

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of the

COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.
Wednesday, November 6th, 1957
3:00 p.m.

The Clerk of the Council read the Proclamation convening the first session of the Council for the year 1957, being the fifth session of the seventeenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory in the Council Chambers, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th, 1957:

The Members present were:

Alexander Raymond Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.
Vincent Cooper Mellor, of Dawson, Y.T.
John Livingston Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y.T.
Ronald Hulland, of Whitehorse West, Y.T.
Duncan Campbell McGeachy, of Mayo, Y.T.

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 then thanked the Commissioner for his address and at the suggestion of Councillor V.C. Mellor a One Minute Silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Martha Louis Black O.B.E. who passed away on the 1st day of November 1957. The Commissioner then retired from the Council Chambers.

Mr. V.C. Mellor gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council the following bills:

- Bill No. 1. An Ordinance Respecting Liens in Favour of Miners.
- Bill No. 2. An Ordinance to Provide for Annual Vacations With Pay for Employees.
- Bill No. 3. An Ordinance to Regulate Certain Matters Relating to Labour.
- Bill No. 4. An Ordinance Respecting Public Health.

Mr. R. Hulland gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council the following bills:

- Bill No. 5. An Ordinance Respecting the Floral Emblem of Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. 6. An Ordinance to Provide for the Orderly Development of Unorganized Areas.
- Bill No. 7. An Ordinance Respecting Controverted Elections.
- Bill No. 8. An Ordinance Respecting the Election of Members to The Council of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. D.C. McGeachy gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council the following bills:

- Bill No. 9. An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Enter into an Agreement with The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada Respecting the Education of Indian Children in the City of Whitehorse.
- Bill No. 10. An Ordinance Respecting A Financial Agreement Between The Yukon Territory and The Government of Canada.
- Bill No. 11. An Ordinance to Amend the Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Ordinance.
- Bill No. 12. An Ordinance to Amend the Disabled Persons Allowance Ordinance.

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Mr. J.L. Phelps gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council the following bills:

- Bill No. 13. An Ordinance to Amend the Steam Boilers Ordinance.
- Bill No. 14. An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance.
- Bill No. 15. An Ordinance to Amend the Hospital Aid Ordinance.
- Bill No. 16. An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance.

The Council adjourned at 3:50 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:00 o'clock, the morning of Thursday, November 7th, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

Opening Address by

Frederick H. Collins, Esquire

Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

at the

Fifth Session of the Seventeenth "Wholly Elective Council
of the Yukon Territory

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Wednesday, November 6th, 1957

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Yukon Council:

In welcoming you to this Fifth Session of the Seventeenth Council I must express regret that I was unable to do so at an earlier date due to circumstances beyond my control and of which you were advised.

At this juncture I think it would be fitting for me to pay tribute to a much beloved citizen of the Yukon whose passing last week was a saddening shock to so many who had the privilege of her friendship and regard. I refer, of course, to the late Martha Louise Black who, although she came to the Yukon as an American citizen in 1898 adopted Canada and this Territory as her homeland, became a true Canadian and Yukoner, distinguished in the fields of art, letters, science and politics and a figure of national importance. Her life and career stand as an inspiration to all citizens of our nation in achievement and in the retention of humour, understanding and sympathy under circumstances which might well have destroyed these charming attributes of her endearing personality. Officially and as a friend I extend to the Honourable George Black, her husband, my deepest sympathy in the loss of a devoted wife and companion of so many years.

Since the necessary funds were voted by Council at its last Session the Territorial staff has had an extremely busy season. The floods of last spring caused heavy and unforeseen damage to roads and bridges in the Mayo and Dawson areas and on the Canol Road. I think it is agreed that the prompt preventive measures taken at the outset in co-operation with the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, together with the unselfish citizen effort, followed by an accelerated program of repair, minimized the possible effects of the situation and imposed as little inconvenience as possible on the people of the Territory. Also, for the first time since construction, the Territory assumed full control of the reconstruction, operation and maintenance of the Whitehorse-Keno Road, larger bridges excepted. Reports indicate that this undertaking is being successfully carried out but lack of adequate communication facilities on the four hundred and fifty miles of highway between Whitehorse, Keno and Dawson has detracted from effective liaison and control. As reconstruction is carried forward on the Canol Road and in respect of any future road construction program the same adverse conditions will prevail.

