in which they censured the Lieutenant-Governor. The North West owes a great deal to Mr. Laird; more than can be realised by those who only know the country in the present conditions of established civilization and peace."

What may be termed an inside opinion of Mr. Laird's administration was expressed by Honorable Senator Forget, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, when the corner-stone of the Legislative and Executive building of that province was laid in October 4, 1909, by His Excellency, Earl Grey, then Governor-General of Canada. Honourable Mr. Forget, who declared the stone well and truly laid then remarked:

"Before resuming my seat I wish to say that it was the intention of the members of the Government of the Province to have the latter part of this ceremony, that is, the witnessing of the laying of this stone and the declaration of its being duly done, performed by the Honorable David Laird, first Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories, of which this first Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territories, of which this Province was then a part. The connection of Honorable Mr. Laird with the events of those early days and the very great services rendered by him to the whole West in those difficult times eminently entitled him to this privilege. We therefore deeply regret his inability to be present here on this interesting day. Personally, having had the advantages as his secretary during the whole of his term of office of living in his close intimacy, I was in consequency in a position to know and fully appreciate his worth to the country as an administrator. For these and other personal reasons I particularly deplore his not being with us."

The original Council consisted of the Governor, with Amedee E. Forget, /p.192/ Clerk of the Council, Matthew Ryan and Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Richardson as members ex-officio in their capacity as stipendiary magistrates, and Lieutenant-Colonel James F. McLeod, C. M. G., Commissioner of the North West Mounted