

*Request granted
28 Feb. 1911.*

JAMES McGEORGE, PRESIDENT

PHONE 1711

F. T. FISHER, SECRETARY

THE EDMONTON BOARD OF TRADE

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA, February 28, 1911.
CANADA

The Mayor, and Aldermen,
City of Edmonton,

Gentlemen,-

Under instructions from the Edmonton Board of Trade, I hereby respectfully request that a grant of Fifteen thousand (\$15,000.) dollars be made to the Board of Trade, for use in Publicity work for the current year. The details of this work and the lines along which it is proposed to expend this amount have already been explained to the majority of the members of your Council, at a conference with the members of the Council of the Board of Trade. Should any further information be required at any time, it will always be available and readily furnished from this office.

I would respectfully ask that you give this matter your careful and generous consideration.

Yours respectfully,



President.

1st March 1911:

F.M.Morgan Esq.,
Pres.- Board of Trade,
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the City Council
at meeting held yesterday evening adopted a resolut-
ion granting your request for the sum of \$15,000.00
to be placed to your credit for the current year.

R.

Yours truly,

Secretary-Treasurer

Received
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7th March 1911

MORGAN, PRESIDENT

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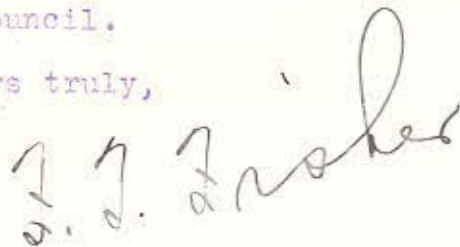
2nd March, 1911.

F.M.C. Crosskill Esq.,
Secretary-Treasurer,
City Hall, Edmonton.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st March, addressed to our President, advising that the City Council had made a grant of \$15,000.00 for the purposes of the Board of Trade for the current year, and to request you to convey to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council the appreciation of the Council of the Board of Trade of this action of the City Council.

Yours truly,



Secretary.

To the Right Honorable Sir Wilfred Laurier, G.C.M.G.,

Premier of Canada,

OTTAWA, Ont.

Sir,-

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Edmonton, respectfully urge upon your attention and upon that of the Government of which you are the head, the serious menace to the future welfare of a large portion of Western Canada, by reason of the alarming influx of negro settlers.

This influx commenced about four years ago in a very small way, only four or five families coming in the first season, followed by thirty or forty families the next year. Last year several hundred negroes arrived at Edmonton and settled in surrounding territory. Already this season nearly three hundred have arrived; and the statement is made, both by these arrivals and by press dispatches, that these are but the advance guard of hosts to follow. We submit that the advent of such negroes as are now here was most unfortunate for the country, and that further arrivals in large numbers would be disastrous. We cannot admit as any factor the argument that these people may be good farmers or good citizens. It is a matter of common knowledge that it has been proved in the United States that negroes and whites cannot live in proximity without the occurrence of revolting lawlessness, and the development of bitter race hatred, and that the most serious question facing the United States to-day is the negro problem. We are anxious that such a problem should not be introduced into this fair land at present enjoying a reputation for freedom from such lawlessness as has developed in all sections in the United States where there is any considerable negro element. There is no reason to believe that we have here a higher order of civilization, or that the introduction of a negro problem here would have different results.

We therefore, respectfully urge that such steps immediately be taken by the Government of Canada as will prevent any further immigration of negroes into Western Canada.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta,
this 18th day of April, 1911.

Copy of Resolution Passed at a General Meeting of
The Edmonton Board of Trade, 18th April, 1911.

Council
THAT this Board of Trade views with very serious concern the influx of negro settlers into Central Alberta, which influx is increasing in volume with alarming rapidity, and if unchecked, promises in the near future to have a disastrous influence upon the welfare and development of this fair Province.

AND WHEREAS it has been reported to ~~this Board of Trade~~ that, in some outlying districts, the negro population already outnumbers the white settlers, and the whites are in consequence unable either to induce more white settlers to come into such districts, or to sell out their holdings and move elsewhere, and it has come to ~~the knowledge of officers of this Board~~ that many most desirable white settlers have been deterred from settling in the country after having come here with the intention of so doing, by the reason of the number of colored homesteaders scattered throughout the country, and the probability of a further large increase in those numbers.

Council
AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Board, that the advent of negroes here will inevitably give rise to the same problems and conditions that have arisen in the United States, wherever the two races have come in contact; and that the people of this City and surrounding country should exhaust every resource to prevent such conditions arising.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada be asked to forthwith take such steps as will effectually prevent the advent of negroes to Western Canada; and that such negroes as are now on homestead lands in the country be segregated in a certain defined area or areas from which white settlers should be removed; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Right Honorable Sir Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, and to the Honorable Frank Oliver.



