

No. 13.

An Order in Council is given that a sack of flour be delivered to Mr. Trottier, for his family.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

St. ANTHONY, 17th April, 1885.

No. 14.

An Order of the Council is given to deliver up to Mr. Ph. Garnot, Secretary of said Council, three bags of flour which he had lent.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

St. ANTHONY, 17th April, 1885.

No. 15.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Michel Dumas to ferry over a cow and bring it here for his own use.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 16.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Jim Short to ferry over two cows, and keep them here for his own use, until otherwise ordered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 17.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. John Desmarais to ferry over a cow and to keep it for the use of his family, until otherwise ordered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 18.

An Order in Council is given that two men be sent to hide all the small boats, and that they be brought here as soon as possible; and that the ferry boat of Mr. Lepine be taken to pieces and the parts concealed in three or four different places.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 19.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Arthur Amyot to take a cow and keep her for the use of his family, until otherwise ordered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 20.

An Order in Council is given to the effect that Nap. Parenteau should have a cow ferried over, and keep it for the use of his family, until otherwise ordered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

St. ANTHONY, 17th April, 1885.

No. 21.

An Order in Council is given to bring here Alex. McDougall, jr., Louison Fontaine and Isidore Bergin, without fail, as well as McLeod's mare, and the grain, &c., that they will find there.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

St. ANTHONY, 17th April, 1885.

No. 22.

An Order in Council is passed to make six or eight oars for the ferry boat, and as many for the small boats.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

17th April, 1885.

No. 23.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. J. Bte. Fidler, to enable him to withdraw his horse from the guard on the other side of the river, in order to bring it to this side.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 18th April, 1885.

No. 24.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Napoléon Nault, to ferry over the waggons which are on the other side of the river, in order to bring them here.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 18th April, 1885.

No. 25.

An Order in Council is passed to give a cow to Mr. Swan for use of his family, until further orders.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 18th April, 1885.

No. 26.

To Mr. JOHN ROSS, Animal Keeper.

An Order in Council is passed to give a milch cow, if there is one, to the bearer, a Cree Indian.

By order of the Council

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 18th April, 1885.

No. 27.

An Order in Council is given to Capt. Edouard Dumont to make ready to go *en reconnaissance* up the river to watch General Middleton, and that he is to have command of the expedition. This order is to be read to the inspector of guards and given to E. Dumont.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 20th April, 1885.

No. 28.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Jobin, with another man, to go to Mr. Bremner's for the horses belonging to the young men who have left, and others.

By order of the Council

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 20th April, 1885.

No. 29.

An Order in Council is given to the proper persons to haul in all the hay there may be between this place and that of Léonore Parenteau. And an order is also given to the young men that may be in the houses to haul in all the hay to be found further on.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 21st April, 1885.

No. 30.

An Order in Council is passed to deliver one cow to James Welsh for the use of his family, until otherwise ordered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. JOHN ROSS, keeper of the animals.

ST. ANTHONY, 23rd April, 1885.

No. 31.

An Order in Council is passed to lend a good horse to Mr. Alex. Cayen, in order that he may go and look for his people at Lake Muskeg.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 27th April, 1885.

No. 32.

An Order in Council is passed to lend an additional horse to Mr. Alex. Cayen, to go to Muskeg Lake.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 27th April, 1885.

No. 33.

An Order in Council is passed to ferry over five head of cattle to be slaughtered.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 27th April, 1885.

No. 34.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Nap. Carrière to take possession of his tent wherever he may happen to find it, seeing that he has never sold or lent it.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 28th April, 1885.

No. 35.

An Order in Council is passed giving Mr. Alex. Arcand the right to appeal under No. 34 of the council passed yesterday, when he has sufficient proof.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 29th April, 1885.

No. 36.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Alex. Fisher not to make a crossing in the ferry boat with less than eight persons in the boat.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 30th April, 1885.

No. 37.

SIR,—Please deliver to the bearer seven bags of flour, belonging to Bte. Boyer. By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. C. FAGNANT.

ST. ANTHONY, 1st March, 1885.

No. 38.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Patrice Tourond, to deliver to Mr. Pierre Paranteau a pair of breechings, in compensation for those which the mail carriers took away from him. Give him the breechings which were taken from the mail at Hoodoo.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 1st May, 1885.

No. 39.

An Order in Council is passed authorizing the families living down the river to kill a young animal of one or two years of age, and to divide it among them; and to take the animal out of those belonging to the people who fled the country.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary of the Council*.

ST. ANTHONY, 3rd May, 1885.

No. 40.

An Order in Council is given to go and look for all the animals that there may be down the river, especially cows, and all the animals of those who have fled the country.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary of the Council*.

ST. ANTHONY, 3rd May, 1885.

No. 41.

Please give the keys of the storehouse and shed to Mr. Damase Carrière to get some tea, salt and sugar, if there is any.

By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Madame LETENDRE.

ST. ANTHONY, 3rd May, 1885.

No. 42.

An Order in Council is given to Mr. Damase Carrière to take from the store of Mr. Champagne one box of tea.

By order.

PHIL. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 3rd May, 1885.

No. 43.

An Order in Council is given to bring F. St. Germain here to stay.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 3rd May, 1885.

No. 44.

Names of persons to be looked up, by Order of the Council:—André Nolin, Jérôme Racette, Alex. Bégu, Frederick St. Germain, Alex. Pilon, the oldest boy of Pierre Henry, Barthélèmi Pilon, Patrice Parenteau, Joseph Delorme, Alexis Gervais, François Gervais, Cléophas Champagne, Amb. Garelépy, Nazaire Champagne, Jas. Pilon, jr., Emmanuel Champagne.

By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 4th May, 1885.

No. 45.

An Order in Council is given to bring in the horses belonging to Mr. Emmanuel Champagne, and which are at his place, as well as those belonging to his son or other people.

By order.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

ST. ANTHONY, 5th May, 1885.

No. 46.

SIR,—Please deliver to the bearer six bags of flour belonging to Mr. Bte. Boyer.

