

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
Third Session – Thirteenth Legislature
42nd Day

Tuesday, April 14, 1959

The House met at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

On the Orders of the Day:

CORRECTION OF PRESS REPORT

Premier Douglas: Mr. Speaker, I wish to refer to a quotation in regard to a pulp mill proposed near Flin Flon. In the story there is a statement which, I am sure is a typographical error; but in view of the fact that the discussion last night was in Committee of Supply, and no record is kept, I thought perhaps I should put this statement on the record. The quotation to which I refer says:

“Answering a question by L.N. Nicholson (S.C.) Nipawin, Premier Douglas said: ‘Terms had been arrived at regarding an amount of money the Government would make from the operation. He said this would be contained in any agreement the Government made with the Committee’.”

I think the Committee will remember that what I said was just the opposite. I said that the terms had not been arrived at regarding the amount of money the Government would make from the operation. It is just simply a typographical error. In other words, nothing has been left out; but in order that the record may be kept straight, I am drawing this to the attention of the House.

CONGRATULATIONS TO QU’APPELLE DIOCESE

Premier Douglas: Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise one matter which will only take a moment, and that is that as most hon. members know, the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Qu’Appelle are celebrating their 75th anniversary. This is a very historic occasion, and I thought the Legislature, in drawing near the close of this Session, would want to place on record our recognition of this important occasion, our appreciation of the work done by the Church of England, and our good wishes for their continued success.

Might I just make these few remarks. The Anglican Church began its work in the Canadian West in 1820, when the Rev. John Wesley,

a Church of England Clergyman arrived to administer to some 500 Scottish settlers. At that time, until the year 1849, the work of the Church of England was carried on mainly through the English Church Missionary Society. In 1949, the Diocese of Rupert's Land, including all the area belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company from the Red River to the Rockies, was formed under Bishop Anson. The beginning of settlement in the early 1880's brought problems of expansion to the church. These were by a policy of decentralization. The ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land was divided into dioceses, one of these was the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, set up in 1884.

This Diocese takes in all of the Saskatchewan south of the line crossing the province roughly 10 miles north of Nokomis, Kenaston and Rosetown, and reaches some 60 miles into Alberta. When first set up the Diocese was a vast, lonely stretch of prairie, 93,000 square miles in extent, and there were two churches – one in Regina, and one in Moose Jaw and there were three clergymen. The pioneer bishop was Bishop Anson, who served from 1884 to 1911, followed by Bishop Burn from 1892 to 1896; then Bishop Grisdale from 1896 to 1911; then Bishop Harding from 1911 to 1924; then Bishop Knowles from 1935 to 1949, and the present bishop is Bishop Michael Coleman.

The early churches in the diocese – first of all, St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral in Regina, which was established in 1882, and then St. John's Church in Moose Jaw, 1883, All Saint's, Katepwa, 1884, St. John the Evangelist, at Fort Qu'Appelle in 1884; St. Alban's at Moosomin, 1884; All Saint's, Cannington Manor, 1884, St. Michael's and All Angels, Grenfell, 1885, St. Peter's at Qu'Appelle, 1885; St. Andrews Indian Reserve, 1885; St. Mary's at Maple Creek, 1885, St. Boniface, Medicine Hat, 1885, and St. Mary's at Whitewood, in 1881. Some of the institutions of the diocese which have contributed to the life of the people are St. Chad's College, the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School for Girls, and St. Cuthbert's House.

It is interesting to note that the Bishop of Qu'Appelle did not always reside in Regina. Lord Grassie, who was the father of the Lady Willingdon, built the Bishop's Court in Indian Head in the early Nineties as a residence for the Bishop, and it was used as such until 1911, when Bishop Harding moved the residence to Regina. The first cathedral of the Diocese was St. Peter's in Qu'Appelle, and it was in St. Peter's that the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese was celebrated. St. Paul's, Regina, became the Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese in 1944.