EDMONTON BOARD OF TRADE.

EDMONTON, Apr. 19th, 1911.

George S. Armstrong, Esq.,

Mayor of Edmonton,

EDMONTON.

Dear Sir,-

Negro Immigration.

I attach herewith copy of resolution adopted by this Board of Trade at a special meeting yesterday in reference to the above subject. I also enclose copy of a petition which is being placed in circulation here.

These two documents show the spirit in which this matter is being handled by this Board of Trade. It will be noticed that the matter is not approached in any spirit of race prejudice and that nothing is put forward as to the undesirability of the negro settlers who are coming, apart from their color. Our Board take the ground that the fact that the presence of colored people in the homestead districts is keeping out the most desirable class of white settlers, and that this influx, if permitted to continue, will inevitably introduce into Western Canada a problem which has given, and will continue to give, the United States more trouble than any other question they have there, is ample reason for asking the Government to afford us protection by excluding these people, without opening up any contentious ground as to the desirability or undesirability of the negro settlers.

I am instructed to invite the active co-operation of your organization in this matter and would ask that you bring the matter to the attention of the organization at the first possible opportunity and, if it meets with the approval of the meeting, I would ask that a resolution be passed along similar lines to that enclosed herewith. It is considered very important that the promptest action possible should be taken in this matter as it is desired to bring the matter to the attention of the Dominion Government so forcibly that they will be compelled to give the matter serious attention and pass such legislation at the present session of Parliament as will give the Minister of the Interior power to act in the direction indicated in this resolution.

Yours truly,

F.T.Fisher,

Secretary.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONTON, -25th April, 1911:

That this Council views with very serious concern the influx of negro settlers into Central Alberta, which influx is increasing in volume with alarming rapidity, and if unchecked, promises in the near future to have a disastrous influence upon the welfare and development of this fair Province:

AND WHEREAS it has been reported that, in some outlying districts, the negro population already outnumbered the white settlers, and the whites are in consequence unable either to induce more white settlers to come into such districts or to sell out their holdings and move elsewhere, and it has come to our knowledge that many most desirable white settlers have been deterred from settling in the country after having come here with the intention of so doing, by the reason of the number of colored homesteaders scattered throughout the country, and the probability of a further large increase in these numbers:

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28th April, 1911:

Sir:-

I am instructed to forward herewith enclosed copy of resolution re Negro Immigration into Central Alberta, which resolution was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Edmonton at regular meeting held Tuesday, 25th April, 1911:

R.
Enc:

Respectfully,

Secretary-Treasurer

The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G.,
Premier of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont:

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Enc.

Respectfully,

Secretary-Treasurer

The Honorable Frank Oliver,
Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ont:

Grant of
\$1,000 to be
made
9th May 1911

F. M. MORGAN, PRESIDENT

PHONE 1711

F. T. FISHER, SECRETARY

THE EDMONTON BOARD OF TRADE
SECRETARY'S OFFICE



F-T. EDMONTON, ALBERTA, May 6th, 1911.
CANADA

G. S. Armstrong, Esq.,
Mayor of Edmonton,
CITY.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to advise that at a meeting of the Council of the Edmonton Board of Trade, held yesterday, a resolution was passed as follows:

That the Council of The Edmonton Board of Trade heartily approves of the proposal to send a contingent of Edmonton Boy Scouts to England to participate in The King's Rally to be held at Windsor Castle in July; and that this Council believes that if the City Council should see the advisability of making a grant towards the expenses of the undertaking, the action would receive the approval of the citizens.

Yours truly,

F. T. Fisher

Secretary.

10th May, 1911:

F.T.Fisher Esq.,
Secretary - Board of Trade,
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 6th inst., addressed to His
Worship Mayor Armstrong, re proposal to send a contingent
of Edmonton Boy Scouts to England to participate in the
King's Rally to be held at Windsor Castle in July, was
submitted to the City Council at meeting held yesterday
evening, when a resolution was adopted granting the sum
of \$1,000.00 for this purpose.

R.

Yours truly,

Secretary-Treasurer

13th September, 1911:

F.T.Fisher Esq.,
Secretary, Board of Trade,
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith invitation to the City Council to send delegates to attend the Sixth International Dry-Farming Congress to be held in Colorado Springs, Col. October 16th to 20th, next, which was duly laid before the Council at meeting held yesterday evening when I was instructed to forward the same to you requesting that you send advertizing literature etc. pointing out that in the Edmonton District we have no necessity of the employment of Dry Farming methods. I trust you will be good enough to take up this matter with that end in view.

R.
Enc.

Yours truly,

Secretary-Treasurer

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