

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Wednesday, October 15, 1952
3:00 o'clock p.m.

The second session of the Council for the year 1952, being the first session of the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory, was convened in the Council Chambers at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1952, the Members having previously been sworn and taken the Oath of Allegiance.

The Members present were:

Alexander Raymond Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.
Vincent Cooper Mellor, of Dawson, Y.T.
Alec Frank Berry, of Mayo, Y.T.
John Livingston Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y.T.
Frederick Dore Locke, of Whitehorse West, Y.T.

The Members elected Mr. A. R. Hayes of Carmacks to be Speaker, and Mr. A. F. Berry of Mayo to be Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker directed that the Rev. O. Desmarais offer prayers for the guidance of the Members of Council concerning their deliberations.

The Commissioner addressed the Council outlining the legislation which he proposed to place before Council at this Session (see Sessional Paper No. 1).

Mr. Speaker replied to the address of the Commissioner (see Sessional Paper No. 2).

Mr. V. C. Mellor addressed the Council (see Sessional Paper No. 3).

The "Rules of the Council" as drafted and circulated were adopted after an amendment to Section 23 had been agreed to (see Sessional Paper No. 4).

Mr. Speaker read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. A. F. Berry gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Public Service Ordinance"

Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"

Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Interpretation Ordinance"

Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Hospitals Ordinance"

Mr. V. C. Mellor gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Protection of Children Ordinance"

Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Fur Export Tax Ordinance"

Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Dental Profession Ordinance"

Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Entering Into of an Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory with Respect to the Annual Subsidy.

Mr. J. L. Phelps gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance Respecting the Revenue of the Yukon Territory.

Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"

Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance"

Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Corporation Income Tax Ordinance"

Mr. F. D. Locke gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Health Ordinance"

Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be Paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workmen in the Course of their Employment.

Bill No. 15 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"

Bill No. 16 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

Council went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Berry in the Chair.

Mr. Fraser, Commissioner, discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner. He then gave Members of the Council information regarding the Stewart River Crossing - Dawson Road.

Council adjourned at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Clerk

Speaker

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Thursday, October 16, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Clerk of the Council read two petitions from the City of Dawson.

Council went into Committee of the Whole.

Council adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

3:00 o'clock p.m.

First reading was given to the following Bills:

- Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Public Service Ordinance"
Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"
Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Interpretation Ordinance"
Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Hospitals Ordinance"
Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Protection of Children Ordinance"
Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Fur Export Tax Ordinance"
Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Dental Profession Ordinance"
Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Entering Into of an Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory with Respect to the Annual Subsidy.
Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance Respecting the Revenue of the Yukon Territory
Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"
Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance"
Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Corporation Income Tax Ordinance"
Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Health Ordinance"
Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be Paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workmen in the Course of their Employment.
Bill No. 15 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"
Bill No. 16 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

The Council adjourned at 5:20 o'clock p.m.

Clerk

Speaker

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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Friday, October 17, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Speaker assumed the Chair and called the Members to order. Members present were:

Mr. V. C. Mellor, of Dawson, Y.T.
Mr. A. F. Berry, of Mayo, Y.T.
Mr. A. R. Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.
Mr. John L. Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y.T.
Mr. F. D. Locke, of Whitehorse West, Y. T.

Mr. Speaker read the Orders of the Day.

The Clerk of the Council read a Petition from the Advisory Board of St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson, Y.T.

Mr. H. W. Firth, a member of the St. Mary's Hospital Advisory Board, attended Council and explained the situation of the Hospital. Mr. F. Fraser, Commissioner, was called in to the meeting and a general discussion arose over the Petition. Council agreed fully with the Commissioner on his views and endorsed the action that had been taken.

Second reading was then given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Public Service Ordinance"
Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"
Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Interpretation Ordinance"
Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Hospitals Ordinance"
Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Fur Export Tax Ordinance"
Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"

Bill No. 10 was passed for second reading, with amendments.

Council adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

Questions and answers (see Sessional Papers No. 5, 6, 7 and 8)

Second reading was then given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Protection of Children Ordinance"
(with amendments)
Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Dental Profession Ordinance"
Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance."
Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Corporation Income Tax Ordinance"
Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Health Ordinance"

Council adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

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Saturday, October 18, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and called the Members to order.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss with Commissioner Fraser the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.

In Committee to ascertain opinion of the Council regarding public ownership of public utilities.

Second reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Entering into of an Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory with Respect to the Annual Subsidy.

Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance Respecting the Revenue of the Yukon Territory.

Sections 5, 7 and 8 of Bill No. 9 were referred to the Commissioner for explanation.

Council adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

In Committee with the Council of the City of Dawson re. petitions presented.

Second reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be Paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workmen in the Course of their Employment.

Bill No. 15 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"

Mr. A. F. Berry, Member for Mayo motioned that Council go on record as being in favour of public ownership of public utilities.

The motion was not seconded.

Council adjourned at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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Monday, October 20, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and called the Members to order.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider rules.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Bills were read for the third time and passed;

Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Public Service Ordinance"

Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"

Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Interpretation Ordinance"

Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Hospitals Ordinance"

Second reading was then given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 16 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor V. C. Mellor of Dawson, and seconded by Councillor F. D. Locke of Whitehorse West:

RESOLVED that this Council wishes to draw to the attention of the Commissioner that it does not approve of the use of aircraft in conducting the business of Territorial elections.

