake.

The Departmental record of mining licenses issued, and claims staked, indicates that there is an active interest in this area, and any assistance your Department may be able to render in the way of constructing this road next summer will be much appreciated by this Department and by those companies who already have a considerable investment in the Territories.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Minister.

Enc.

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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

WINNIPEG, MAN.

JULY 10th, 1931.

Dear Sir:

SMITH PORTAGE

No doubt you have learned that an agreement was recently entered into between the Alberta Government and Ryan Brothers of Fort McMurray, whereby Ryan Brothers have been given the exclusive right to carry freight for hire from Fitzgerald over the Smith Portage, on the condition that they will, at their own expense, keep the portage in a reasonably passable condition.

The first intimation we had of this agreement between the Alberta Government and Ryan Brothers was a news item in the Edmonton papers.

The newspapers refer to Ryan Brothers as the pioneers in hauling freight over the portage, and state that they constructed the road at their own expense. These are not the facts. The road was first cut by the Hudson's Bay Company a great many years ago, - long before the Ryan's were in the country, - and for years was maintained by us at our own expense. For this reason, and owing to the fact that we carry probably ninety percent of the freight and passengers on the Mackenzie River route, and which must pass over the portage, we feel that we should have at least been consulted before such an exclusive franchise was given, to which we are naturally opposed. The franchise of course only covers that part of the portage that lies within the province of the Alberta Government, the remaining four miles section from the Alberta boundary to Fort Smith being as you know in the North West Territories. In all probability Ryan Brothers will approach your Department for a franchise for the North West Territory section similar to the one they now hold for the Alberta section, and if so, we would respectfully suggest that nothing be done before giving us a hearing.

Yours faithfully,
For the Hudson's Bay Company,

(sgd) Ralph Parsons,
Fur Trade Commissioner.

G. S. Flinthe, Esq.,
Director,
North West Territories,
Ottawa.

Mtc.

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OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

ALBERTA

Edmonton, 9th July, 1931.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have your letter of the 17th inst

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter, if you will refer to my letter of 18th October, 1929, you will find that any expression of surprise was confined entirely to the rumour that the Province would not spend any money on this road because it did not own the right-of-way. My letter proceeded to say we had spent a considerable sum of money on this road.

In this connection I may say that we have not been reimbursed by the Dominion for the share which the Dominion agreed to contribute, as set out in the letter of the Hon. Charles Stewart, dated 18th December, 1929, copy of which, you will no doubt have on your file, -the Dominion's share in that letter being \$5000.00. I have asked the Minister of Public Works to again forward you a statement of the expenditure made on this road in order that you may reimburse us for the amount agreed upon.

We have found the maintenance of this road a very difficult task by reason of the fact that it is only a few miles in length and is located in such an isolated part of the Province. The length of the road does not warrant us in maintaining the Government officials who can superintend the work so that we have to depend upon local labour. The only persons competent to do this work are the Ryan Brothers who have a complete outfit. We have discussed with them in previous years the desirability of giving them an exclusive franchise for handling freight and passengers between Ft. Fitzgerald and Ft. Smith, so far as the Province of Alberta is concerned, for which they would agree to maintain this road at their own expense. We went into this question further this year and after consulting with those who are mostly interested in the transportation of freight and passengers, came to the conclusion that an arrangement of this kind would be the best and most economical way of taking care of maintenance and we have accordingly given such franchise. This does not, of course,

preclude

preclude anyone from handling his own freight, but only deals with the handling of freight or passengers on a payment basis. I understand there is one person in Ft. Smith, Mr. McNeill, who might take some exception to this arrangement as he has a passenger car which he uses at odd times for the conveyance of passengers, but I understand the Ryan Brothers are willing to make satisfactory arrangements with him so that he will not suffer from this arrangement.

Trusting this is satisfactory to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. E. Brownlee.

Hon. T.C.M. Murphy,
Minister of the Interior,
OTTAWA, ONT.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

FORT SMITH, N.W.T.

September 3rd 1931.

Dear Sir,

Your files 6067 215

I delayed answering your letter of July 25th last with reference to the franchise given Ryan Bros by the Government of Alberta for exclusive privilege of freighting and passenger business over the road from Fitzgerald, Alberta, and Fort Smith, N.W.T. until I would discuss the matter with several persons who had called on me to object to the franchise being given. These parties have arrived here in the past few days.

Mr. D.K. Murdoff Manager of the Northern Transport Company states he objects to the franchise for the following reasons, his company are in competition with the Hudson Bay Company who furnish Ryan Bros with about 95% of the business over this road. If the Hudson Bay Company secure better rates than the Northern Transportation Company due to lack of competition on the portage Mr. Murdoff states his company will be at a disadvantage when competing for business. He also fears the influence the Hudson Bay Company will exercise over Ryan Bros in the matter of freight deliveries over the road as he states they will secure a better service than others when there is lack of competition. Mr. Murdoff wishes the privilege of operating his own transport service over the portage if he is unable to obtain satisfactory rates from Ryan Bros.

Mr. F.N. York states his company, the Northern Waterways Transportation Company are satisfied with the arrangements they have with Ryan Bros this year, but are not certain they can secure the same rates and service next year owing to the Hudson Bay Company influence with Ryan Bros. His Company are opposed to the franchise.

Mr. W.F. Cooke, Independent trader of Fort Smith called at this office to object to the franchise. He had some of his freight delivered by the Northern Navigation Company this year, they have a contract with Ryan Bros. He also had some freight hauled by local teamsters. It appears the franchise only applies to freight hauled by motor vehicles.

Mr. Wm. McNeill informs me he has taken out a license for his passenger car and has not been interfered with in connection with his passenger trade, he was notified by the Provincial police officer at Fitzgerald he would be arrested if he hauled any freight over the portage.

Mr. L. Conibear hauled his own freight as usual this year but was unable to carry any passengers or freight for others as in former years.

Ryan Bros. have kept the road in an excellent state of repair this year in spite of the drop of tonnage over the road as compared with former years. They must have expended several thousand dollars on the road. This firm have an investment of upwards of sixty thousand dollars in the necessary equipment for their business, consisting of motor cars, trucks, tractors, horses, wagons, barns, garages and other buildings at the Halfway, Alberta. They are in splendid position to handle any business offered on this portage road on a competitive basis.

We have expended the following amounts on that portion of the road situated in the North West Territories during the past nine years.

<u>Years</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1923-4	\$ 1511.90
1924-5	189.00
1925-6	140.50
1926-7	4467.40
1927-8	726.90
1928-9	223.50
1929-30	922.32
1930-31	1596.66
1931-32	397.95
	<u>\$ 10,176.13</u>

In addition to the above expenditures we have committed an expenditure of Five Thousand Dollars to be paid to the Government of Alberta in connection with road work in the Province of Alberta on the portage road last year.

It would appear as if we have an equity of over Fifteen Thousand dollars in this road. Might I suggest that you write the Alberta Government for a statement of the amount of money expended by them on this road during the past nine years also for a copy of the franchise granted by them to Ryan Bros. I would appreciate a copy of this information when it has been secured.

I recommend our Government share the expense of the upkeep of this road with the Alberta Government in future and have the road open to the general public. The work could be done under our control if satisfactory to the Alberta Government.