By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. CUTHBERT FAGNANT.

ST. ANTHONY, 5th May, 1885.

No. 47.

An Order in Council is given to send three men below to bring in Wm. Bruce and his mare, and if he is not there then the mare of George Fidler, and to make a reconnaissance at the same time.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

Bring along and look after André Jobin, Jérôme Racette, and Alexandre Boyer.

—P. H. G.

ST. ANTHONY, 5th May, 1885.

No. 48.

SIR,—Please deliver to the bearer the remainder of the flour belonging to Mr. Bte. Boyer.

By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. CUTHBERT FAGNANT.

ST. ANTHONY, 7th May, 1885.

LETTERS.

No. 1.

SIR,—Your instructions are that you must take great care of the horses, and that the best horses be carefully spared, and that the mares with colts are not to be used at all; and that the young people are not to be free to do what they please with the horses. You are the master. And that no horse be given without an order from the council, or the inspector of the guard, but when an alarm is given then an order is not necessary.

M. D., *for the Secretary.*

MR. JOSEPH PARENTEAU.

10th April, 1885.

No. 2.

REV. FATHER VÉGREVILLE,—The Council of the Provisional Government begs you to consider the interests of the French Canadian Metis with a more favorable eye; this you can do by declaring in writing that you will keep yourself at least perfectly neutral; that you will not withdraw from this place without the consent of the Provisional Government.

Give in writing your word of honor that you will act in this way towards us; if you do not we will be compelled to treat you accordingly.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary of the Council.*

BATOCHÉ, 10th April, 1885.

No. 3.

MY VERY DEAR FATHER FOURMAND,—I send a courier in your direction to carry to you the terrible news of the death of Fathers Fafard and Marchand, who were killed by the Indians at Frog Lake.

You will apply in their case the prayers required by our rules. The Indians have risen in every direction and are massacring the whites. Eleven persons were killed around Frog Lake. It is a war of extermination which has begun and it is our Metis who have caused this trouble, and who bear the responsibility of all the blood that has been and will be shed.

My dear father, we must save the sisters from the fate which threatens them, and find means to send them to Prince Albert. I am ignorant how you are situated, but things have an extremely dangerous look; but you seem to fear nothing, and rest in perfect serenity.

Consider, then, if there is any danger in making the sisters leave for Prince Albert, and see if you cannot find some willing men to escort them as far as the forks of the road which comes from Carlton. They have nothing to fear on the part of the people of Prince Albert, who never go there except to cut hay. It is the Indians whom I dread.

PRINCE ALBERT, 12th April, 1885.

No. 3.

DEAR BROTHER:—The exovedes in meeting decided that two or three men should be sent to Carlton, but they agree that you should not go yourself, they are of opinion that your presence here is necessary, although they are sure that you would be the best to go to Carlton. They really expect an attack at a very short period, and they know that your ability here will be of great necessity.

Scouts have been seen twice to-day already. We would also beg of you to keep a very close and good guard, because there might be danger on your side of the river. Sending you our best wishes, we remain your brother.

For the council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

To Exovede ALBERT MONKMAN.

St. ANTHONY, 16th April, 1885.

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No. 4.

SIR,—You are requested to attend the Council meeting to-morrow, as we have urgent need of you and of all the absent members of the Council.

Your very devoted,

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

To Mr. AMB. JOBIN.

ST. ANTHONY, 16th April, 1885.

No. 5.

SIR,—Please take notice, that from this date, each evening you will give notice upon which side of the river you remain with the ferry boat, in order that guards may be placed in order to guard the cable and the boat.

By order of the Council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

To Mr. ALEX. FISHER.

ST ANTHONY, 17th April, 1885.

No. 6.

SIR,—I give you notice that each crossing ticket (return ticket) should be sent every evening to the secretary or his assistant.

Your devotedly,

PHIL. GARNOT, *Secretary,*By OCT. REGNIER, *Assistant.*

Mr. ALEX. FISHER.

ST. ANTHONY, 18th April, 1886.

No. 7.

We have received and considered yours concerning the friendly and generous offer of Chesorpen. We thank our relative, the old soldier, for his offer of good services. The Exovidate are of opinion that Middleton and his troops ought not to be treated as ordinary. It would be better to watch well their moves, to let them come when they please,—under the Almighty hand of Divine Providence—and when they are near enough to strike and work until, with God's and Christ's help, we have conquered them. A complete success over Middleton we have to ask from our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary, and let us aim at such a decisive success—and considering the situation, we believe that it would be of great usefulness to send a party of *découvreurs* to-night to watch the movement of Middleton, to-morrow morning, and during the whole day from your side of the river.

Proposed by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that a vote of thanks be voted to Mr. Monkman, for the creditable way in which he conducted himself in the command which he has across the river.

Present:—Messrs Tourond, Jobin, Trottier, Henry, Carrière, Boucher, Ross and Lepine.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

To Mr. MONKMAN.

ST. ANTHONY, 19th April, 1885.

No. 8.

REVEREND FATHERS,—You are invited to come here, at nine o'clock in the morning, for the reasons given in the resolutions of which I send you a copy.

A copy of the resolution of the 30th April is enclosed.

Your very humble servant,

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary of the Council.*

To the Reverend Fathers FOURMAND, MOULIN and VEGREVILLE.

ST. ANTHONY, 30th April, 1885.

No. 9.

SIR,—Be so good as to tell your men, and take notice that every crossing ticket must be given up to the secretary, or to his assistant, because for a long time it is remarked that no tickets come here, and of 600 tickets we have received but barely 100.

Don't concern yourself about the distribution of tickets; but see that all the tickets are sent here every evening, and if the people of the other side of the river require tickets, they must ask for them.

Yours, &c.,

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. ALEX. P. FISHER,
ST. ANTHONY, 4th May, 1885.

No. 10.

SIR,—Be so good as to see that Thomas Petit takes his meals and board with you, and we will board Parenteau on this side.

By order of the council.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary*.