Council adjourned at 11:45 o'clock a.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair.

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Bill No. 16.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor A. F. Berry of Mayo and seconded by Councillor V. C. Mellor of Dawson:

RESOLVED that the Rules of the Council be amended to allow all Members of Council to vote, including the Speaker.

Council adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

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Tuesday, October 21, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair and called the Members to order.

The following Bills were read for the third time and passed:

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Protection of Children Ordinance"

Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Fur Export Tax Ordinance"

Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Dental Profession Ordinance"

The following Bill was given first reading:

Bill No. 15A - An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Yukon Brewery (Holding) Company Limited to Manufacture, Compound and Make Intoxicating Liquors.

Motion of Councillor John L. Phelps, Member for Whitehorse East, that the Rules be suspended and Bill No. 15A read the second and third time.

Bill No. 15A was read the second and third time and passed.

Questions and answers as shown on Sessional Paper No. 8.

Council agreed to the Resolution of Councillor John L. Phelps, Member for Whitehorse East, as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the Yukon Territory has discussed with the Commissioner the present arrangement for the contribution by the Department of National Defence to the cost of education of children of their employees in the Yukon Territory;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that the Departments of the Government of Canada, other than the Department of National Defence, do not contribute towards the cost of education of children of employees of those Departments, although such employees to a considerable degree occupy tax-free Government owned living accommodation;

AND WHEREAS, it is apparent from the annual financial statements of the Territorial Government that costs of education in the Yukon Territory have increased remarkably as a result of the increase in the number of employees of the Government of Canada in the Yukon Territory;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council do request the Commissioner to represent to the Government of Canada

.....

that it is the opinion of this Council that the Departments of the Government of Canada do not bear a proper share of the expenditures for educational purposes of the Government of the Yukon Territory, having due consideration to the increase in costs of education, and the need for the increased number of schools.

Council adjourned at 12:15 o'clock p.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Bill was given third reading:

Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Entering into of an Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory with respect to the Annual Subsidy.

Bill No. 8 was then passed.

The following Bill was given third reading:

Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance Respecting the Revenue of the Yukon Territory.

Bill No. 9 was defeated.

The following Bills were read for the third time and passed:

Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"

Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance"

Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Corporation Income Tax Ordinance"

Bill No. 15 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"

Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Health Ordinance" was read for the third time.

Bill No. 13 was defeated.

An opinion of Council was then expressed, as follows:

"It is the unanimous opinion of the Council of the Yukon Territory that the road leading from a point on the Whitehorse-Mayo Highway to Takhini Hot Springs may be considered as a recreational road. It is the opinion of the Territorial Council that the Territorial Government assist in the building of the road, and that assistance be given in the following manner:

1. The owners of the property at the Takhini Hot Springs do the work on the road;
2. The Territorial Government to assist by payment of 50% of the cost of construction, the amount of payment by the Territorial Government not to exceed \$2,500.00;

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3. That a statement be presented to the Territorial Government of cost of construction with vouchers attached;

4. That the maintenance of the road, when construction is completed, will be the direct responsibility of the owners of the Takhini Hot Springs and that no further payment will be made at any time by the Territorial Government.

Council adjourned at 5:15 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

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Wednesday, October 22, 1952
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair and called the Members to order.

Questions and answers (see Sessional Paper No. 9)

Motion of Councillor F. D. Locke, of Whitehorse West, as follows:

"MOVED that Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be Paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workmen in the Course of Their Employment - be referred back to the Commissioner for consideration at the next session of Council.

Seconded by Councillor V. C. Mellor, of Dawson.

The Motion was defeated.

Councillor John L. Phelps of Whitehorse East wished to go on record as being in favour of the Motion, although he was not allowed to vote.

Bill No. 14 was then read the second time.

Motion of Councillor A. F. Berry, of Mayo, that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 14.

After some discussion Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Council adjourned at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

Motion of Councillor A. F. Berry of Mayo that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to further consider Bill No. 14.

Bill No. 14 was then reported for Third reading at next session of Council, with the following amendment:

Section 29 (2) be deleted from the Ordinance.

Bill No. 16 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Yukon Territory

was then given third reading and passed.

Council adjourned at 5:45 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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Thursday, October, 23, 1952,
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and called the Members to order.

Questions and Answers (See Sessional Paper No. 10)

Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance Respecting Compensation to be paid as a Result of Injuries or Death Caused to Workmen in the Course of Their Employment

was read the third time and passed with one amendment.

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss items on the Agenda with the Commissioner.

Council adjourned at 1:30 o'clock p.m.

3:00 o'clock p.m.

In Committee discussing matters on the agenda.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr. John L. Phelps, Member for Whitehorse East, and seconded by Mr. F. D. Locke, Member for Whitehorse West:

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Council of the Yukon Territory that Miss Lillias Farley, Art Teacher at Whitehorse has been rehired to her present position while in Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS it has been the practice to reimburse teachers for their fare from point of hire to place of employment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council do request the Commissioner to reconsider his decision in the payment of Miss Farley's fare from Vancouver to Whitehorse.

Mr. Speaker appointed the following Committees:

Education and Public Welfare	F. D. Locke
Public Works	A. R. Hayes
Finance	J. L. Phelps
Liquor and Law Enforcement	V. C. Mellor
Communities & Municipalities	A. F. Berry
Civil Service & Administration	A. R. Hayes

Mr. Speaker asked that the Commissioner come before Council.