Yours truly,

(sgd) John A. McDougal,
District Agent.

O. B. Finnie, Esq.,
Director,
N.W.T. & Yukon Branch,
Department of Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Office of the Commissioner

Ottawa, June 26th, 1931.

Ref. No. G. 127-1
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Dear Sir,

Destitute Whites in the N.W.T.

On the 5th March last, you will remember I wrote to you with respect to destitute white persons in the North West Territories, and on the 14th March (Your file 7088) you replied to the effect that as the question I then asked was a very broad subject, you would refer the matter to the North West Territories Council for consideration at the next session.

The case in point at the time was that of Archie Ouellette, and was one where it was later found that he had sufficient funds to pay his passage outside.

As a temporary expedient, I gave instructions at the time that no white man was to be allowed to actually starve, but conditions have now arisen which make it essential to arrive at a decision as to whether the temporary expedient is to be continued, and if so, what department will be responsible for the expenditure, as it is obvious that the Police cannot distribute relief of this kind indefinitely.

As you, no doubt, are aware, no credit is now given by the Trading Companies, not only to natives but to whites, and I cannot permit unscrupulous or other white persons to imagine they may obtain board at the Police Barracks in the Territories, without special authority or funds which have been appropriated for the purpose.

On account of the action of the Trading Companies above referred to, the question of the maintenance of destitute whites has become more urgent than might be supposed, and the object of this letter is to request that some definite policy be adopted with regard to these people and some decision given as to what Department shall pay the expense, as the situation is not likely to improve.

To quote a case in point. One George (or James) Morrison, a trapper near Good Hope, born in Scotland 27 years ago, having been in Canada 5 years, was found to be destitute in April last.

The Director of the
North West Territories & Yukon,
Norlite Building,
OTTAWA,
Ontario.

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This man had worked for the Hudson's Bay Company and also for the Northern Traders Limited, and had lost both positions and is not likely to be employed by either Company again. He is not suitable for the country, has lost confidence and has been a source of trouble to other trappers in the district on account of his begging tendencies.

He lives about 40 miles below Good Hope, and reports were received by the Police that he was in destitute circumstances. He had been checked up several times by the Police on account of his dilatory ways, but on receipt of the rumours of his destitute condition, he was visited by a Police Patrol on the 12th April last. He was found to be in a more or less starving condition, having only a little tea and 4 lbs. of oatmeal.

He was taken to Good Hope by the Police, and as he had been checked up several times for his dilatory ways, and had not looked after himself, was there charged with vagrancy, found guilty and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment, with hard labour, and his time will expire on the 16th July next.

Unless this young man changes his views of life in general, and is able to obtain employment on release from his sentence, he will very likely be in the same predicament in July as he was before.

Supt. Adland reports that some of these cases have a mental side. They become moody and despondent, and failing to take proper care of themselves, get run down physically, and to send them out to the Provinces to become a public charge would no doubt lead to strenuous objection on the part of the Provincial authorities, especially at this time.

In the circumstances explained, I shall appreciate being informed as to what action the Police are to take in these cases, and if you are disposed to ask for an appropriation to be supplied your Department, to which the supplies issued to these men may be charged.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner.

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C O P Y

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER

O T T A W A,

Ref. No. G. 127-1.

July 16th, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my resignation as member of the North West Territories Council to date from the 1st August, 1931. On that date I retire from the Commissionership of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

My successor is to be Major General J.H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner.

The Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
Department of the Interior,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

PRIVY COUNCIL

CANADA

Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of
the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His
Excellency the Governor General on the 14th August
1931.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before
them a Report, dated 21st July, 1931, from the Minister of the
Interior, submitting that by Order in Council dated 16th June,
1921 (P.C. 2033) a Council of six members was appointed to aid
the Commissioner of the North West Territories in the administ-
ration of the Territories as authorized by R.S. Chapter 142,
Section 8.

The Minister states that one of these members,
Colonel Cortlandt Starnes, Commissioner of the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, has tendered his resignation owing to the fact
that he has retired from the Force on the 31st day of July, 1931.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of
the Minister of the Interior, advise that the resignation of
Colonel Cortlandt Starnes be accepted and that in his stead Major
General James Howden MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commissioner
of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, be appointed a member of
the North West Territories Council.

(sgd) G. G. Kezar,

Asst. Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable

The Minister of the Interior.

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HERCULES CONSOLIDATED MINING SMELTING & POWER CORP

LIMITED

725 West 70th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
Sept. 9th, 1931.

To the Honourable,
The Minister of Railways,
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

We beg to make application for permission to construct a railroad or truck road whichever is found feasible, after a final survey has been completed, extending from Fort Smith, N.W.T. to Coronation Gulf N.W.T. following the route as shown on the map enclosed herewith, but more fully described as follows.

"Commencing at Fort Smith, to Hay River, (with an alternate route via Fort Resolution), from Hay River to a point opposite Ft. Providence, the Mackenzie River to be crossed at this point by bridge or ferry whichever is feasible, from Ft. Providence to Horn River to its east branch, thence following the east branch and across country to the head of the North Arm of Lake Great Slave, thence following the east branch and across country to the head of the North Arm of Lake Great Slave, thence following the Marian River and chain of lakes to Cammell River to Hunter Bay, Great Bear Lake, across or following the shoreline of Great Bear Lake to the head of Dease Arm, thence up the Dease River to Diemal Lakes and on to the mouth of the Coppermine River, Coronation Gulf.

Permission is also requested that a right of way of 100 feet wide be granted this Corporation, along the entire route taken, or to be taken for the building of a railroad or truck road along the proposed route, and that when such road has been constructed, that the Corporation operating same be allowed to charge tolls or rates on all freights, parcels or vehicles passing over the road, like-wise any passenger traffic which may be conducted by the operating Company. This road to be used principally in carrying freight and passengers to and from the different

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mining camps which are and may be established in the future.

It is contemplated by the Corporation which may be incorporated as a subsidiary to this Corporation, and who would operate the proposed railroad or truck road, that should it be possible to construct a good roadbed to lay steel, that Air Propelled Railway Cars be used for rapid transportation. These cars are of a cigar shaped construction and capable of maintaining a speed of 114 miles per hour.

They are streamlined, eighty-five-foot long and carry 40 passengers in five compartments with windows. They are driven by an air propeller at the rear, which is driven by a 400 H.P. gasoline motor, which tilts slightly upward to hold the four wheeled car on the rails.

This class of car has been tested in Europe with marked success, and can compete with airship or airplane travel, its great feature being its reliability and safety for passenger traffic.

In the case of a truck road being built specially and appointed buses would be used for passenger traffic.

In granting permission, it would of course be necessary for an exclusive franchise to be granted the operating Company, in order to protect its capital investment.

Any further particulars which may be required by you will be gladly furnished.

Thanking you for your earnest consideration, we remain,

Yours truly,

HERCULES CONSOLIDATED
Mining Smelting & Power Corp. Ltd.

(sgd) R. Crowe Swords
Mng. - Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CANADA

OTTAWA, 26th August, 1931.

TO THE COMMISSIONER IN COUNCIL:

The Undersigned has the honour to report that under the authority of Section 14 of the Judicature Ordinance, as amended, the Commissioner in Council on the 26th December, 1927, appointed Mr. H. Milton Martin of Edmonton, Alberta, Public Administrator in and for the Mackenzie District, North West Territories.