To Mr. N. NAULT,
ST. ANTHONY, 5th May, 1885.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (BOOK).

Prayer of the Council.

O Lord, our God, Thou who art the Father of mercy and consolation, we are several French Canadian Métis, gathered together in council, who put our confidence in Thee; grant that we may not be covered with confusion, ever defend us from this, enlighten us in our darkness of doubt, encourage us in our trials, strengthen us in our weakness, and succour us in the time of pressing need.

Minutes of the Council of the 30th March, 1885.

Explanations are requested by Mr. Lepine in Council, asking Mr. Jobin for explanations why he gave up the position of assistant commissioner of the Provisional Government.

By Mr. Jobin.....

Proposed by Mr. Monkman, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that we move off to Carlton, and that this motion be kept secret until a decision has been arrived at to go to Prince Albert or elsewhere. Adopted—9 for, 1 against.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that men be sent to examine the house of Ambroise Fisher, Magnus Barton, and François Piché, and to see if anything has been hauled away, either provisions or merchandise, &c., and to seize and bring here all suspected articles found in the house. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that a detachment of fifty men be sent to Carlton to take possession of the fort, and that Mr. Monkman with another member of the Council be entrusted to carry out this expedition. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Henry, that Mr. Ouellette should go with Mr. Grant or Mr. Dumas to accompany the expedition to Carlton. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. J. Bte. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Pierre Parenteau, that a man be sent to the other side of the South Branch of the Saskatchewan, and that he should carry provisions with him for the families, with the consent of Mr. Champagne. Carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Council of the 31st March, 1885.

Proposed by Exovede Gabriel Dumont, seconded by Exovede Maxime Lepine, that we abandon for a time Duck Lake, and go and take up our position again at St.

Anthony, to await there firmly the 315 policemen who are on the way, it would appear, and are marching against us. Adopted unanimously. Glory to Jesus Christ, honor and praise to Mary, to Joseph, to St. John the Baptist and to St. Anthony of Padas.

Minutes of the Council of the 6th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that the soldiers begin the work of making roads through the ice, and placing the ferry boat in position to establish the ferry. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that an Order in Council be publicly read requiring every man capable of bearing arms to be present here to-morrow during the forenoon. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that a horse guard be organized, and that a captain, with his company, be appointed to this duty, and that Mr. Antoine Lafontaine be appointed. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, that Mr. Lafontaine's soldiers be chosen by the Council, in agreement with Mr. Lafontaine. Decided without being put to the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that no person have permission to see the prisoners without an order from the Council; and that the guard be notified to that effect; and that the friends of the prisoners be also notified to the like effect. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that Mr. Joseph Parenteau be appointed as captain of the horse guard on the other side of the river, and that Mr. Barbeau (Bte. Hunter) act as sergeant. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Delorme, seconded by Mr. Henry, that Mr. Regnier be set to work teaching school, and that the church be placed at his disposal as a schoolhouse, if thought necessary. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that some person be sent to Father Pâquet to ask him to come to us. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that it be ascertained what the people who have just arrived have need of, and that an order be sent them on the store of Mr. Batoche to furnish what they require. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin seconded by Mr. Ouellette, that Mr. Charles Trottier be admitted a member of the *Excoïdat*. Adopted unanimously.

Order in Council of the 7th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that Alexander Fisher do place the keys of George Fisher's store in the hands of the Council. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that Alexander Fisher be permitted to keep the ferry for the season, for eighty dollars per month, to be paid by the Council of the Provisional Government. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that Daniel Dumas be brought before the Council in order to give explanations as to a complaint lodged against him with the Council by John Desmarais. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the keys of Fisher's store be placed in the hands of Mr. Riel. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Ross, that Mr. Zipher be allowed to take a portion of his house, and to occupy it with two men, who have been furnished him to work the ferry. Adopted unanimously (but afterwards scored out).

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Provisional Government having had need of the house of Mr. Fisher and having occupied it up to this day, from this day forward leave one apartment free, which Mr. Fisher wants. Carried unanimously.

Order in Council, 6th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Onellette, that two men be sent to Thunder Mountain and Qu'Appelle Lake, in order to make the people acquainted with the position of affairs here. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that two men be sent to Fort Battle, and, if it is possible to do so, destroy Fort Battle, seize the stores and munitions, and bring the forces and animals here. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Parenteau, seconded by Mr. Charles Trotter, that Mr. Emmanuel Champagne be sent to Pembina with two men, as a messenger from the Provisional Government, with instructions which he will receive from the Council. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Dumont, that Mr. Dumas be sent into Montana to carry messages, and that he be accompanied by two or three men. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. David Tourond, that scouts be sent to Prince Albert to destroy the steamboats if possible, and bring back news to the Council. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that the Provisional Government authorize the seizure of the goods in Mr. Batoche's store, keeping an account of the whole, and that the keys be handed to Mr. Riel. Carried unanimously.

Order in Council.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that the mortgage existing between Charles Nolin and Maxime Lepine be brought before the Council and examined as soon as possible. Proposal accepted. (Scored out.)

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that Isidore Dumas be allowed to take a double sleigh, in return for the sleigh which was broken by the workmen of the Provisional Government. Adopted unanimously.

Isidore Dumas claims from Kerr & Brothers for the following articles:—

30 barrels of barley at \$1.25.....	\$37 50
15 do of wheat at \$1.50.....	22 60
Amount due for a horse	20 10
Total	<u>\$80 10</u>

Isidore Dumas heard before the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Ross, that Isidore Dumas be paid out of the property which Kerr & Brothers have left behind; and that payment take place so soon as the animals and the other goods are collected. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that it be two Indians who should go to Fort Battle; and that there be raised no objection to a Metis accompanying the two Indians. Adopted unanimously.

It is decided that two other Indians should go to Thunder Hills, to Lake Qu'Appelle, Hook Lake, Nut Lake and Long Lake.

Order in Council of the 8th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that Mr. Pierre Parenteau be appointed to look for suitable horses to make the journey to Montana, with power to make the purchase as to him seems best. Adopted unanimously.