Commissioner's remarks, as shown on Sessional Paper No. 11.

Council prorogued at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

A/Clerk

Speaker

Opening Address by

Frederick Fraser, Esquire

Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

at the

First Session of the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council of
the Yukon Territory

Dawson, Yukon Territory

Wednesday, October 15th, 1952

Members of the Council of the Yukon Territory:

The amendment to the Yukon Act by the Government of Canada in 1951, to provide an additional two members to the Council of the Yukon, was implemented by proclamation of the Governor in Council, in order that the election in August would include those additional members. In welcoming you to this, your first meeting, it would be informative to review briefly the history of this Council, from its inception.

The Yukon Territory was formed in 1898, and thus separated from the Northwest Territories. Its first Council consisted of six members. In 1902 the Council was reconstituted by Amendment to the Yukon Act, and increased to eleven members, of whom five were elected by the electorate of the Territory, and six appointed by the Government of Canada. In 1908 the constitution of the Council was changed to ten elected members, with none appointed.

That plan was continued till 1920. During those years the population of the Yukon had declined, and it was deemed proper to reduce the Council representation to three members in 1921. This continued till the present change came into effect.

We can, therefore, follow the economic state of the Territory in the history of your Council. The Yukon is again on the march, and its increasing prosperity today is built upon a surer foundation than in the past. We must look to the mining industry to provide employment, and with that employment, increased population of a permanent nature. Lode mining only will ensure year round employment for our citizens.

The nature of that industry requires improved transportation throughout the year, subject to a minimum of interruption. The road from Whitehorse to Mayo was the first step in that direction. The road to Dawson, now under construction, and to be completed in 1954, is the second step. Possibly the third step will be the construction of bridges across the Yukon, Pelly and Stewart Rivers. With the present arrangement of ferries, the interruptions at breakup and freezeup are a burden on the economy of the Mining industry. Present plans call for construction of two concentrate mills at Keno, which will add to the present difficulties of transporting the concentrates to rail head. Completion of the road to Dawson will aggravate this condition, because it is more than probable that all freight consigned to Dawson will go by road after 1954. We must, therefore, start our planning for the future of our Territory. These plans will be reflected in our budgets.

By the financial agreement, and the report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the financial problems of the Yukon Territory, there has now been drawn a definite line between the responsibilities of the two Governments. In discussing with Council various phases of Territorial Administration, there will arise opportunities to explain changes which have been made in policies of this Administration as a result.

It has been customary in the past to hold the first meeting of the year in the month of April. It is proposed to change this date to late February or early March. The fiscal year ends March 31st, and it is necessary that funds for the next year be made available before that date, through the Supply Bill.

There will be placed before you for consideration sixteen bills.

The amendment to the Public Service Ordinance is necessary to permit overtime payment to members of the service who are required to work beyond stipulated hours.

The amendment to the Liquor Ordinance would enlarge the reasons for interdiction to include persons receiving relief from the Government, where circumstances would warrant such action.

The amendment to the Interpretation Ordinance would permit the following Monday to be proclaimed a holiday where the date fixed by Ordinance falls on a Sunday.

The amendments to the Hospitals Ordinance are extensive, and are required because of increased costs of operation. The amendments will serve to put Hospital administration on a firmer business basis.

The amendment to the Protection of Children Ordinance will permit the number of Directors of a Children's Aid Society to be reduced.

The amendment to the Fur Export Tax Ordinance reduces the royalty on muskrat to five cents, in line with present market prices of fur.

The Dental Profession Ordinance amendments introduce to the Territory modern changes in Dental Hygiene, and gives to the Dental Hygienist the necessary professional standing, while ensuring to the public that an unqualified practitioner is not allowed to practice. A program of dental attention for school children has been started, but requires further organization. This legislation will assist in furthering that work.

The Ordinance to authorize the completion of the Financial Agreement replaces the similar Ordinance of the last session, and is intended to correct certain discrepancies, to meet the requirements of the Government of Canada.

The Revenue Ordinance is new legislation. There has not been in effect any legislation heretofore to direct the collection, accounting and expenditure of Territorial Revenues. The increases in revenues and expenditures, and the needs of proper Territorial Administration calls for legislation to guide and direct your public service.

The Steam Boilers Ordinance amendments will bring the legislation in line with sound engineering practice. The fees are amended to meet obvious discrepancies.

The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance is being amended to meet the requirements of the Department of National Health and Welfare of Canada. Following the passing of the amendments an agreement will be entered into between the two Governments for the joint payment of these allowances.

The amendment to the Corporation Income Tax Ordinance is introduced to comply with the terms of the Financial Agreement, whereby this Income Tax field is vacated by the Government of the Yukon. The proposed amendment meets the requirement of the Department of National Revenue.

The amendments to the Yukon Health Ordinance are extensive and introduce new principles. There is and will continue to be a large volume of construction work in the Territory. Employees are brought in from other parts of Canada and the Hospital and medical facilities are pressed to meet increased demands. The Hospitals and your Government must now provide funds to make up deficits in providing these services. Unpaid Hospital accounts incurred by transient employees contribute to such deficits. The proposed legislation would require employers to accept greater responsibility for the medical and hospital care of employees.