The undersigned further begs to report that owing to active political partizanship of Mr. Martin, it is necessary to revoke his appointment.

Therefore, the undersigned begs to recommend that by virtue of Section 14 of the Judicature Ordinance, as amended, the appointment of Mr. H. Milton Martin of the 26th December, 1927, be rescinded.

Approved

H. H. Rowatt (Sgd.)
Commissioner

(Sgd.) O. S. Finnie
Director.

DLM/JM



O. S. FINNIE,
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 463-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
23rd June,
1931



Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to enclose copy of a memorandum of today's date from Mr. K. R. Daly, Legal Adviser, submitting a draft of the proposed Regulations under the Public Health Ordinance.

These Regulations are for consideration at the Session of Council called for Wednesday the 24th instant.

Enclosure

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Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
OTTAWA.

Copy/OKD

Department of the Interior
CANADA

Office of Solicitor

Ottawa, 23rd June, 1931.

MEMORANDUM.

O. S. Finnie, Esq.,
Director,
North West Territories Branch.

I return herewith the regulations under the Medical Health Ordinance as drafted by Dr. Livingstone in order that these may be discussed at the coming meeting of Council.

I think the question of penalties should be brought up at that meeting as it is difficult to estimate what is a practical or suitable penalty for an infraction. I also think it would be well to define "sanitary officer" and "sanitary area" and to state just what purpose is to be served by declaring an R.C.M.P. post a sanitary area.

The second part of Section 3 and Section 6 appear to me to duplicate one another and I think Sections 3 to 6 could be advantageously redrafted as follows:-

3. All persons entering the North West Territories shall undergo a medical examination at the place of entry or as soon thereafter as the sanitary officer for the area may find it practicable.

4. Every person going on board any boat or common carrier leaving for the North West Territories shall be subject to a medical examination prior to sailing.

5. Upon the arrival of any boat at Aklavik, Herschel Island or Chesterfield Inlet the officers, crew and passengers on such boat shall report and be examined at the said Aklavik, Herschel Island or Chesterfield Inlet.

6. It shall be a breach of these regulations for such officers, crew and passengers not to so report.

K. R. Daly,
Solicitor.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

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OTTAWA,

4th June, 1931.

Memorandum:

Mr. Finnie

Following a discussion with Mr. Cory, the Regulations, hereunder, were drafted and forwarded here by Mr. Daly. I consulted Dr. Heagerty and we made several changes in the Regulations as drafted. These Regulations no doubt will be open to criticism by the various Departments interested and I would suggest that prior to the Meeting of Council a consultation be held of those interested. This will include Col. Cortlandt Starnes, Dr. Heagerty and your self.

Hereunder is a list of the Regulations
as revised:-

1. "Every person entering the North West Territories shall be held to be subject to these regulations".
2. "For the purposes of these regulations the Officer in Charge of each R.C.M. Police post shall be deemed a sanitary officer and the district over which he has supervision shall be deemed a sanitary area."
3. "All persons entering the North West Territories shall undergo a medical examination. The Officer, crew and personnel of every boat shall report and be examined at Herschel Island, Aklavik and Chesterfield Inlet."
4. "It shall be a breach of these regulations for any boat not to so report".
5. "Every person on board any boat or common carrier leaving for the North West Territories shall be subject to medical examination prior to sailing".
6. "Upon the arrival of any boat at Aklavik, Herschel Island or Chesterfield Inlet a further medical examination shall take place".
7. "It shall be an infraction of these regulations if any of the crew are permitted to leave any boat while such boat is within the territorial waters of the Territories".
8. "The captain or master of any boat calling at Greenland on its way to the Territories shall prohibit Eskimo from Greenland from visiting the boat".
9. "It shall be a violation of these regulations for any master of any boat to allow any Canadian Eskimo to board any boat in the territorial waters of the Territories".
10. "It shall be the duty of the medical officer to prohibit any individual to enter or visit any area which may have been quarantined because of any communicable or infectious disease".

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11. "Any Eskimo entering the village of Churchill shall thereby commit a breach of these regulations".

12. "Hospitals in the Territories receiving aid from the Dominion Government shall make effective provision for the examination and treatment upon such terms as may be prescribed of such persons or classes of persons suffering from venereal diseases and in case of default the Commissioner may withhold from any hospital the whole or any part of such grant which would otherwise be payable".

L. D. Livingstone.

DLM/JM



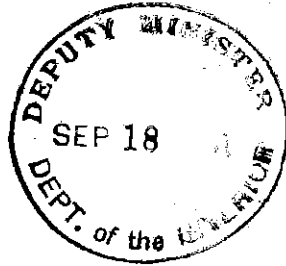
O. S. FINNIE,
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE
FILE NO. 483-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
18th September,
1931



Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to advise that the Twenty-seventh Session of the North West Territories Council called for Friday the 11th September, 1931, was postponed owing to lack of a quorum, and will be held in the office of the Commissioner on Monday the 21st September, 1931, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
OTTAWA.

DLM/JM



O. S. FINNIE,
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 483-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
4th September
1931

Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to advise that the Twenty-seventh Session of the North West Territories Council will be held in the office of the Commissioner on Friday, the 11th September, 1931, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Enclosed please find the following -

1. Agenda.
2. Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Session - 24th June, 1931.
3. Letter 24th ultimo from High Commissioner, London, re Cumbergulf Syndicate.



Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
Department of the Interior,
OTTAWA.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL

- AGENDA -

Friday, 11th September,
1931

3 p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Twenty-sixth Session - 24th June, 1931.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Administration of civil matters in North West Territories -
Scale of fees for sheriff and bailiff. ✓ *Slaid* 1
- (b) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine ✓ *Slaid* 2
- (c) Reindeer Experiment. - *Slaid* 3
- (d) Keewatin Game Preserve ✓ *Slaid* 3
- (e) (i) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition ✓
(ii) Bache Peninsula 4
- (f) Northern Waterways Limited ✓ 4
- (g) French steamships sojourning in Arctic waters. ✓ 5

3. New Business -

- (a) Relief Expedition for Dr. H.K.E. Krueger
- (b) Fort Smith-Fitzgerald Portage Road ✓
- (c) Accidental shooting Eskimo Tenowyah ✓ *Slaid*
- (d) Expenses incurred in connection with patrols by Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- (e) Northern Lead Zinc Limited -
Road construction. ✓
- (f) Destitute Whites -
(Letter R.C.M. Police 26th June, 1931) *Slaid*
- (g) Fur Cycles -
Dr. Chas. Elton *copy ready* ✓
- (h) Resignation Colonel Cortlandt Starnes as member of North West Territories Council and appointment of Major General J. H. MacBrien in his stead.

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(i) Termination of appointment H. Milton Martin
as Public Administrator for Mackenzie District.

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(j) (i) Great Bear River Portage Road ✓
(ii) Development mineral area Bear Lake-
Coppermine.

(k) Voluntary services Emile Lambert as Game
Keeper and Fire Ranger. ✓ *Stand*

(l) North West Game Regulations - ✓
Permits live non-migratory birds.