Evening Sitting.

An Order in Council is passed to bring up the mare of Kerr and Brother, and the young Canons.

Mr. Canon objects for the reason that he had the mare to keep for the winter at \$6 per month, and that he has had it for two months.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Monkman, that Mr. Canon should give a fat horse for the mare, and that he bring them here this evening. Carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Exovidat, 9th April, 1885.

A letter from Mr. Jackson asking to be set at liberty, with his brother, is handed to Mr. Riel. Mr. Riel explains that Mr. Jackson is too neutral to be allowed to go. By this he meant that Jackson should be kept.

Order in Council, 10th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that the horses of George Fisher, which are under the care of Siniakisick, be brought before the Council. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that Madame Ambroise Fisher be sent for, and all her goods, animals and horses. Adopted unanimously.

Father Végreville having been arrested, appears before the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that Mr. Joseph Vandale be authorised to bring J. Villeneuve and Ant. Vandale, jr., before the Council; and that an order do issue to that effect. Adopted unanimously.

It is decided that the chief White Bonnet be a member of the *Exovidat*.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that a letter be sent to the Rev. Father Végreville, asking him to give his word of honor that he will not leave the place, and that he will do nothing against our party, and that he will keep perfectly neutral. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Tourond, seconded by Mr. Carrière, That if any person should capture a horse during a fight the horse shall belong to him, on condition that he leave it for the use of those engaged in the movement until the movement is over. Adopted unanimously.

Order in Council, 11th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Dumont, that Mr. Chamberland be furnished with a list of our people who have the right of taking their meals here and of entering the council hall.

Order No. 5.

Proposed by Mr. G. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Trottier, That two or three men be sent to Fort la Corne to ascertain the feeling of the people in that place. Adopted.—9 for; 1 against.

N. B.—When this Act was passed it was understood that if Mr. Dumont wished to go there he was free to do so, with one or two men (to Fort la Corne). Adopted—8 for; 2 against.

M. DUMAS, U. S. L., &c.

Proposed by Mr. Parenteau, seconded by Mr. Damas, that the brown horse which was captured at Hoodoo by the soldiers of the Provisional Government be brought here and kept for the use of Mr. Riel, and put into the hands of Mr. Parenteau to take care of. Adopted unanimously.

Minutes of the Council, 13th April, 1885.

Father Fourmand asked, through the intervention of Father Moulin, whether he could have his flour.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that Mr. Gabriel Dumont be the only member of the Council having the exclusive privilege of issuing passes. Adopted unanimously.

Information was received from Mr. Elite Landry respecting the brothers and the wife of Charles Nolin.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, that a captain be sent to notify Father Moulin that his church will be taken for a school house until otherwise ordered. One against, five for.

Proposed by Mr. Tourond, seconded by Mr. Ross, that a filly, two years old, belonging to the Provisional Government be given to Mr. Joshua Bre'and in payment of a debt due by Kerr & Brothers. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that the passes each day be limited to twelve, that is to say six to go up the river and six to go below. Seven for, one against.

Morning Session—Order in Council, 14th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that fifteen head of cattle be ferried over and brought here for the use of the Provisional Government. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Henry, that Daniel Charette do accompany Father Végreville to see a sick person on the other side of the river, the wife of Joseph Charette. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Ross, that Pierre ——— be appointed to negotiate the exchange of animals and the purchase of animals for the slaughter house for the Provisional Government, as to him seems best. Adopted by the majority of the Council, 15th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that Pierre Tourond be authorized to take the animal that is at Boniface Leforce's, belonging to Kerr Brothers, and to kill it for the use of the families whose names are mentioned in letter No. 4. Adopted unanimously.

Morning Session, 13th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that Louis Parenteau and Thomas Petit be paid \$30 per month, to work at harness-making, under the direction of Mr. Alex. Fisher, and be paid at the end of every month. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, that Mr. Phillip Garnot be requested, if he is willing, to go to St. Laurent, to establish guards there for the protection of the Rev. Fathers and the Sisters, and that the guards be so maintained until further orders. Carried unanimously.

Morning Session, 10 a.m., 16th April, 1885.

Present:—Bte. Boucher, Moïse Ouellette, Pierre Henry, Charles Trottier, Donald Ross, White Cap, Pierre Parenteau.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that ten full-grown head of cattle be distributed among the families on this side of the river. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that two head of cattle be given to the Sioux, for the use of their families, and one to the Crees, for the use of their families. Carried unanimously.

Promise of Neutrality.

I promise to hold myself perfectly neutral, and not to withdraw from here without the consent of the Provisional Government. I will give my word that I will keep myself perfectly neutral and that I will do nothing contrary to the movement of the French Canadian Métis.

N. TOUZÉ, Pt., O.M.I.

St. Antoine de Padoue, 15th April, 1885.—1 p.m.

Present:—Bte. Boucher, Moïse Ouellette, Pierre Henry, Donald Ross, Pierre Parenteau, David Tourond, Charles Trottier, M. Lepine.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Pierre Henry, that the three men sent to look up the absent soldiers go as far as the house of McIntosh and the neighborhood, to bring back the arms and munitions which may be found there. Carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Morning Session, 17th April, 1885.—11 a.m.

Present:—Bte. Boucher, M. Ouellette, C. Trottier, P. Parenteau, D. Tourond, White Cap, D. Carrière, D. Ross.

Proposed by Bte. Boucher, seconded by D. Carrière, that the ten bags of flour that are in the cellar of Bte. Boyer's house be kept for the use of the Provisional Government. Carried unanimously.

Afternoon Session.—2.30 p.m.

Present:—M. Trottier, Bte. Parenteau, A. Jobin, M. Lepine, D. Ross, D. Tourond, White Cap, M. Ouellette, P. Henry, Bte. Boucher, D. Carrière.