The Workmen's Compensation Ordinance to be presented to you will change in many respects the present Ordinance. The provisions for compulsory insurance are retained, but the detailed benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act of the Province of Alberta are adopted, and the Board of that Province is named as referee to determine the amount of compensation in all cases of permanent total or partial disability, and in case of temporary disability where the workman disputes the amount provided by the Insurance Company.

The amendment to the Municipal Ordinance serves to correct a printing error in the original Ordinance.

There will be a Supplementary Supply Ordinance to cover proposed expenditures in the present fiscal year, which have come up for consideration since the last session.

You will have presented to you for consideration and discussion certain matters not requiring legislation, but on which your opinion will be sought. These include the question of whether the Territorial Administration should concern itself to a greater degree in the provision and supervision of public utilities; whether a liquor license should be suspended or cancelled on conviction of the licensee for an offence which would tend to bring his premises into disrepute; whether assistance for mining roads should be given where the Government of Canada has declined to assist; whether compulsory insurance on motor vehicles be continued; whether taxi operators' licenses should be cancelled on conviction for certain offences which would tend to bring the business into disrepute; the presentation of prizes to children in the competition for a design for a coat of arms for the Yukon; the sale and leasing of certain public lands; and the question of the granting of licenses for cocktail lounges in areas outside of Municipalities.

Reply to Commissioner's Opening Address

by

The Speaker

"Mr. Commissioner, on behalf of the Council, may I express thanks to you for your attendance here. We have listened with interest to all matters that have been presented to us for our deliberations and consideration, and I can assure you that we will treat them with sympathetic consideration.

The Council also wishes to thank you for the innovation you have introduced this year by letting Councillors have copies of the proposed governmental Bills. This is of great value to the Councillors themselves, and also afforded us an opportunity of discussing matters of this kind with our constituents, which I believe, has not been done previously. Both Councillors and electors appreciate this.

All our Councillors are serving their first term, and while we admit our ignorance of council procedure, we express our willingness to learn. I am fortunate in having known three of the Councillors personally for more than twenty years, and the fourth one for more than seven years, and with this knowledge I have no hesitation in saying that this Council will conduct its affairs in harmony and, I hope, with malice towards none. If a prophet is without honor in his own country, those in public service are doubly so.

We Councillors, and you, Mr. Commissioner, have been the recipients of gratuitous and condemnatory criticism. May we not be unduly affected by it.

May the deliberations of this Council, and all their efforts be combined with one objective, and one objective only in view - that all we do here may be done for the good of our beloved Yukon and Yukoners.

Thank you, Mr. Commissioner."

October 15, 1952.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

V. C. MELLOR, ESQUIRE

On the subject of the contents of the address we have heard this afternoon, I think I am going to have things to say. Its form was excellent, the package, so to speak, was attractively wrapped, but what is inside may need the close scrutiny of this Council before we can be assured that it is either what it claims to be, or what is needed by those who have elected us to this Council. At this point I would like to congratulate the Members of Whitehorse, Carmacks and Mayo Districts on their election. I am sure that the taxpayers have great faith in them, and that, having elected them, can be assured of their best endeavours on behalf of this Yukon Territory of ours.

The past twelve years have seen a growth that none of us could have foretold. In that growth and development lies the promise of more growth and more development, and, as Members of this Council, it will be our responsibility to see that favourable growth conditions are maintained, and that no right, privilege, or responsibility that our great Dominion offers to its citizens shall be denied to the men and women who have elected us to this Council.

During this Session, Mr. Speaker, I shall ask you and my colleagues here to consider very gravely the problems of Dawson. I shall seek your good will for its people - from the pioneer families to the newly established veterans. We seem to be fighting in the dark here in Dawson. Yes, I said "fighting", and mean it. My colleagues who represent thriving communities bustling with workable plans for a profitable future will wonder when I say that Dawson is in the thick of a struggle for its very existence, and, what is infinitely worse, it is a struggle in the dark where it seems impossible to identify the assailants.

May I take a few moments to talk about my home town. After all, everybody is allowed to talk once in awhile about home. Let's see, I think none of us here can remember the year 1900, but, in the interests of general knowledge, can anyone name the seven largest cities in Canada in the year 1900? Right! Dawson was one of them - Dawson was one of them because of the gold production, as every child of school age in the English speaking world knows; but how much gold? The Honourable George Black, who as a representative for the Yukon Territory, once called it "Four Hundred Millions of Gold", and according to Hansard.

Now, let's come up to date on the population - Dawson and District, about 1,400 - that may be exaggerating a little - it may be 1,200, or it may be 1,000, but the gold production, a million and a half gold produced annually - a Million and one-half, with the help of about 450 men imported for the season's work - and that's the story - but not quite all, in fact not nearly all. It so happens that this story of Dawson was told by story tellers of genius - Jack London, Rex Beach, and, of course, above all, Robert W. Service, and the result of their story telling is that there is no place in the world where English is spoken that the name of Dawson is not known, and, what is more, the name now stands as the symbol of the highest adventure, of a vigorous freedom, and of unrivalled fortitude and guts.