(m) Activities of Danish explorers in Greenland. *Stand*

(n) Cumbergulf Syndicate ✓

(o) Report J. Dewey Soper. *Stand*

Relief

Stand

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Twenty-sixth Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Wednesday the 24th day of June, 1931, 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
Dr. Chas. Gamsell	-	Member of Council
Col. Cortlandt Starnes	-	" "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " and
		Director N.W.T. & Y. Br.
Major D. L. McKean	-	Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE -

Major L. T. Burwash	-	N.W.T. & Y. Branch
Dr. L. D. Livingstone	-	Medical Officer
Mr. K. R. Daly	-	Legal Adviser

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Session of Council held on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1931, having been sent to all the members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Administration of civil matters in North West Territories -
Scale of fees for sheriff and bailiff

Colonel Starnes said that in the North West Territories people expected a high rate of pay for their work and that they could not get anyone to act as bailiff under the scale of fees provided at present. He said that there were very few appointments made and that the scale suggested was the minimum that they considered workable.

In answer to an enquiry it was pointed out that the present scale of fees was approximately the same as the fees paid in the Provinces and that the proposed scale was much higher. A comparative statement was not available and after a brief discussion, inasmuch as there was no immediate urgency, Council's decision was deferred.

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(b) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine

The Secretary reported that the draft Ordinance sent to the members of Council that morning was submitted simply to serve as a basis of discussion at the meeting; also that before proceeding any further with the preparation of the Ordinance Mr. Daly and Dr. Livingstone would like to hear what the members of Council had to say on the subject.

Mr. Gibson asked whether Council had the necessary legislative authority to provide regulations restricting the entry to the Territories from the Provinces of Canadian citizens. It was pointed out that some years ago travel between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec was restricted to those able to prove that they had been vaccinated. The opinion was expressed that if the Provinces had authority to establish regulations of the sort the North West Territories Council had also. Mr. Gibson pointed out that when the Entry Ordinance, that was drafted and considered by Council approximately ten years ago, was submitted to Sir James Lougheed, at that time Minister of the Interior; that he consulted the departments of Health and Soldier's Civil Re-establishment, and that after due consideration it was decided that it would be inadvisable to attempt to enforce any such Regulations.

It was pointed out that the Ordinance being considered by Council was drafted primarily for the protection of the Eskimo. The opinion was expressed that while it might be feasible to enforce the draft Ordinance with respect to the seacoast it would be rather difficult to do so in the interior.

Colonel Starnes pointed out that passengers as well as the crew of a vessel would have been exposed to contagion and that the Ordinance only provided that "the officer, crew and personnel of every boat should report and be examined at Herschel Island, Aklavik and Chesterfield Inlet."

Mr. Gibson thought the responsibility should be placed on those in charge of all common carriers entering the North West Territories of seeing that no contaminated person was taken into the Territories by their vehicles. It was suggested that in this connection some penalty should be provided.

After a rather full discussion it was decided that the legal adviser should look into the matter further ascertaining just what authority the North West Territories Council had to restrict the entry of Canadians into the Territories, to study the Health, Immigration and Customs Regulations and report back to Council.

(c) Archie Ouellette, Insane - Fort Norman -

The Secretary reminded Council that Archie Ouellette had left the Territories of his own free will, that he had paid his own transportation as far as Edmonton and that while in Edmonton he had been declared insane by Provincial Officers and placed in a Provincial institution at Ponoka, Alberta. As the Province now wishes the Department of the Interior to assume responsibility

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for the care of this man Council was asked for an expression of opinion.

It was pointed out that in the case of a permanent resident of the Province of Alberta in indigent circumstances being seriously hurt in a National Park that the Province expected this Department to assume responsibility for his care.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Cammell, that the responsibility for Ouellette's care should be left with the Province. Carried.

(d) Reindeer Experiment -

The Secretary enquired whether the statement of policy asked for by Council was now necessary in view of the fact that Mr. A. E. Porsild had been sent to Norway to secure the services of Lapp reindeer herders and of the recent visit of Mr. Baldwin from New York.

Council felt that this statement should be prepared as quickly as possible so that it would be available if required by the Minister of the Interior or Council.

Mr. Finnie reported, for the information of Council, that a wire had recently been received from Mr. R. T. Porsild at Aklavik, stating that certain buildings erected for use in connection with the reception of the reindeer herd together with a quantity of Departmental equipment, had been accidentally burned. He said that he was obtaining prices on lumber from Fort Smith with a view to its immediate shipment to Aklavik, but that with the money available it would be difficult if not impossible to replace the necessary buildings and purchase the needed equipment.

3. New Business -

(a) Keewatin Game Preserve -

The Secretary read a letter dated the 11th May, 1931, addressed to Mr. Finnie by Mr. Ralph Parsons, Fur Trade Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, suggesting the establishment of a Game Reserve in the Keewatin District, for the exclusive use of the natives (copy attached).

It was suggested that a comprehensive memorandum be prepared and submitted to the members of Council for consideration prior to the next session.

(b) Audit of Public Administrator's Accounts -

Mr. Finnie said that formerly the audit of the Public Administrator's accounts at Edmonton and of the Departmental books at the District Agent's Office, Fort Smith, had been undertaken by the travelling auditor of the Department, but that this officer was no longer in the Service.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that this audit would be looked after by an officer of the Accounts Branch who would be in Edmonton this summer looking after some work for the National Parks Service.

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- (c) (i) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition
(ii) Bache Peninsula -

It was reported that from present indications it appeared altogether unlikely that the Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition would materialize this year and that Council was therefore asked for an expression of opinion as to the desirability of continuing the occupation of the Bache Peninsula post.

Colonel Starnes expressed the opinion that the necessary work of the Government on Ellesmere Island could be carried on from Craig Harbour and suggested that the Bache Post detachment be instructed this year to be ready to withdraw next year. This was agreed to by Council.

Mr. Fimmie said that in view of the need for rigid economy a communication had been sent to Job Brothers with a view to ascertaining what allowance they could make if the "Beothic" did not go west of Dundas this year; also that Job Brothers had agreed to deduct \$2,600 from the contract price if the ship did not go west of this point and provided the expedition did not last longer than sixty days. In addition to this saving it was pointed out that it would be unnecessary to purchase supplies for the proposed caches at Beechey Island, Cape Cockburn, and Winter Harbour. This would make a total saving of about \$4,000.

It was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Colonel Starnes that a recommendation from the North West Territories Council be submitted to the Minister of the Interior that the establishment of caches at the above-mentioned points be deferred for this year. Carried.

- (d) Northern Waterways Limited -

Mr. Daly pointed out that a few years ago the question of whether a Provincial Charter was sufficient in the case of a company operating in the North West Territories was discussed and that at that time the Under-Secretary of State expressed the opinion that these companies should be required to take out a Dominion Charter. He said that the Northern Waterways Limited, with headquarters at Edmonton, had offered to quote on shipments along the Mackenzie river in the North West Territories, and that on consulting the Under-Secretary of State it had been ascertained that this Company was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta only. He expressed the opinion that the Department of the Interior should insist upon the Northern Waterways Limited taking out a Federal Charter.

Council agreed with this opinion but at the same time suggested that before taking any definite steps it should be ascertained whether all the other transportation companies operating in the Territories had taken out a Federal Charter.