Proposed by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that a letter be given to the ferrymen in order that they may give notice on the two sides of the river stating where the ferry is in order, that we may so place the guards as to assure the safety of the ferry by day and night, and that a man receive orders to make four pairs of oars in case anything happens to the cable, and that men be also sent to bring up all boats, and that the ferry boat of Mr. Lepine be also taken to pieces and concealed, in order that no use may be made of it, and to bring away the oars that are there. Adopted unanimously.

Afternoon Session.—2.50 p.m.

Present:—Jobin, Carrière, Lepine, Ross, Ouellette, Henry, Tourond, White Cap, Trottier, Boucher.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that cows be loaned to the families, in order that they may have the benefit of the milk, until such time as the council may have need of them, and that application for cows be made to the Council. Carried—Seven for, three against.

Minutes of the Evening Session, 17th April, 1885—2.45 p.m.

Present:—Ouellette, Ross, Henry, Lepine, Carrière, Jobin, Parenteau, Boucher, Tourond, White Cap, Trottier.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that every person who is concerned in the movement do take an oath to be faithful to the movement and to the laws of the Provisional Government of the Saskatchewan. The oath to be taken to be according to the following form. Eight for, two do not vote.

Afternoon Session.—3 p.m.

Present:—White Cap, Trottier, Boucher, Tourond, Parenteau, Ouellette, Jobin, Lepine and Henry

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that a bull be loaned and placed in the hands of Mr. Joseph Pilon, for the use of the farms in the neighborhood. Carried unanimously.

Evening Session, 8 p.m., 17th April, 1885.

Present:—Charles Trottier, M. Lepine, Baptiste Boucher, M. Ouellette, D. Ross, P. Parenteau, G. Dumont, D. Tourond, Amb. Jobin, D. Carrière.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that an expedition of thirty armed men be sent to Fort la Corne, commencing preparations to-morrow (18th April), having at their disposal forty-five carts, well harnessed, to carry Messrs. Turner, Batoche, and Seine, with all their goods and effects, as well as the goods and merchandise of any other person whomsoever, and to set adrift every boat serving as a ferry and which might endanger the safety of the Provisional Government. Adopted unanimously.

Morning Sitting—18th April, 1885.

Prayers, and then some routine orders.

Evening Session, 8.20 p.m.—19th April, 1885.

Present:—Tourond, Jobin, Trottier, Henry, Carrière, Boucher, Ross, Lepine.

Proposed by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Monkman, for the manner in which he has conducted his command on the other side of the river. Carried unanimously.

20th April, 1885—Afternoon Session.

Present:—A. Jobin, M. Lepine, D. Carrière, P. Henry, G. Dumont, D. Tourond, C. Trottier, D. Ross, Bte. Boucher.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Henry, that three men be sent to the upper part of the river, in order to protect the families.

Proposed in amendment by Mr. Tourond, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that there be four men instead of three. Amendment carried—5 for; 4 against.

Present:—Messrs. Jobin, Lepine, Carrière, Henry, Dumont, Tourond, Trottier, Ross and Boucher.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that twenty men be sent to reconnoitre on the upper part of the river, to watch General Middleton, and that Mr. Edouard Dumont have charge of the expedition. Carried unanimously.

Continuation of the Afternoon Meeting of the 20th April, 1885.

Present:—Bte. Boucher, D. Ross, C. Trottier, G. Dumont, P. Henry, D. Carrière, D. Tourond, M. Lepine, A. Jobin.

Examination of the complaint of the guards of St. Laurent against Father Fourmand.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that Rev. Father Fourmand, and everybody at his mission of St. Laurent, be brought to the mission of St. Antoine to live there (with their property). Carried unanimously.

Evening Session.

Present:—D. Ross, C. Trottier, P. Henry, G. Dumont, M. Ouellette, B. Boucher, A. Jobin, D. Carrière, M. Lepine, E. Champagne.

Father Fourmand arrived and was examined.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Henry, that Mr. Jobin be sent, with one man, to look for the horses at Mr. Bremner's belonging to the young men who had left (one from Mr. Jobin and two from Mr. Bremner). Adopted unanimously.

Afternoon Sitting—21st April, 1885.

Present:—D. Ross, C. Trottier, P. Henry, G. Dumont, M. Ouellette, A. Jobin, D. Tourond, M. Lepine and P. Parenteau.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that all the hay at Jos. Pilon's house be carted here, and that an order be given to him to get the hay farther on hauled in by his boys. Carried unanimously.

Present:—P. Parenteau, A. Jobin, D. Tourond, M. Ouellette, D. Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Parenteau, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that Mr. Riel and the members of the Council be authorized to cross the river without passess when they ask to do so. Carried unanimously.

Afternoon Session—22nd April, 1885.

Present:—Lepine, Jobin, Dumont, Henry, Parenteau, Ouellette, Trottier.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that the resolutions respecting the captains, as submitted by Mr. Riel, be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Present:—Tourond, Lepine, Jobin, Dumont, Henry, Parenteau, Ouellette, Trottier.

Proposed by Mr. D. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Carrière and Mr. Henry; and that they be permitted to visit their families and to report as to their wants. Carried unanimously.

Present:—Dumont, Trottier, Ross, Lepine, Jobin, Henry, Parenteau, Ouellette.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that a good horse be given as a present to our brother Wechawepewin, in recognition of the courageous, honorable and Christian conduct he showed in the reconnaissance at Clarke's Crossing. Carried unanimously.

Present:—Dumont, Trottier, Jobin, Ross, Lepine, Henry, Parenteau, Ouellette.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Trottier, that a vote of thanks be passed to our relative Yellow Blanket, Mr. Malaterre, and Mr. Parisien, in recognition of their services rendered in the reconnaissance at Clarke's Crossing; and because they performed all the work they were sent to do. Carried unanimously.

Evening Session, 10 p. m., 22nd April.

Present:—Dumont, Jobin, Lepine, Ouellette, Ross, Parenteau, Henry.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Henry, that fifty cavalrymen under the command of a man of their choice be sent to Clarke's Crossing *en reconnaissance*. Adopted unanimously.

The 23rd was the day of the alarm and the 24th the day of the great battle of Tourond's Ravine.

Afternoon Session, 2 p. m.