In this Council we are going to have much to say of the resources of the Territory. Let us not forget that one of our important resources is the Trail of '98. Were it possible to do so, many hundreds of tourists would hit that trail in their comfortable cars and make a secondary industry

for us here. I have heard that there is a road under construction. I am told that not less than two miles have been completed. The Administration has had difficulties, I understand, or they might have been able to have completed five miles of that road. So, after difficulties, this road may be finished by 1998 or 1997. As a representative of this constituency, I am not satisfied. The address to the Council sounds promising, I agree. It abounds with projects and promises. This Council must make clear to the Commissioner, and to the people of this Territory, its understanding that a promise is only as valuable as the performance of the promise. This Council has cause for concern. The past performance of this Administration has not created in me, or in those I represent, any confidence whatsoever, or any disposition to accept any recommendation in the hope of seeing anything done. The recommendations to previous Councils have become the law of this Territory and are marked with the stamp of a trivial mind. Trifling matters have been blown up out of all recognition, and grave issues have been sidetracked. Must I again remind this assembly of that two miles of highway - two miles only of that road which is Dawson's economic life line - and I wish to express that - it is Dawson's economic life line! Then consider with me the fuss and hullabaloo over wolf bounties, ferry tolls and the like - Catchpenny Stuff - while thousands of dollars are waiting to roll through the Territory leaving a sustaining percentage of themselves along the way.

While I'm on the subject of roads, think of the road from Dawson to Boundary, Alaska. Here is a road that services a promising placer gold area, and links us to the Alaska Road network. Here is a very important inlet for the tourist and travel dollar. It is also a very heavy capital investment. What shape is it in? You are right - it's in bad shape. It's in nearly as bad shape as the other three miles of the Mayo-Dawson Road that the Administration didn't complete because it had "difficulties".

I have spoken of "trivial minds", Mr. Speaker. I would like to say here and now that I fully realize that the outline of our Commissioner's work is laid down for him at Ottawa, and from the reading of the report on the Yukon Territory, by Inter-Departmental Committee on Territorial financial problems, I gather that "triviality" is not confined to the walls of this building - there's a lot at Ottawa. As far as I can see, the learned (and I would like to say, not voluntary) Committee-men have totalled the populations of Dawson, Mayo and Whitehorse and then said - so much for you - so much for you - so much for you. That's not administration, Mr. Speaker, that's simple arithmetic. If it is Administration, then anybody who ever gave out ice cream at a Sunday School picnic, or candies at a Christmas party, is a top flight administrator. What annoys me most about this report is that it seems constantly to be making comparisons between Dawson and Whitehorse. You can't do it! There's no basis for it. You can't compare a fish with a frying pan. There's no basis for comparison whatsoever. All you can say is that they are both over the same fire. Dawson and Whitehorse are in the same Territory - that's all. However, there are good things in this report, and I shall await with interest the legislation framed for our consideration as a result of its publication, and, before I leave this point, I would like to say that Dawson has only recently been treated to a lovely example of this plus-one, minus-one nonsense that calls itself administration.

Mr. Speaker, I shall ask your goodwill for the Dawson District in all the legislative matters I have touched on in this talk, but, primarily, I beg of this Council to make its first objective those changes in the personnel of administration that seem so desperately needed at this time. Thank you, gentlemen.

RULES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY
(as adopted on October 15, 1952)

- S.O.1. 1. The usages and customs of the House of Commons of Canada shall be followed so far as they are applicable. Marginal references are to corresponding Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

PART I - Sittings

- S.O.2. 2. The Council shall meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and
6. from 3 p.m., to 6 p.m., daily except Saturday and Sunday.
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- S.O.3. 3. If at the time of meeting there is not a quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn Council, the time of the adjournment and the names of the members then present shall be put in the Votes and Proceedings.

PART II - Order of Business

- S.O.15. 4. (1) The daily order of business in Council shall be as follows:

1. Questions and Returns.
2. Petitions.
3. Resolutions.
4. Motions.
5. First Reading of Bills.
6. Second Reading of Bills.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Third Reading of Bills.
9. Requests by the Speaker for the opinion of Council.

- S.O.17. 5. (1) The business of Council shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned in the Orders of the Day by the Clerk of the Council on the instructions of the Speaker.

- S.O.18. (2) Upon the direction of the Speaker any item in the Orders of the Day shall be allowed to stand, and shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting day.

- S.O.33. 6. A copy of the Votes and Proceedings shall be sent to each member as soon as possible after the end of each session.

PART III - Rules of Debate

- S.O.34. 7. A member desiring to speak shall rise in his place and address himself to the Speaker.

- S.O.58. 8. (1) A member's remarks shall be relevant to the business under consideration.

- S.O.40(2) (2) The Speaker, after having called the attention of Council to the conduct of a member who persists in irrelevance may direct him to discontinue his speech.

- S.O.37. 9. No member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at a time in any debate.

- S.O.43. 10. (1) No member may speak twice to an item in the Orders of the Day except in explanation of a material part of his speech which may have been misquoted or misunderstood, but then he shall not introduce any new matter, and no debate shall be allowed upon such explanation.
- (2) A reply shall be allowed to a member who has moved a motion, but not to the mover of an amendment.
- (3) In all cases the Speaker shall inform Council that the reply of the mover of the original motion closes the debate.

- S.O.40(1) 11. A member addressing Council shall, if called to order, sit down while the point of order is being stated, after which he may explain. The Speaker may permit debate of the point of order before rendering his decision, but such debate must be strictly relevant to the point of order taken.