- (e) French Vessels Operating in the Vicinity of Baffin Island -

The Secretary read for the information of Council a memorandum from Mr. O. S. Fimmie to the Deputy Minister of the Interior suggesting that in view of the fact that two similar permits had already been granted for the coming season that a permit should be granted to the steamer "Linn L.D." to establish itself as a base of supply in Canadian Territorial waters along Baffin Island for French fishing vessels operating on the Greenland banks, subject to the usual conditions.

Mr. Gibson asked whether there was a police post in the vicinity of the harbour which the "Lina L.D." proposed to make use of and was informed that the closest was approximately 150 miles distant.

It was moved by Colonel Starnes, seconded by Dr. Camsell, that a communication be addressed to Colonel Starnes in this connection in order that he might instruct Inspector Joy to make some enquiries locally with respect to the operations of the French vessels making use of Canadian waters in this area in previous years and on the general question of the advisability of granting these permits. Carried.

Council then adjourned.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

WINNIPEG, MAN.

May 11th, 1931.

In Your Reply Refer to No. 6666

Dear Sir:

The completion of the Hudson Bay Railway and the plans that are being put into effect to develop Churchill as a seaport and terminal of importance, raise again the question of what is to happen to that part of the country on the west coast of Hudson Bay immediately north of Churchill.

White trappers are already entering that district, and in a few years' time, unless steps are taken to prevent them, we may expect to see the whole territory over-run with them.

Both from a business point of view and from the view-point of the native welfare, we would prefer to see the country reserved for the natives. Everyone knows what the results of white trappers' activities have been elsewhere throughout the country, especially where they have entered territories previously occupied almost exclusively by Indians or Eskimos and we should be greatly concerned if such a scourge should be let loose in this part of the North West Territories.

The Eskimos throughout the Arctic and Sub-Arctic find it difficult enough under ordinary circumstances to obtain their livelihood; a condition which is apparently admitted by the Department, in that it has passed laws, from time to time, to conserve the numbers of water mammals and fur bearing animals in the Territories. What conditions will be when the population of the country is further increased by the migration of trappers and hunters from the south, you can understand as well as we can. The average "white" entering that country will have nothing in view beyond his own immediate gain, and his methods will be as ruthless as they have been elsewhere.

We need hardly say that we are very much interested in this matter and would appreciate it very much if you could let us know what the Department's attitude is going to be and what action, if any, it is proposed to take to mitigate the conditions that must inevitably be brought about, if no restrictions are placed upon immigration to the Territories.

Yours faithfully,

For the Hudson's Bay Company,

(sgd) Ralph Parsons,
Fur Trade Commissioner.O. S. Finnie, Esq.,
Director, North West Territories & Yukon,
Dept. of Interior, OTTAWA, Ont.

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CANADA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.I.

C A N A D A.

OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER

24th August, 1931.

Dear Dr. Skelton,

I am attaching herewith copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Cumbergulf Syndicate, Ltd., upon which was based my cablegram to you today as follows:-

" 120. Your 94 13th August and my 114 and letter 17th August. Cumbergulf Syndicate now confirm they will meet all expenses incurred in maintenance and return to this country crew of Ship "Watts". Question of sailing without permit apparently due to action former Secretary who found it necessary to relinquish position hurriedly and hand over papers at very short notice. Copy of their letter is being forwarded to you by mail today."

Very sincerely yours,

(Sd) George P. Vanier.

O. D. Skelton, Esq., Ph.D.,
Department of External Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Referred to the Minister of Interior.

C O P Y

CUMBERGOLF SYNDICATE LIMITED.

106, Regent Street, W.I.

21st August, 1931.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner,
Canada House, Trafalgar Square, S.W.I.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant.

I herewith confirm that this Company will meet all expense incurred in the maintenance and return to this country of the Crew of the M/V "Watts", and in advance do they tender thanks for the care of the Crew.

As to the question of the permit. Unfortunately Mr. John Groves, sometime Secretary of this Syndicate, found it necessary hurriedly to relinquish his position, and handed the whole of the papers over at very short notice, and it was not until some considerable time after the departure of the Vessel that it was really established that negotiations for the procurement of the permit had not been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Upon Examination of the correspondence it was elicited that the Government ship patrolling the Waters in which it was intended to operate had been communicated with by the Canadian Government with a request to look into the situation while in that vicinity, and ascertain whether such additional posts as our Syndicate proposed to establish were necessary or desirable. The Directors therefore decided to leave the question of procuring a permit in abeyance until a communication had been received from Canada giving the result of the Government Inspector's visit.

In the absence of any communication from the Crew messages were sent which it was hoped would reach the Manager of the Vessel requesting him to get into communication with us by cable immediately upon receipt of the letters before entering into any trading, or other transactions, on our behalf; no reply has been received.

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Still being without any communication from the Manager,
and being naturally anxious for the well being of the Crew
and Vessel, we have repeatedly endeavoured to get into touch by cable
through the Harbourmaster at Halifax, Nova Scotia, but the only
reply received has been:

"Watts" Nothing known locally but having
wireless Stations Belle Isle and Baffin
Land notified will advise if located".

We are still awaiting a reply to a cable of the 14th inst.

In these circumstances, therefore, we trust that the
High Commissioner will hold us blameless, and overlook any technical
breach of regulations which unwittingly may have been committed
by us.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. CUMBERGULF SYNDICATE LTD.

(sgd) Fredk. A. C. Deverall.

Secretary.

DLM/JM



O. S. FINNIE,
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 483-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
15th May,
1931

Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to advise that the postponed regular April session of the North West Territories Council will be held in the office of the Commissioner on Monday, the 18th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Enclosed please find the following -

1. Agenda.
2. (a) Minutes of twenty-fourth session -
11th March, 1931.
(b) Minutes of special session -
8th May, 1931.
3. Draft regulations - Eskimo Ruins Ordinance.
4. Copy of Order in Council (P.C. 777)
dated 31st March, 1931.

Enclosure

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Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
OTTAWA.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL

- AGENDA -

Monday, 18th May,
1951

3 p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

- (a) Twenty-fourth Session - 11th March, 1951.
- (b) Special Session - 8th May, 1951.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Committee on Legislation -
Printing of Ordinances.
- (b) Administration of civil matters in
North West Territories -
Scale of fees for Sheriff and Bailiff.
- (c) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine.
- (d) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition.
- (e) Regulations -
Hakmo Ruins Ordinance.
- (f) Application Alexander Forbes, Harvard
Medical School -
Aerial Survey Hudson Strait.

3. New Business -

- (a) Archie Ouellette, Insane - Fort Norman.
- (b) Killing buffalo in Wood Buffalo Park.
- (c) Mrs. Yvonne Cowen - Fort Resolution.
- (d) Report on Reindeer Experiment.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Wednesday the 11th of March, 1931, in the office of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, at Ottawa.

PRESENT -

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

IN ATTENDANCE -

Mr. G. P. Mackenzie	- N.W.T. & Y. Branch.
Mr. K. R. Daly	- Legal Adviser.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Twenty-third Session of Council, held on Wednesday, the 4th of February 1931, having been sent to all the Members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Committee on Legislation -
Revision and printing of Ordinances.

Mr. Daly reported that action had been taken to print those Ordinances which had not already been printed but that insofar as the general revision was concerned from present indications it would appear that there would not be funds available to enable the completion of this work during the next fiscal year.