Mr. Riel thanks the members of the *Excoïdat* for the zeal and courage they displayed yesterday.

Present:—Mr. Ross, Ouellette, P. Tourond, Lepine, Boucher, P. Parenteau, C. Parenteau, Trottier, Jobin, Carrière.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that a vote of condolence and of sympathy be passed to all our brothers in Jesus Christ who have had the misfortune to have some one of their relatives killed or wounded in yesterday's fight, particularly Mr. Vermette, who has had the misfortune to lose his brother, but more particularly Mr. J. Bte. Parenteau, who has had the grief to lose his son, and who had also another of his sons wounded in the preceding fight. Adopted unanimously.

Evening Session, 29th April, 1885.—8 p. m.

Present:—Bte. Boucher, M. Jobin, D. Carrière, Chas. Trottier, P. Henry, D. Tourond, M. Ouellette, D. Ross.

Proposed by Mr. David Tourond, seconded by Mr. Damase Carrière, that no crossing be made by the ferry boat unless eight persons cross at one time. Adopted unanimously.

Session of the 30th April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Dumont, That a letter of invitation be sent to the Reverend Fathers Moulin, Végreville and Fourmand, asking them if they will kindly come and publicly set forth their reasons on the subject of the reform that Mr. Riel has undertaken with the *Excoïdat* of the French Canadian Métis in the matter of religion, to-morrow, at 9 a. m. Carried unanimously.

Present:—Henry, Dumont, Ouellette, Tourond, Trottier, Boucher, Jobin, Ross.

Received one Alex. Parenteau, who came from Battle River, about 8 p. m.; 9 p. m. received a delegation from Battle River, composed of four men.

Morning Session of the 1st May, 1885.

The reverend fathers arrived at 9 o'clock, in accordance with the letter of yesterday, asking them to do so.

Afternoon Session.

Present:—Parenteau, D. Ross, D. Tourond, A. Jobin, D. Carrière, J. P. Parenteau, Chs. Trottier, M. Ouellette, G. Dumont.

Proposed by Mr. M. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Amb. Jobin, that seven men do accompany the three commissioners, who have come from Fort Battle, to wit:—

Isidore Parenteau, Joseph Arcand, Alex. Cayon, Moïse Carrière, Pierre Vandale, Charles Trottier, and John L. Crow, who are to leave this evening. Carried unanimously.

Continuation of the Afternoon Session.

Present :—Pierre Parenteau, M. Lépine, D. Ross, D. Tourond, A. Jobin, D. Carrière, J. B. Parenteau, Chas. Trottier, M. Ouellette, G. Dumont.

Proposed by Mr. Bte. Boucher, seconded by Mr. M. Lépine, that Mr. Joseph Jobin be admitted a member of the *Excofidat*. Carried unanimously.

Afternoon Session of the 3rd May—2 p.m.

Present :—Lépine, Carrière, Dumont, Boucher, Parenteau, Ross, Ouellette, Tourond.

Proposed by Mr. Gabriel Dumont, seconded by Mr. Damase Carrière, that the people of Lake Qu'Appelle, Fiamand and Breland, be kept here, and be not allowed to go away until the passing of a new Order in Council. For, 6, viz. : Lépine, Carrière, Dumont, Boucher, Parenteau, Ross. Against, 2, Ouellette, Tourond.

Session of the 4th May—10 a.m.

Present :—Carrière, Parenteau, P. Ouellette, White Cap, P. Parenteau, Boucher, Ross, Lépine, Dumont.

Proposed by Mr. Parenteau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that it is expressly forbidden to anyone to work at farming, except in the gardens, where the women alone will work. It is also ordered that everyone shall come here without distinction. Carried unanimously.

A Sioux has arrived, and has made a report that is not believed, and it was decided by the Sioux themselves to keep him in confinement until he tells the truth.

Session of the 5th May, 1885.

Orders of the Day :—An expedition of cavalry, commanded by Mr. L. D. Riel, covering a distance of ten or twelve miles, bringing in several stray horses, without any other discoveries of interest. Also an expedition of some infantry, commanded by Gabriel Dumont, working at the construction of certain ambuscades as a defence against the enemy, which were almost completed.

Evening Session, 6th May, 1885.

Present :—Dumont, Carrière, Henry, Boucher, Ross, Lépine, Ouellette.

Proposed by Mr. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Dumont, that the ox belonging to Albert St. Louis, in the hands of Nolin and Lépine, be brought here for the use of the Provisional Government. Carried unanimously.

Session of the 7th May, 1885.

Present :—Boucher, Ross, Dumont, Ouellette, Tourond, Parenteau, Lépine.

Proposed by Mr. Lépine, seconded by Mr. Dumont, that Philip Garnot give up to George Fidler the saddle which he has in his hands, the Council seeing that the said Philip Garnot has no right to keep it. Carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS IN COUNCIL (LOOSE SHEETS).

Reserve the tithe, and that if our priests who were among us, desire to submit to these resolutions, they return and be treated as well, if not better, than during the past. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that we leave for Duck Lake. The vote stood six for and six against; the President decided for.

Proposed by Mr. Lépine, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that Mr. Alex. Tourond be sent with necessaries for the family of Mr. M. Dumas, and care the stock and cart the hay of Capt. J. B. Boucher. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. D. Tourond, that Mr. Ambrose Jobin replace the commissioner during his absence. Carried unanimously.

24th March, 1885.

Bélanger vs. Vandale. Decision respecting a gun. Mr. Laframboise is permitted to address the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that the first gun available be placed in the hands of Mr. Pierre Vandale.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Champagne, that no soldier be permitted to go out without a pass or without the consent of his captain, and the captain himself should come and ask permission of the Council; and that the captain should replace those soldiers who are without arms.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Lepine, that the members of the Council recognize the perfect frankness of Mr. Laframboise. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that a proclamation be circulated, granting protection to any person joining us, and who may have been forced to enter the Mounted Police force.