On the Canol Road reconstruction was completed on the first thirty-two miles from the Alaska Highway. Spring floods intensified the damage at several bridge sites and their replacement required larger expenditures than were anticipated or provided for. The Northwest Highway System of the Canadian Army carried out the main portion of the work assisted by some equipment and staff provided by the Territory. I would like to voice my appreciation of the excellent job done by the Northwest Highway System on this project.

The destruction by fire of the Public and High School at Dawson on June 21st was a major incident in that City. Through the co-operation of the Department of Public Works of the Federal Government we were able to utilize, after considerable rehabilitation and expense, the second floor of the Administration Building. Primary classes commenced the new school year on schedule with more senior grades attending one week later. Plans are underway to replace the destroyed school premises as quickly as possible.

The Sewer and Water Project in Whitehorse has been completed and handed over to the City for operation together with a large area, including the new subdivision on the east bank of the Yukon River. This has considerably extended the City boundaries.

A good tourist season was enjoyed by the Territory and an extension of the camp and tourist site program of the Federal Government is expected in 1958 to further assist this important industry. There must, however, be a constant effort by owners and operators of Lodges, etc., to improve accommodation and service if full advantage is to be taken of the opportunities afforded by the tourist traffic.

There has been a slight increase in agricultural operations in the Yukon Territory, principally through small holdings in the vicinity of main highways or in settlement areas. It might well be that an effort to foster the growing of suitable products and co-ordinate their marketing within the Territory would achieve results benefiting both producer and consumer.

The federal program of bridge and housing construction throughout the Territory has been largely completed and there has been a marked increase in private building construction during the year.

The formation of Community Clubs at settlements throughout the Territory has been a feature of the past few years. The active support of these, by Council, has been matched by the co-operative effort of Club members. I believe these Clubs to be an essential factor in the development of the Territory through the provision of social, recreational and adult educational amenities so desirable in the isolation occasioned by distance, lack of radio and other forms of adequate communication.

During the year, by agreement, Northern Health Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare, assumed responsibility for public health services in the Territory. The basis of cost is seventy percent to the Territory and thirty percent to Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. Dr. Neil D.C. MacKinnon was appointed Chief Medical Health Officer of the co-operative program, effective 1st October, 1957.

Work on the new Power Project at Whitehorse is up to schedule and the clearing of the area south of the dam will be carried out this winter to provide recreational and other facilities upon completion of the project which is expected to be one year from now. An additional unit is also being installed at the Mayo plant. Both of these projects are being carried out by the Northern Canada Power Commission, a Crown Company reporting to Parliament through the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. All such projects, through the rate charged for power consumption, are self-liquidation over a stated period of years.

An extensive prospecting program was carried out during the past season the results of which are not yet apparent. While some development of existing mines has faltered, others have expanded their programs with satisfactory results. Any extension of an industry so basic to the economy of the Territory is inevitably a cause for rejoicing.

Oil drilling operations are continuing in the Eagle Plains area of the Territory astride the Arctic Circle. These operations are presently being carried out at private expense as are the air and land routes leading to the site.

Soil and site surveys for possible bridges over the Yukon, Pelly and Stewart Rivers have been completed by the Federal Government. This work was carried out on a co-operative basis by the Canadian Army and the Federal Department of Public Works with some territorial assistance.

During the month of September I attended meetings in Ottawa in connection with the Tax Rental Agreement for the period 1957 to 1962. I received most sympathetic and considerate hearings and found a genuine appreciation of the economic position of the Territory which I am sure will be reflected in the annual grants when final approval of these is forthcoming.

Since the last Session we have been honoured by visits from the following:

Honourable Alvin Hamilton, Minister
Northern Affairs and National Resources;
Mr. R.G. Robertson, Deputy Minister,
Northern Affairs and National Resources;
Miss Ruth Addison, Commissioner,
Civil Service Commission;
Mr. G.T. Jackson, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Public Works;
Mr. Waino E. Hendrickson,
Secretary of the Territory of Alaska;

and by other senior government and private business officials. These visits indicate an interest in the Territory and its affairs tending toward a fuller understanding of our varied problems and the means requisite to their solution.