PART IV - Questions and Returns.

- S.O.44 12. (1) Questions may be asked seeking information from the Commissioner relating to public affairs, and from members relating to the business of Council, in which such members may be concerned; such questions shall be in writing and signed by the member asking the, and after being read shall be handed to the Clerk of the Council; in putting any such question or in replying to the same no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain the same, and in answering any such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated.

(2) If in the opinion of the Speaker a question is of such a nature as to require it, he may direct the same to stand as an Order for a Return. Returns shall be distributed by the Clerk of the Council to the Members of Council, and placed in the Orders of the Day.

PART V - Petitions.

- S.O.68 13. (1) A petition to Council may be presented by a member at any time during a session of Council by filing the same with the Clerk of the Council.

(2) Petitions may be either written or printed; when there are three or more petitioners the signatures of at least three petitioners shall be subscribed on the sheet containing the prayer of the petition.

(3) A member presenting a petition shall endorse his name thereon.

(4) Any petition so presented shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting day.

PART VI - Motions

- S.O.47. 14. All motions shall be seconded before being debated or voted upon.
- S.O.50. 15. A motion to refer a Bill or any other matter to a Committee may be made at any time and shall preclude all debate on the main question.
- S.O.53. 16. A member who has made a motion may withdraw the same by leave of the Council.

PART VII - Committees

- S.O.56. 17. The Speaker, or such member as he designates, shall take the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.
- S.O.63. 18. The Speaker may appoint Special Committees, and add or substitute members; the first member named shall be Chairman.
- S.O.67. 19. (1) No witness shall be summoned to attend before any Committee unless some member thereof certifies in writing to the Chairman of such Committee that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important.
- (2) A witness so summoned may be paid a reasonable sum per day during his travel and attendance, and a reasonable allowance for expenses, to be determined by the Commissioner.

PART VIII - Bills.

20. Proposed legislation shall be presented to Council in the form of a draft Bill. Bills presented to Council on the instructions of the Commissioner are called Government Bills. All other Bills are called Members' Bills.
- S.O.96(1) 21. The Legal Adviser shall examine and revise all Bills before they are presented to Council.
- S.O.72. 22. Bills shall be typewritten in the English language before being ordered for first reading.
- S.O.73. 23. Bills shall receive three separate readings previous to being passed. In motion of Council, a Bill may be read twice or thrice or advanced two or more stages in one day.
- S.O.71. 24. Bills shall be given first reading without debate or amendment.
- S.O.38. 25. On second reading, the principle of a Bill is debatable, but the details of a Bill are not debatable.
- S.O.75. 26. Bills shall be read twice in Council before committal or amendment.
- S.O.76. 27. In Committee, the preamble is first postponed, and then every clause considered by the Committee in its proper order; the preamble and title to be last considered.
- S.O.77. 28. Amendments recommended in Committee shall be reported by the Chairman to Council. After report the Bill is open to amendment, before it is ordered for a third reading, unless it is reported without amendment, when it shall appear as reported on the Orders of the Day for third reading.
29. On third reading, a Bill may be debated or amended, but may not be referred back to Committee.

PART X - Officers of the Council

- S.O.82. 30. The Clerk of the Council is responsible for the safe-keeping of all the papers and records of the Council.
- S.O.83. 31. The Clerk of the Council shall distribute to the members every morning, previous to the meeting of Council, the Orders of the Day.
- S.O.86. 32. The Legal Adviser shall assist members of the Council in drafting Bills, report to the Speaker any provisions in Members' Bills which are at variance with the Ordinances on the subjects to which such Members' Bills relate, revise and put marginal notes upon all Ordinances, revise before third reading all amendments, and supervise the typewriting or printing and arrangement of the Ordinances as they are issued at the close of each session of Council.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

BY COUNCILLOR J. L. PHELPS

1. (Q) What was the maximum amount of money pledged by the Federal Government for the construction of the Dawson-Stewart Crossing Road?
(A) \$300,000.00 in three annual payments of \$100,000.00 each, commencing in 1952.
2. (Q) Was the amount of \$1,000,000.00 ever promised or suggested by the Federal Government?
(A) No.
3. (Q) Did the Federal Government insist or suggest that the construction of the road be carried out by the Territorial Government, that is, rather than by a private contractor?
(A) No. The Federal Government placed responsibility for construction on the Territorial Government, and left the decision as to whether construction should be done by day labour, by contractor, or a combination of both to the Commissioner. The Federal Government was made aware by correspondence from the Commissioner that the limitation of total cost of the road to \$500,000.00 would not permit construction by contract.
4. (Q) Was any Contractor approached regarding construction of the road?
(A) No.
5. (Q) Did any private Contractor or Company offer to build the road by contract, and, if so, what was the suggested cost per mile?
(A) No, no firm offer made. Clear Creek Placers, Limited, suggested that the road could be built for \$5,000.00 per mile, and offered to look into the problem in 1953.
6. (Q) Is it the policy of the Territorial Government to go into the construction of new roads?
(A) Yes, the Territorial Government has always constructed its own roads.
7. (Q) What were the specifications of the proposed road?
(A) Copy attached.
8. (Q) Does the new road as already constructed follow the construction as laid out by the present Superintendent of Roads?
(A) Yes, on the south end. No, on the north end.