Proposed by Mr. Damase Carrière, seconded by Mr. Donald Ross, that three men, a Métis, a Cree and a Sioux, be sent to Battle River with a letter. Votes, 8 for, 2 against.

Proposed, in amendment, by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Boyer, that the Sioux be struck out. Six for, 3 against.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that a Métis and a Cree be sent to Fort la Corne with a letter. Six for, 3 against.

Proposed by Mr. Ouellette, seconded by Mr. Carrière, that a Métis and a Sioux be sent to Prairie Ronde with a message. Five for, 4 against.

Minutes of the Council, 25th March, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Pierre Henry, that the Commandments of God be the laws of the Provisional Government. That we recognize the right of Mr. Louis "David" Riel to direct the priests. That the Archbishop Ignace Bourget be recognized, from this day, by the French Canadian people of the Saskatchewan, as the Pope of the new world, and that the members of the Council * *

Minutes of the Council, 1st April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that we take measures to provide a boat to cross the shore ice of the other side of the river. Carried unanimously.

Session of the Council of the 22nd April, 1885, of the Excoedes of Companies.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Dumont, seconded by Mr. Vandale, that the lower part of the council house which is now at the disposal of the *Excoedes* of companies, be occupied by them alone, except the employees of the Council, the cooks and the Sioux interpreter, during sessions. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Dumont, seconded by Mr. Isidore Damas, that each soldier take charge of his own horse, and the horses, above all things, be fed at the same time. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Calixte Lafontaine, that Mr. Joseph Delorme take charge of the grain and hay, when occasion arises. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Isidore Damas, seconded by Calixte Lafontaine, that James Short be selected to examine the horses. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Antoine Lafontaine, seconded by Daniel Gariépie, that Edouard Dumont be appointed to choose the horses. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Joseph Delorme, seconded by William Swaine, that Charles Carrière be appointed to examine the horses and to place them at the disposal of the military excoide. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Isidore Dumas, seconded by Charles Carrière, that the horses that are too poor and unserviceable be sent adrift without a guard. Seven for, and five against.

Evening Session, 22nd April, 1885.

Proposed by Isidore Dumas, seconded by William Boyer, that no soldier have permission to absent himself without the knowledge of his captain. Adopted unanimously.

Session of the 27th April, 1885.

Proposed by William Boyer, seconded by Mr. Vandale, that the guards appointed for night service here be two, each to take his night; and that William Boyer and Baptiste Vandale be appointed to that service. Six for, four did not vote.

That the horses be guarded during the day and not during the night. Six for, four against.

One company is sufficient for the service, and that Damase Dumas be appointed for the service.

One company for the cattle is sufficient, and that Calixte Lafontaine be appointed to the service.

One company for the ferry boat and the cable, and that Trottier be appointed to this service.

One company to cart the hay and grain, and the goods of the people; and that Antoine Lafontaine be appointed to this service.

One company for the lower section, and that William Swaine be appointed to this service.—Carried.

One company for the Little Mountain, and that Philip Gariépie be appointed to this service.—Carried.

Three companies to keep guard towards the camp of Middleton, and that Baptiste Vandale, Daniel Gariépie and James Short be appointed.—Adopted.

Minutes of the Sessions of the Council.

Council of the Provisional Government, formed at St. Anthony, the nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-five. Mr. Pierre Parenteau was elected President, Mr. Charles Nolin, Commissioner, and Mr. Gabriel Dumont, Adjutant-General. Members of the Council: Messieurs Baptiste Boyer, Donald Ross, Damase Carrière, Amb. Jobin, Norbert Delorme, Moïse Ouellette, Bte. Parenteau, David Tourond, Pierre Gariépie, Maxime Lepine, Albert Monkman, Bte. Boucher, Philip Garnot, Secretary, and Eugène C. Boucher, Ass tant Secretary.

1st Resolution—It is resolved that G. Dumont, Adjutant General, be at the head of the army, having for assistants Messieurs Joseph Delorme and Patrice Tourond, and that Mr. Patrick Fleurie be entrusted with the inspection of the arms.—Carried—Ph. G.

2nd Resolution—That Mr. Baptiste Boucher be sent to the Piegans. Carried.

3rd Resolution—That two prisoners be sent back, and that they be Walters and his clerk.

4th Resolution—That the Indian Agent be retained until otherwise ordered.

5th Resolution—That Mr. Charles Nolin be appointed commissioner.

6th. That a messenger be sent to invite Messrs. Normand, Ouellette and Dumont to the Council house, as a mark of respect.

7th. Resolved that George Ness be liberated, but that his horse and his vehicle be detained.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that Mr. Monkman be sent with two companies to invite the English Metis to join us. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that a list of the Indian chiefs disposed to join us be given to Mr. Monkman. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Baptiste Boyer, that the council give full power to Mr. Monkman to act to the best of his capacity and judgment. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Boyer, that Mr. Monkman be requested to tranquilize the families on his road. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. D. Carrière, that we desire to effect the capture of the fort without spilling any blood, and the greater our force the more certain we shall be of attaining our object, but in case we are compelled to fight, justice compels that they should take up arms; and do you join us, we have ammunition with us.

Proposed by Mr. Tourond, seconded by Mr. Carrère, that Madame Caron be rewarded and receive a yearly salary for her services in cooking, and that the sum be \$28. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. D. Carrière, seconded by Mr. Jobin, that this Council desires to express its admiration of the conduct of Mr. Rochelieu, in setting an example. Adopted unanimously.

Orders in Council of the 31st March, 1885—Charles L'Heureux.

Orders in Council of the 1st April, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Tourond, that two men be sent for the animals on the reserve near Muskeg Lake, belonging to the Government, and that three others be sent to the other reserves for the other animals, also supposed to belong to the Government. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Monkman, that men be sent to the Government farm, to carry off all the provisions, the animals and other property that may be there. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Monkman, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that the house of—— be visited and all the goods taken from the company, as well as the arms and ammunition, be brought here by the men of the Provisional Government.

Minutes of the Council 27th March, 1885.

