

THE NORTH-WEST



TERRITORIES.

L. S. William MacDougall.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, defender of the Faith, etc., etc

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by "the British North America Act, 1867," it was, amongst other things, enacted that it should be lawful for her Majesty, by and with the advice of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, on Address from the houses of Parliament of Canada, to admit Rupert's Land and the North-West Territory, or either of them, into the Union or Dominion of Canada, on such terms and conditions as are in the Address expressed and as her Majesty thinks fit to approve.

And whereas for the purpose of carrying into effect the said provisions of "the British North America Act, 1867," "the Rupert's Land Act, of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight," enacted and declared that it should be competent for "the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay," to surrender to her Majesty and for her Majesty by any instrument under her sign manual and signet to accept a surrender of all or any of the lands, territories, powers and authorities whatsoever, granted or purported to be granted by certain letters patent to his late Majesty King Charles the Second to the said Governor and Company within Rupert's Land, upon such terms and conditions as should be agreed upon by and between her Majesty and the said Governor and Company.

And whereas by the Rupert's Land Act of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, it is further enacted, that from the date of the admission of Rupert's Land into the Dominion of Canada as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the parliament of Canada to make, ordain and establish within the land and territory so admitted as aforesaid, all such laws, institutions and ordinances, and to constitute such courts and officers as may be necessary for the peace, order and good government of her Majesty's subjects and others therein.

And whereas it is further provided by the said act, that until otherwise enacted by the said parliament of Canada, all the powers, authorities and jurisdiction of the several courts of justice now established in Rupert's Land and of the several officers thereof, and of

all magistrates and justices now acting within the said limits shall continue in full force and effect therein.

And whereas the said Governor and Company have surrendered to her Majesty, and her Majesty has accepted a surrender of all the lands, territories, rights, privileges, liberties, franchises, powers and authorities granted or purported to be granted by the said letters patent, upon certain terms and conditions agreed upon by and between her Majesty and the said Governor and Company.

And whereas her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, and on an address from both the houses of the parliament of Canada, in pursuance of the one hundred and forty-sixth section of the British America act of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, hath declared that Rupert's Land and the North-western Territory shall from the first day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, be admitted into and become part of the Dominion of Canada upon the terms and conditions expressed in the said address of which her Majesty has approved, and Rupert's Land and the said North-western Territory are admitted into the Union, and have become part of the Dominion of Canada accordingly.

And whereas the Parliament of Canada, by an act entitled an act for the temporary government of Rupert's Land and the North-western Territory when united with Canada, enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor by any order or orders to be by him from time to time made, with the advice of the Privy Council, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as to him should seem meet, to authorize and empower such officer as he may from time to time appoint, as Lieutenant-Governor of the North-western Territories, to make provision for the administration of justice therein, and generally to make, ordain, and establish all such laws and institutions and ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order and good government of her Majesty's subjects and others therein.

Now know ye, that We have seen fit by our royal letters patent bearing date the twenty-ninth day

of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, to appoint the Honourable William MacDougall, of the city of Ottawa, in the province of Ontario, in our Dominion of Canada, and member of our Privy Council for Canada and companion of the most noble order of the Bath, on, from and after the day to be named by us for the admission of Rupert's Land and our North-western Territory aforesaid, into the union or Dominion of Canada, to wit: on, from and after the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, to be during our pleasure the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories.

And we did thereby authorize and empower, and require, and command him in due manner to do and execute in all things that shall belong to his said command and the trust we have reposed in him according to the several provisions and instructions granted or appointed him by virtue of our said commission and the act of the parliament of Canada hereinbefore recited, and according to such instructions as have been or may from time to time be given to him, and to such laws as are or shall be enforced within the north-western territories.

Of all which our loving subjects of our said territories and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of the North-west Territories to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable William MacDougall, member of our privy council for Canada, and companion of our most honorable order of the bath, Lieutenant-Governor of our North-west Territories, etc., etc At the Red River in our aforesaid North-west Territories, the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in the thirty-third year of our reign.

by command.
J. A. N. Provencher,
Secretary.