- (b) Administration of civil matters in
North West Territories -
Scale of fees for Sheriff and Bailiff.

Progress reported.

- (c) North West Territories and Yukon Radio
System -

The Secretary read a draft letter to Mr. Desbarats, Deputy Minister of National Defence, prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting of Council for the purpose.

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Mr. Gibson reported that since the last session the Minister of the Interior had discussed the matter of establishing additional radio stations in the North West Territories with the Minister of Mines and had also received representations from mining companies operating in the North West Territories which altered the situation somewhat. He said that insofar as the duplication of the Mackenzie River route was concerned the mining companies met this objection by pointing out that their planes took off from Resolution, striking straight in to their prospecting territory through Fort Rae rather than following the Mackenzie. Consequently the present stations operated by the Federal Government were not sufficient for their purposes.

After a brief discussion it was suggested that the Sub-Committee make the necessary changes in the draft letter.

(d) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine.

Progress reported.

(e) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition -

The Secretary read a communication dated the 13th January, 1951, from Captain F. M. Williams in connection with plans for the proposed Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition to Boothia Peninsula or Port Conger on Lady Franklin Bay, an enquiry addressed to Dr. Isaiah Bowman of the American Geographical Society and Dr. Bowman's reply (Copies attached). He also read the comments of Mr. John Patterson, Director, Meteorological Service, Toronto; Captain F. Anderson, Hydrographer, Canadian Hydrographic Service, Department of Marine, Ottawa; Dr. Charles Cammell, Deputy Minister of Mines, Ottawa; Mr. Noel Ogilvie, Director, Geodetic Survey of Canada; Mr. J. T. Johnston, Director, Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau, and Dr. H. M. Stewart, Director, Dominion Observatory, Ottawa.

The enquiry was made as to whether the selection of Port Conger on Lady Franklin Bay as a base of operations might not be significant. However, it was pointed out that this area had already been explored to some extent by the Greely Expedition and that consequently a new expedition established there would not have the same amount of ground work to do.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Howatt, seconded by Dr. Scott, that a copy of these papers be referred to Dr. Skelton, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, so that further information might be secured through the Canadian Minister at Washington. Carried.

(f) Regulations as provided in Eskimo Ruins Ordinance -

Progress reported.

(g) Hospital Accommodation at Coppermine -

Mr. Gibson reported that the Minister did not seem to have very much hope of obtaining funds to assist in the maintenance of a hospital at Coppermine, but he intended going into the matter more fully; also that Mr. Pinnie was preparing a comprehensive report for the Minister's information.

3. New Business -

(a) Backe Peninsula Post -

Item disposed of at a meeting of the Northern Advisory Board held immediately prior to this meeting.

(b) George Brown - Criminal Assault.

The George Brown case was reported to Council as required by R.S.G. 1927, Chapter 142, Section 57.

(c) Aerial Survey - Hudson Strait.

The Secretary read a communication received from Mr. Alexander Forbes of the Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., with respect to the proposed survey of a portion of Northern Labrador and pointing out that while this area lay almost entirely within Newfoundland it might be necessary for their plans to land at Port Burwell, Quebec. He also said that some of the area they proposed photographing might fall within the North West Territories.

It was agreed that before taking any further steps the matter should be taken up with the Departments of National Defence, Railways and Canals, and Marine.

(d) Applications of C. B. Oulton and H. Kinsley to export live fur-bearing animals from the North West Territories -

The circumstances surrounding both these applications were reported briefly to Council, but as provision is made in the Northwest Game Regulations covering such cases it was ordered that these matters should be dealt with departmentally.

The meeting then adjourned.

Secretary

Deputy Commissioner.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY . NEW YORK

Broadway at 156th Street

January 27, 1931.

Dear Mr. Finnie:

I fear that Captain Williams' expedition is one of those enterprises in which it is sought to secure the necessary support by tossing the responsibility back and forth between a number of persons and institutions. Captain Williams has been to see me several times, and I must say that he does not inspire confidence. I know too little about his past and I have told him that under the circumstances this Society is not in a position to give him its moral support. I asked him to call upon you, state precisely what his objects and methods were, and that I might be inclined toward the expedition if it had your endorsement and genuine approval. I also asked him to call upon the head of the Weather Bureau of Ottawa to see if the meteorological work which he proposed to do had any interest for the Dominion Service and if they approved of his technical equipment and proposed methods of observation.

My own feeling is that we are not getting on with a matter of this kind by having the leader of an expedition state certain broad scientific objectives. Anyone can set up such a statement. The critical elements are sufficient funds, a picked personnel, and a really worthwhile program.

We have made no arrangements whatever with Captain Williams, nor have we permitted him to use our name in any way. My own advice to you is that permission should not be given to operate in the region in question unless the expedition is set up in a far more effective way. The Carnegie Institution may have an interest in the expedition that far exceeds our own. I would not wish anything said in this letter to interfere with the development of the expedition if the Carnegie Institution makes an appeal to you for a permit.

Let me add how grateful I am that our acquaintance makes it possible for us to discuss these matters so frankly, for I think our standards, if I may say so, are the same and that while we wish to encourage exploration we wish to give support only to sound plans.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Isaiah Bowman,
Director.

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

(7048)

23rd January, 1931.

My dear Doctor,-

I am sending you a copy of a letter, dated the 13th instant, from Captain F. M. Williams of the Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition, 47 Warren Street, New York City. He refers me to you and I would be glad, therefore, for your views concerning the bonafides of this expedition and its ability, financially and otherwise, to carry the undertaking through to a successful conclusion.

It appears from Captain Williams' letter that the expedition will perform certain work for a number of the scientific institutions of the United States, including the American Geographical Society and I would judge from that, that the expedition will be well organized and fully capable of carrying out the work to be entrusted to it. If that is the case, then, in all probability, this Department will grant the necessary permits.

No doubt the expedition will wish to secure fresh meat and you know we are very jealous of our musk-oxen and are doing everything we can to conserve them. We would not wish them disturbed.

I would be glad to have a word from you about this expedition. I have already written Dr. Cammell and he will let me know how he views it from the standpoint of his Department.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Isaiah Bowman,
American Geographical Society, (Sgd.) O. S. Finnie,
Broadway at 156th Street, Director,
New York City,
U.S.A.

Phone, Walker 1062

WILLIAMS NORTH MAGNETIC POLE EXPEDITION

47 Warren Street, New York City

Captain F. M. Williams

Maj. Anthony Fiala
Expedition Consultant

K. M. Brun
Personal Representative

13 January, 1931.

Hon. O.S. Finney, Director
Department of Northwest Territories
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada.

My dear Sir:

For some time I have been planning a scientific expedition to the regions of the north magnetic pole, leaving New York on or about June 15, 1931, to establish a base on the Boothia Peninsula, where the expedition would remain for a period of two years. Broadly speaking, the object of the expedition is to obtain geophysics and other scientific data for the Bureau of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institute; for the United States Weather Bureau; for the Naval Research Laboratory, and the International Polar Commission. I have further borne in mind the possibility of carrying out an extensive aerial mapping program for the American Geographical Society.