I think it is worth while having this on the record, because this is an important part of the historical background of Saskatchewan, and the part which one of the churches has played in the spiritual and moral and social life of our people. I would, therefore, like to move, Mr. Speaker, by consent of the House, seconded by the hon. Leader of the Opposition:

“That this Assembly desires to express its warm congratulations to the Diocese of Qu'Appelle on the celebration of its 75th Anniversary, records its sincere commendation and appreciation of the inestimable

contribution made, through its agency, to the spiritual, social and cultural life not only of the community it has served so faithfully and well over the years, but also of the Province of Saskatchewan, and extends its best wishes for the continued success of the Diocese in all its endeavours.”

“Further, this Assembly desires to pay tribute to the qualities of leadership and of devout service of those, its titular heads, who have, since the days of Bishop Anson, so ably directed the affairs of the Diocese and inspired its good works.”

Leave having been granted, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

PAYMENT TO MRS. HENRY BEGRAND

Premier Douglas: Mr. Speaker, if I may have your indulgence for a moment, it has been customary at other sessions to have a motion of the Legislature passed, in order that any member who has passed away during the sitting of the Legislature, that his or her indemnity may be paid to the surviving party. I would, therefore, by leave of the Assembly, like to move, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Fines:

“That this Assembly recommend to the Government that the necessary steps be taken, under Section 52 of The Legislative Assembly Act, to provide that the full indemnity and allowances which would, in happier circumstances have been payable to the late Mr. Henry Begrand at the close of the present session, be made payable to the widow of the late Member for the Constituency of Kinistino, Mrs. Henry Begrand, of Hoey, Saskatchewan, or to such other person as may be designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

Leave having been granted, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

At 5:40 o'clock p.m., His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne, and having given Assent to the Bills present to him, said:

April 14, 1959

MR. SPEAKER, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is my duty to relieve you of further attendance at the Legislative Assembly. In doing so, I wish to thank you and congratulate you upon the work you have done. I wish also to express my confidence that the approval of the programs and plans presented to you will continue to provide the services necessary to the growth and development of our province.

You have made provision for schools in the province to receive additional grants. The scholarship program which you have approved will assist many students to obtain further education.

The legislation you have passed establishing a system of farm credits will afford additional assistance to young farmers to become established in agriculture.

The legislation you have passed to establish a South Saskatchewan River Development Commission will enable the Province to provide for the orderly development of this great irrigation and power project.

It is gratifying to observe the further development of the industrial potential of our province. Your decision to enact The Interprovincial Steel Corporation Limited Assistance Act 1959 has contributed to the establishment of a steel mill in Saskatchewan. It is anticipated that this important basic industry will encourage other related industries to come to our province.

You have provided for the transfer of provincially owned fish marketing and trading services to the people in Northern Saskatchewan to operate as co-operatives.

Your decision to authorize the Government to institute a new system of providing social aid will assist municipalities by providing for a more equitable distribution of the share of the costs involved.

You have approved legislation which will relieve the cities of the cost of housing surveys and will reduce the cities' contribution for low-rental housing.

Your decision to abolish ex parte interim injunctions in labour dispute cases, to amend The Fair Employment Practices Act and to amend The Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act will provide further protection to workers.

The legislation you have passed embodying recommendations of the Liquor Sales Outlets Inquiry Committee provides communities in our province with the opportunity of deciding, on the basis of local option, whether additional liquor outlets are desired.

You have enacted legislation which will implement certain of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Royal Commission on Certain Mineral Transactions.

No reference to the work of this Session would be complete without mention being made of the work of the Legislative Committees. The members of these Committees have applied themselves diligently to the matters referred to them by the Legislative Assembly.

I am pleased to note that you took time during this Session to extend suitable honours to the Richardson Rink, 1959 Dominion Curling Champions.

I thank you for the provision you have made to meet the further requirements of the Public Service and assure you that the sum of money voted will be used economically, prudently and in the public interest.

We look forward with much pleasure and anticipation to the forthcoming Royal Visit to Saskatchewan. Plans are being made which will enable the citizens of our province to greet Her Gracious Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip in various communities.

In taking leave of you, I desire to thank you for the manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the Session and wish you the full blessing of Providence as you return again to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Willis (Melfort-Tisdale), Acting Provincial Secretary, then said:

MR. SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Administrator that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it pleases His Honour to summon the same for the dispatch of business, and the Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.