Proposed by Mr. A. Monkman, that a message be sent to our friends the English Metis, as also a letter from the prisoners to Drs. Miller, Bain and Porter. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. A. Monkman, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that two prisoners be set at liberty with a letter to the commandant at Carlton, inviting him in the name of God and of humanity to come and dispose of the bodies of those who fell yesterday in the fight, and that he may come as far as the battle field, and that he may return from it not only without being molested, but that he be assured that our sympathy will accompany him while performing that duty to the dead. Adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, seconded by Mr. Parenteau, that the *Exovidat* of the French Canadian Metis believes firmly that hell will not last for ever, that the doctrine of everlasting future punishment is contrary to Divine mercy as well as to the charity of our Saviour Jesus Christ; consequently the *Exovidat* of the French Canadian Metis establishes the truth that however long hell may last, prolonged though it be for millions on millions of years it will come to an end one day by the goodness of God through the merits of Jesus Christ. Adopted unanimously.

PH. GARNOT, *Secretary.*

Proposed by Mr. A. Monkman, seconded by Mr. Boucher, that Mr. Champagne be appointed president of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. A. Monkman, seconded by Mr. J. Bte. Boucher, that they are to remain here until the petition from Prince Albert arrives, unless there is anything to the contrary.

Proposed by Mr. Lepine, that we have four men at Batoche to receive the loads from the freighters, and that there be another man to carry messages to the Council.

Minutes of the Council record the thanks of Council to Messrs. Nolin, Monkman and the soldiers.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT VS. REV. FATHER VEGREVILLE.

Deposition of Mr. Gabriel Dumont.—Having met Father Végreville half a mile from here, he told me that the Indians were pillaging the goods of Madame Thibault, and that it was you people who were responsible for all that, because you invited the Indians, and that you would be held accountable for it. And on arriving at Duck Lake Madame Thibault came and asked me if I had ordered the Indians to take her hay.

Mr. Michel Dumas corroborates the deposition of Mr. Dumont in every particular.

Mr. Boucher.—It appears that Father Végreville told my son that all the people who had taken up arms in the movement were rebels and would find that it was their damnation, that he could not administer to them in their last moments. And I repeat this as being the most violent language that was uttered. Mr. Brennan, jr., was there, and the father ought to know that he sank down with weakness when hearing this spoken of.

For keeping the Father, Dam. Carrière, G. Dumont, M. Lepine, C. Trottier, D. Ross, P. Henry, Bie. Boucher, M. Ouellette.

Proposed by Maxime Lepine, seconded by J. B. Boucher, if God so wills, if He has so decided in His eternal designs, we desire nothing better than to be His priests and to constitute, if such is His desire and His holy will, the new religious ministry of Jesus Christ. And we at once establish the living catholic apostolic and vital church of the new world. Confident that by doing so we are doing a thing which is pleasant to Him, we adopt for the line of our conduct the three admirable letters from the Archbishop Ignace Bourget to Louis "David" Riel, written on the 13th January, 1874, the 14th July, 1875, and the 2nd January, 1876.

Bélanger vs. Vandale for a Gun.

Mr. Bélanger said he had commenced negotiations to trade a gun for a waggon with Pierre Vandale, and that he was to see the gun, and that if the gun pleased him he would take it, and that when he went to see the gun Vandale was not at home, and he went to see him at the house of his father-in-law, and had taken the gun, and that when the trouble began the nephew of Mr. Bélanger had taken it, and that Mr. Vandale had taken it from him. Mr. Vermette said the same thing. Mr. Vandale said that his gun had not been paid for, that he was to have had the choice of three carts, and that he had only seen two, and that he had not received them. I went to see the carts before he took the gun. He gave me my choice between a cart and a hob-sleigh.

In answer to Mr. Riel—I was wrong in telling him to go and see the gun.

Bélanger cross-examined by Mr. Riel.

Mr. Vermette repeats what he had said before.

Decision of the Council—Mr. Lepine: That the gun belongs to the Bélanger. Mr. Boyer, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Delorme. Mr. Vandale give the gun to Mr. Bélanger, and the Council decides to give the first gun at their disposal to Vandale.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that the first gun at our disposal be given to Mr. Vandale.

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN

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To an ORDER of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated the 4th March, 1886;—For copies of all papers found in the Council room of the insurgents, or elsewhere at Batoche, especially including:

1. The diary of Louis Riel
2. The minute book and Orders in Council of the insurgent Council.
3. The correspondence of Louis Riel.

By Command.

J. A. CHAPLEAU,
Secretary of State.

Department of the Secretary of State,
11th May, 1886.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, 10th May, 1886.

SIR,—Referring to my communication of the 4th instant, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting in Lindsay school house, which completes the return of all papers found at Batoche, in compliance with the order of the Honorable the House of Commons of the 4th March last.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. BURBIDGE, *Deputy Minister of Justice.*

The Under Secretary of State.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT LINDSAY SCHOOL.

At a mass meeting held at Lindsay schoolhouse, 23rd March, 1885, the following was unanimously adopted:

1st. That a petition be sent to the Government setting forth that the French in this district have taken up arms.

2nd. That the Indians, to a great extent, are in sympathy with them.

3rd. That the English half-breeds and Canadian settlers likewise have grievances, and are in sympathy with them to get redress of grievances in a lawful manner, but not to take up arms.

4th. That there is great danger of a civil war—an Indian war—and all that that means.

5th. That the French have rights and are determined men.

6th. That there is no way of settling this disturbance but by treaty or war.

7th. That the neutral party, the English half-breeds and Canadian settlers who wish to remain at peace, and their wives and families, do beg of the Government to treat with the settlers giving them their just rights and save the destruction of their families.

8th. That we have come to this country in good faith that we would have our rights respected as British subjects.

9th. That the Government has refused to treat with settlers till our party could bear it no longer, and will have their rights or die.

10th. We therefore beg of the Government to do justice to the settlers, treat with them and save the effusion of blood.

THOMAS F. MILLER, *Chairman,*
WILLIAM MILLER, *Secretary,*
And 455 others.