The scientific bodies interested in our plans, and co-operating with the expedition, have suggested that we would be able to obtain data of greater value if our base were established at Fort Conger, Lady Franklin Bay, instead of on the Boothia Peninsula, as originally contemplated. As leader of this expedition, I desire to co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the Department of Northwest Territories, and I first wish to determine that our plans will in no way conflict with official expeditions the Canadian Government may be planning in connection with the Polar Jubilee, or with the expeditions of Canadian private citizens. I trust the outline of our program, herewith enclosed, will meet with your approval.

I will very much appreciate it if you will kindly write to Dr. Bowman of the American Geographical Society and express opinion of my plans; and at the same time, if you will be good enough to do so, outline to him any field work you may have under consideration for the coming season. Will you also indicate to me at your earliest convenience the attitude of your Department toward my expedition.

I will be very glad indeed to make the necessary arrangements for the forwarding of all weather data, or other information you may desire, concerning the locality in which the base of our expedition is finally established.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) F. M. Williams.

P.S. Will you kindly address your reply to me in care of:

Captain H.H. Railey
Room 1508
2 West 45th Street
New York City.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of a Special Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Friday the 8th of May, 1951, 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. Gansell	- Member of Council
Col. Cortlandt Starnes	- " " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	- " " " and
	Director, N.W.T. & Y. Pr.
Major D. L. McLeod	- Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE -

Mr. K. R. Daly	- Legal Advisor
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. Gansell 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

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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. Cammell, 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.

2. (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.

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.

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| 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 application. | 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 <u>in situ</u> 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. |

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Q. S. FINNIE.
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

IN REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 483-2

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,
22nd June,
1931

Dear Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to advise that the Twenty-sixth Session of the North West Territories Council will be held in the office of the Commissioner on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1931, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Enclosed please find the following -

1. Agenda.
2. Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Session - 18th May, 1931.



H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Commissioner of the
North West Territories,
OTTAWA.

Your obedient servant,

D. L. McKeand,
Secretary.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES COUNCIL

- AGENDA -

Wednesday, 24th June,
1951

3 p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Twenty-fifth Session - 18th May, 1951.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

- (a) Administration of civil matters in
North West Territories -
Scale of fees for sheriff and bailiff.
- (b) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine
- (c) Archie Guelette, Insane - Fort Norman.
- (d) Reindeer Experiment.

3. New Business -

- (a) Keewatin Game Preserve
- (b) Audit of Public Administrator's Accounts.
- (c)
 - (i) Williams North Magnetic Pole Expedition
 - (ii) Bache Peninsula
- (d) Northern Waterways Limited.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Session of the North West Territories Council, held on Monday the 18th day of May, 1931, in the office of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, at Ottawa.

PRESIDENT -

Mr. H. E. Rowatt (In the Chair)	-	Commissioner
Mr. R. A. Gibson	-	Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Chas. Cammell	-	Member of Council
Dr. D. C. Scott	-	" " "
Col. Cortlandt Starnes	-	" " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " " and
		Director, N.W.T. & Y. Pr.
Major D. L. McKeand	-	Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE -

Dr. L. D. Livingstone	-	Medical Officer
Mr. K. R. Daly	-	Legal Advisor.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Copies of the Minutes of the Twenty-fourth Session of Council, held on Wednesday, the 11th of March, 1931, and of the Special Session held on the 8th of May, 1931, having been sent to all the members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Dr. Cammell, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Committee on Legislation -
Printing of Ordinances

Mr. Finnie reported, for the information of Council, that the printing of the Ordinances was well under way; that the proof had been checked and that copies of the consolidated Ordinances would be available for distribution within a very short time.

(b) Administration of civil matters in
North West Territories -
Scale of fees for Sheriff and Bailiff

Mr. Daly reported progress and said that the matter would be ready for the consideration of Council at an early date.

(c) General Welfare of Inhabitants -
Quarantine

It was reported, for the information of Council that Dr. Livingstone and Mr. Daly had this matter in hand and that progress was being made with the draft regulations.

It was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that members be furnished with a copy of the proposed Regulations in ample time for consideration before the next session of Council. Carried.

(d) William North Langstaffe Polo Expedition -

The Secretary reported that Dr. Skelton had forwarded a copy of a lengthy report from the Canadian Legation at Washington. In accord with the suggestions made by Dr. Strong, Mr. Simble had written Captain Williams in reply to his letter of the 6th March last repeating that the Department is desirous of co-operating with any bona fide expedition ^{and} pointing out the hazards incidental to an inadequately equipped expedition. He also stated the application for a permit was being seriously considered by the several departments in Ottawa, and requested further information as regards the ship, supplies, and financial backing of the expedition. The Secretary reported that no reply had yet been received.

(e) Regulations -
Fishing Rules Ordinance

Copies of the draft Regulations having been sent to all the members of Council, after a brief discussion it was moved by Dr. Cassell, seconded by Dr. Scott, that the Regulations be approved. Carried.

(f) Application Alexander Forbes, Harvard Medical School -
Aerial Survey Hudson Strait

The Secretary reported, for the information of Council, that Mr. Forbes had been furnished with data respecting the Air Force Regulations.

3. New Business -

(a) Archie Coulette, Inmate - Fort Norman -

The circumstances incidental to the case of Archie Coulette, inmate, were reported briefly to Council. It was stated that he paid his own way out and that the Government was not responsible for his care.

(b) Killing Buffalo in Wood Buffalo Park -

Dr. Simble read a memorandum addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Interior regarding the killing of buffalo to supply meat for mission schools and hospitals (copy attached). He asked for authority to slaughter a sufficient number at the proper season of the year to be distributed to schools and hospital, and for relief purposes.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Scott, that whatever buffalo meat was required for the mission schools and hospitals, and for relief purposes, might be taken by the Warden Service at the close of year best suited for slaughtering provided that no more than twenty-five animals were taken without further authority of Council.

(c) Mrs. Veronique Gouin - Fort Resolution -

The Secretary reported, for the information of Council, that arrangements could be made for the detention and cure of persons convicted of spreading communicable diseases, under Section 307 of the Criminal Code, in the Fort Saskatchewan jail.

(d) Liquor Permits -

The Secretary reported that an application had been received from Mr. J. A. Campbell, of Winnipeg, General Manager of the Northern Fisheries Limited, for permission to import five gallons of liquor into the North West Territories for medicinal purposes.

It was pointed out that Mr. Campbell was not a resident and would only be in the Territories for a short period during the summer, and in view of this fact such liquor permits were

issued for medical purposes only, it was felt that the usual two gallons would be sufficient.

(c) Better -

The Secretary read a memorandum addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Interior by Mr. O. S. Plimle (copy attached) dealing with the beaver situation in the Mackenzie District, N.W.T. It was recommended that the close season on beaver, which was established for a period of three years from the 1st October, 1948, under the authority of P.O. 217, be extended for a further period of two years but that one member of each needy native family be permitted to take fifteen beaver each year.

Mr. Plimle read a portion of P.O. 51 dated 14th January, 1951, under the authority of which one member of each needy Indian and each needy half-breed family had been permitted to take not more than fifteen beaver during the period 15th January to 15th May, 1951, under permits issued by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Colonel Sturges recommended that the provisions of P.O. 51 be extended for a further period of two years and Mr. Daly said that this could be done under the provisions of the Order in Council extending the close season.