9. (Q) Is it proposed to follow the survey with the road, or to follow the old winter road?
- (A) Both. Where relocation will not involve too great expenditure, the new survey will be followed. See specifications, particularly Item 2.

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

DAWSON-MAYO ROAD

YUKON TERRITORY

1. LOCATION

The location will follow as closely as may be that determined by the Department of Resources and Development survey of 1952. Any marked deviation should be notified.

2. ALIGNMENT

The alignment should be as consistent with good practice as available funds allow.

3. STANDARD OF CONSTRUCTION

The road shall be initially constructed to a 14 foot top with 6 inches of placed gravel 12 feet wide.

4. GRADIENTS

The maximum gradient on new construction shall be 8 per cent. In those cases where existing road may be temporarily incorporated this limitation will not apply.

5. BRIDGES

Bridges shall have a clear width of not less than 15 feet. (The reclaimed steel bridge to be erected over the McQuesten River is taken as control). Bridges will be constructed of native timber cut on the work wherever possible.

6. CULVERTS

Culverts shall be of native timber cut on the work, excepting as salvage pipe is available.

Culverts will be constructed to allow of a future widening to an 18 foot top.

7. DITCHES

Ditches shall be so located as to allow of a future widening to an 18 foot top.

8. TURNOUTS

Turnouts shall be located at the discretion of the Engineer, a standard of 12 foot width and 30 foot to 40 foot length being suggested.

9. RIGHT-OF-WAY

The right-of-way shall be cleared to a standard minimum width of 40 feet, which may be increased at the discretion of the Engineer.

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER

OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

October 16, 1952

1. (Q) What was the per capita amount provided by the Federal Government in return for the Yukon Territorial Government giving up the right to collect income tax?

(A) None. The grants to the Territorial Government in the Financial Agreement consist of a number of sums as set out in the Financial Agreement, and does not specify any single sum for any particular purpose.
2. (Q) How does this amount compare with the similar payments made to the province of British Columbia (per capita)?

(A) This information not available to the Commissioner.
3. (Q) What was the number and the year of the Ordinance prohibiting the imposition of a business licence by a Municipality or the Territorial Government, which exceeds \$250.00 per annum? (The actual part of the Ordinance relating to this would be appreciated).

(A) An Ordinance to authorize and implement an agreement between the Dominion and the Territory, being Chapter 21, 1948. By the Ordinance implementing the Agreement the Territorial Government was bound by the Agreement which contained a clause limiting the maximum amount of business licence which might be charged by either the municipalities or the Territorial Government.
4. (Q) What is the amount per pupil per year cost to the Territorial Government for public and high school education?

(A) Average cost per pupil 1951-1952 - \$253.18.
5. (Q) What amount per pupil per year does the Federal Government or Federal Government departments pay to the Territorial Government for this education?

(b) Do all the Federal Government Departments pay an amount to the Territory for the education of children of employees who do not pay Territorial or Municipal property taxes? (The Departments that do so - the amount).

(A) The Department of National Defence pays \$15.00 per month per pupil.

(b) No.

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6. (Q) What class of pupil is entitled to receive part or all of the books or supplies used by that pupil, free or with help by the Territorial Government?
- (A) Pupils whose fees are paid by the Department of National Defence.
7. (Q) What amount per pupil per year is paid by the Territorial Government to the Catholic schools, and to Indian schools? (b) Is any other form of assistance given to these schools? (Teachers' salaries, fuel, etc.).
- (A) Roman Catholic private schools - \$150.00 per pupil per annum in Whitehorse; \$150.00 per pupil per annum in Dawson, plus 30 cords of wood. Indian schools - no payments.
- (b) No, except as in 7(a).

ANSWERES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
BY YUKON COUNCIL

1. (Q) What was the amount paid to the Yukon Territorial Government by the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation Limited in direct taxation for the last two years?
(A) In 1950 - \$5,311.62. In 1951 - \$5,311.62.
2. (Q) What was the amount collected by the Yukon Territorial Government from the ten mill rate for school tax?
(A) The new tax was imposed in 1952, and nothing has yet been collected.
3. (Q) Is the Territorial Secretary's position a Federal one?
(A) No.
4. (Q) Who appoints the Territorial Secretary?
(A) The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.
5. (Q) What salary is paid for this position?
(A) None.
6. (Q) What number of muskrat pelts were exported from the Yukon Territory in the year ending March 31, 1952?
(A) 72,327.
7. (Q) What royalty was received by the Territorial Government?
(A) \$7,232.70.
8. (Q) What royalty would have been received at the proposed new royalty of five cents?
(A) \$3,616.35.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
BY COUNCILLOR J. L. PHELPS
MEMBER FOR WHITEHORSE EAST

1. Q. What is the salary of the Public Health Nurse?
A. \$3,600.00 annually.
2. Q. What do you expect her travelling expenses to amount to?
A. \$1,050.00.
3. Q. What is the salary of the Sanitary Inspector?
A. \$4,200.00.
4. Q. What amount is appropriated for travelling expenses for the Sanitary Inspector?
A. \$2,000.00.
5. Q. What is the amount payable and paid by the Federal Government toward Health and Welfare in the Yukon Territory?
A. Nurse - salary and expenses \$4,548.00
Hospital Grants 8,582.00
\$13,130.00

No payment made by Federal Government to date.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY
COUNCILLOR A. R. HAYES, MEMBER
FOR CARMACKS, Y. T.

1. Q. Are married male teachers in Whitehorse paid the same salary schedule as single female teachers?
- A. There are no distinctions between sex of teachers on salary schedules, nor any distinction between single or married teachers.
- 2(a) Q. Are single female teachers provided with living accommodation?
- A. Yes, where such accommodation is available.
- (b) Q. If so, at what cost?
- A. At \$30.00 per month.
- 3(a) Q. Are married male teachers in Whitehorse provided with accommodation?
- A. No, accommodation is not available.
- (b) Q. If so, at what cost?
- A. Answered by (a).
- 4(a) Q. Is Magistrate Gibson a Federal employee?
- A. Yes.
- (b) Q. Does he live in a house owned by the Territorial Government?
- A. Yes.
- (c) Q. If so, at what rental?
- A. \$40.00 per month.
- 5(a) Q. Was Dr. Gunton offered the opportunity to purchase a house in Whitehorse owned by the Territorial Government?
- A. He made enquiries, but no commitment was made.
- (b) Q. If so, at what price?
- A. No price mentioned on this answer to (a).
- 6(a) Q. Did the Superintendent of Schools offer to buy a house in Whitehorse owned by the Territorial Government?
- A. No.
- (b) Q. If so, was his offer acknowledged?
- A. See answer to (a).

- 8 (a) Q. Has the Superintendent of Schools been reimbursed for his expenses in moving from Dawson to Whitehorse?
- A. All expense accounts for the move, which have been received, have been paid.
- (b) Q. If not, when will he be paid?
- A. Answered by (a).
- (c) Q. What will the amount be?
- A. The actual costs of such move.
- (d) Q. Were funds provided by the Federal Government for this purpose?
- A. No.
- (e) Q. If so, what was the amount of such funds?
- A. Answered by (d)
- 9 Q. Is the Principal of the Mayo School provided with accommodation?
- A. Yes.
- Q. If so, at what cost?
- A. \$40.00 per month.

September 21, 1952.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
BY COUNCILLOR V.C. MELLOR

1. (Q) What would be the minimum cost of building a school at Bear Creek?
- (A) This question is improper in that it depends upon the number of pupils, the type of school, and the contractor's price. I would estimate a minimum of \$30,000.00.
2. (Q) What did it cost the Government to operate the school bus for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951?
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (A) April 1, 1948 to March 31, 1949 | \$ 2,846.00 |
| April 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950 | 2,681.60 |
| April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951 | 3,191.57 |
| April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952 | <u>2,650.74</u> |
| | <u>\$11,369.91</u> |
3. (Q) Does the Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation pay school taxes?
- (A) No.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
BY COUNCILLOR ALEC BERRY

1. (Q) Who is responsible for winter maintenance of the
- (a) Mayo-Elsa road?
- (A) Territorial Government
- (Q) (b) Mayo-Keno road?
- (A) Territorial Government.
- (Q) (c) Elsa-Williams Creek road?
- (A) Mining Company.
2. (Q) Does the \$100,000.00 payment by United Keno Hill Mines for maintenance of the Whitehorse-Mayo road include the road from Mayo to Elsa?
- (A) No.
3. (Q) Was the sum of \$30,000.00 allocated to the Mayo-Elsa road during the year 1952?
- (A) Yes.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

Mr. Fred Fraser, Commissioner

Mr. Speaker:

You have advised me that the work and deliberations of your Council are completed for this session.

May I express my thanks, and those of my staff, for the manner in which you have dealt with the business of the Territory insofar as we are concerned. You have exhibited a proper and close interest in our work, you have asked searching questions on the various phases of the administration, and you have listened with attention and patience to the answers.

The legislation placed before you for consideration has been dealt with in the careful manner such legislation deserves.

You have exhibited to your Executive Branch of the Government a desire and willingness to co-operate in the administration of the Territory, reserving the right to constructive criticism. Your recommendations have received, and will continue to receive, the serious and favourable consideration which you have the right to expect.

May I express to you, Mr. Speaker particularly, my compliments on the very able manner in which you have carried out the duties of your office.

The Council has ably demonstrated in this, the first meeting, that the electors of the Yukon have made excellent choices in selecting you, and I may say, on behalf of the administrative staff, that we look forward to working with you during the three year term, with a sure knowledge of your fairness, courtesy and ability. We have a common aim, a business-like administration of the affairs of Government, a common purpose, the prosperity and development of our country.

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

MR. SPEAKER'S REPLY TO COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Commissioner:

As this first session of the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council draws to a close, may we express our thanks and appreciation for the willing manner in which you have given us the assistance and information we have requested, orally and in writing.

In my reply to the address by the Commissioner on the opening of the Council, I predicted harmony in Council, and I am happy to state that there has not been one word of discord in Council, or between Council and yourself. Sixteen Bills were passed, almost without amending, and only two rejected.

We regret that illness prevented Mr. Cameron from attending the session and hope that he will soon regain good health.

Our thanks go especially to Mr. Munroe for his great help, and to the clerical staff who have shown such marked efficiency in preparing so quickly the printed matter required. To the individual members of the Council, my personal thanks for their co-operation and forbearance while I tried to carry out a role that was completely new to me.

The Council leave Dawson with kind thoughts and best wishes to all.