It was thereupon moved by Colonel Sturges, seconded by Mr. Scott that the close season be extended for a further period of two years and that the provisions of Order in Council P.O. 51, be re-enacted to permit one member of each needy Indian or each needy half-breed family to take fifteen beaver each year during that period. Carried.

(2) Report on Reindeer Experiment -

The Secretary read a memorandum addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Interior suggesting that Mr. Porcild be sent to Norway for the purpose of hiring a number of Lapp reindeer herder families to help care for the reindeer when they reached the mouth of the Mackenzie.

Mr. Plimle reported briefly, for the information of Council, the situation as to the present status of the herd and the need for securing the services of trained Lapp herders.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that the Department had already made a fairly extensive investment in Messrs. A. E. and R. E. Porcild and they should be able to look after the establishment of the herd when it reached its destination in northern Canada.

Dr. Scott pointed out that the Hudson's Bay Company had had an unfortunate experience in the hiring of Lapps for the care of their reindeer herd that Lapps of the arctic class had been hired by mistake rather than those who were trained herders.

Mr. Plimle was asked whether any definite policy had been reached with respect to the distribution of the reindeer once the herd had been established, but he stated that his immediate concern was the securing of qualified herders and that with this and in view he had suggested a conference in the office of the Deputy Minister at which Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Porcild, Mr. Macdonald and himself might be present.

Following a further discussion it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Council, that Mr. Plimle and the Sub-Council be requested by him draft a memorandum dealing with the matter of a future reindeer policy, copies of which might be sent to the members of Council for their consideration at the earliest possible date. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

File No. 4495

CANADA

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

OTTAWA,

11th May,

1951

Memorandum

H. H. Rowatt, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of the Interior.

A few years ago we received representations from residents of the Mackenzie District that the beaver had been trapped out in certain areas where formerly they were plentiful, and the suggestion was made that a close season be declared for a period of years. Investigations were made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and our own officers in the Mackenzie District, who reported that the beaver was fast becoming extinct and recommended a complete close season for a period of from three to five years. The fur returns had shown a serious decline in the number of beaver pelts taken for the years immediately preceding 1928 and, on the recommendation of this branch, a definite close season was established for three years from the 1st October, 1928, under P.C. 277 (copy enclosed) and the Minister was authorized to extend the close season for an additional two years, if such action was deemed advisable.

Following the epidemic of influenza, which was prevalent in the Mackenzie District in the fall of 1928, we received representations to have the beaver season reopened to the Indians, many of whom were in destitute circumstances. An order-in-council was passed, P.C. 2146, which authorized the head of each native family to capture fifteen beaver during the winter of 1928-29. The season remained closed during the winter of 1929-30, but due to the general scarcity of fur beavers and the low prices now being obtained for fur many of the Indians were again in destitute circumstances during the past winter, and P.C. 51 was passed to permit the head of each needy native family to take up to fifteen beaver. Since it has been necessary to reopen the season on a few occasions mentioned it is apparent that the beaver have not benefited as much as we had hoped when the close season was established.

In the fall of last year we asked the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and our own officers to submit their views on the beaver situation. A synopsis of the replies and recommendations received is attached. You will observe that many of those who replied recommended that the shooting of beaver be prohibited. I furnished Colonel Starnes with a copy of this summary and pointed out that the recommendations indicate that we would be justified in opening the season for the next two years for a period of two months to the bands of native families residing in the Mackenzie District, the bag limit to be fifteen beaver and that the shooting of beaver should be prohibited. He replied on the 20th ultimo and pointed out that in order to avoid too many changes in policy, which is confusing to the natives, it might be better to extend the system at present in vogue (P.C. 51) for a period of two years. The matter was referred to the Department of Indian Affairs and they concur in Colonel Starnes' suggestion.

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From our standpoint there is no objection to extending the provisions of P.O. 51 and, as apparently this action would be satisfactory to the police, the Department of Indian Affairs and the natives, with your approval I shall place it on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council of the North West Territories. If that body concurs in the suggestion the necessary Memorandum to Council will be prepared and submitted.

(Sgd.) O. S. Pirnie.

File 4483 (N.W.T.)

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

MONDAY, the 20th day of February, 1928.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL IN COUNCIL

P.C. No. 277.

WHEREAS Section 4, Subsection 1 (e), Chapter 141, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, "North-west Game Act," provides for a close season on beaver in the Northwest Territories between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of October;

And whereas under Section 4, Subsection 2 of the said Act the Governor in Council may, from time to time, alter the times fixed for any close season;

And whereas the Minister of the Interior reports that Game Officials of the Mackenzie District of the Northwest Territories, after investigation, advise that because of the intensive hunting and trapping, the beaver have been seriously depleted and in some areas, are almost extinct; and that the Director of the Northwest Territories and Yukon Branch, and the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection consider it advisable to declare a close season on beaver in the Mackenzie District for a period of years in order to give this valuable fur-bearer an opportunity to increase:

Therefore, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior and under and in virtue of Section 4, Subsection 1 (e) and Subsection 2, Chapter 141, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is hereby pleased to authorize the Minister of the Interior to declare a close season on beaver in the Mackenzie District, Northwest Territories, for a period of three years, commencing the first day of October, 1928, and to extend such close season for an additional period of two years, if deemed expedient so to do.

(Signed) E. J. LEMAIRE,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

To the Honourable
The Minister of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA
NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND YUKON

Ottawa, 14th April, 1981.

~~Memorandum~~

H. H. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister.

In your memorandum of the 23rd February last it was stated that the Minister wanted to know whether the buffalo herd at Fort Smith had reached proportions which would justify the killing of a certain number for the purpose of supplying meat to Indian Indians as a regular arrangement. You requested me to wire our District Agent to ascertain the present size of the buffalo herd.

I gave you a memorandum about this on the 28th February but in the meantime I have a letter, dated the 28th March from Mr. Kellough to the effect that 100 animals might be killed annually without injury to the herd.

Last year we supplied 15 animals to the schools and hospitals of the Roman Catholic Mission at Chigoeyah, Fort Smith and Inuvik. After the kill had been completed and the meat distributed Bishop Dwyer asked that a further number be killed for the use of certain needy Indian families. It was then too late in the season and this kill could not be made. In the meantime Mr. Scott spoke to the Minister about it and I assume that your memorandum of the 23rd February last is a result of Mr. Scott's interview.

There is no doubt that a considerable number of animals could be killed annually without affecting the herd but the schools and missions and Indians would not likely require 100 animals. I do not think they could use more than 25 or 30 and I see no reason why we might not inform both the Indian Department and Bishop Dwyer that next fall we will be prepared to kill any required number up to say 30. The killing would be done by one or more of our own men and the meat brought out to the Bay camp or to some other point on the main trail. From that point the Indian Department or the R. C. Mission would be obliged to undertake their own transportation. The hides and heads would be retained by me, the best of which would be sent to Edmonton for dressing.

Last year the Anglican Mission was offered some of the buffalo meat but as their nearest school was at Bay River, 300 miles distant, the expense of transportation made it impossible to accept the Department's offer.

If it meets your approval I will notify Mr. Scott, as well as both the Anglican and the R. C. Mission, that a number of animals will be killed next December or January and that the meat will be turned over to them to be distributed as they deem advisable, at their expense.

(Sgd.) O. B. Plamle