Mr. Speaker and Members of Council, you will be presented with a heavy legislative program for consideration during this session. A listing, in detail, of this program follows:

- Bill No. 1. An Ordinance Respecting Liens in Favour of Miners;
2. An Ordinance to Provide for Annual Vacations with Pay for Employees;
 3. An Ordinance to Regulate Certain Matters Relating to Labour;
 4. An Ordinance Respecting Public Health;
 5. An Ordinance Respecting the Floral Emblem of Yukon Territory
 6. An Ordinance to Provide for the Orderly Development of Unorganized Areas;
 7. An Ordinance Respecting Controverted Elections
 8. An Ordinance Respecting the Election of Members to Council of Yukon Territory;
 9. An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Enter into an Agreement with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada Respecting the Education of Indian Children in the City of Whitehorse;
 10. An Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Yukon Territory and the Government of Canada;
 11. An Ordinance to Amend the Old Age Assistance and Blind Pensions Allowance Ordinance;
 12. An Ordinance to Amend the Disabled Persons Allowance Ordinance.
 13. An Ordinance to Amend the Steam Boilers Ordinance;
 14. An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicle Ordinance;
 15. An Ordinance to Amend the Hospital Aid Ordinance;
 16. An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance;
 17. An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Additional Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Thursday, November 7th, 1957
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Mellor introduced for first reading the following bills:

1. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING LIENS IN FAVOUR OF MINERS.
2. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL VACATIONS WITH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES.
3. AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO LABOUR.
4. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING PUBLIC HEALTH.

Mr. Mellor introduced for Second reading the following Bills:

Bill No. 1, Bill No. 2, Bill No. 3, Bill No. 4.

Mr. Hulland introduced for first reading the following bills:

5. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE FLORAL EMBLEM OF YUKON TERRITORY.
6. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF UNORGANIZED AREAS.
7. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.
8. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Mr. McGeachy introduced for first reading the following bills:

9. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE YUKON TERRITORY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION OF CANADA RESPECTING THE EDUCATION OF INDIAN CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.
10. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.
11. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND BLIND PERSONS ORDINANCE.
12. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DISABLED PERSONS ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE.

Mr. Phelps introduced for first reading the following bills:

13. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE STEAM BOILERS ORDINANCE.
14. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE.
15. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOSPITAL AID ORDINANCE.
16. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss bills.

Committee reported progress.

Mr. Mellor requested the Commissioner to present to Council the Mine Safety Ordinance with proposed Amendments made by a Committee who had travelled to Whitehorse at their own expense.

Mr. Speaker read an invitation from Commissioner Collins to meet with himself and Messers Bishop and Steel from Ottawa at 3:30 o'clock p.m. Mr. Mellor moved that the above invitation be refused until such time as the Mine Safety Ordinance was presented to Council. Seconded by Mr. McGeachy.

The Motion was defeated with Mr. Phelps, Mr. Hulland and Mr. Hayes against.

The Clerk of the Council was instructed to notify the Commissioner of their acceptance of his invitation.

Council adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Council was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss bills.

Committee reported progress on Bill #2.

Mr. Hulland replied to the Opening Address given by Mr. F.H. Collins. See Sessional Paper #2.

Mr. McGeachy replied to the Opening Address given by Mr. F.H. Collins. See Sessional Paper #3.

Mr. Mellor replied to the Opening Address given by Mr. F.H. Collins. See Sessional Paper #4.

Mr. Hulland introduced the Second reading of Bill #5.

Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss Bill #5.

Moved by Mr. Hulland and Seconded by Mr. Phelps the Adoption of Bill #5 with the following amendments.

The word "latifolium" to be deleted and replaced by the word "angustifolium".

The words "The Northern" immediately preceding the word "Fireweed", to be deleted.

Mr. Hulland introduced for second reading the following bills:

Bill No. 6, Bill No. 7, Bill No. 8,

Mr. McGeachy introduced the second reading of the following bills:

Bill No. 9, Bill No. 10, Bill No. 11, Bill No. 12.

Mr. Phelps introduced for second reading the following bills:

Bill No. 13, Bill No. 14, Bill No. 15, Bill No. 16.

Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss Bill #13.

Moved by Mr. Hayes and Seconded by Mr. McGeachy that Bill #13 be returned to the Commissioner for consideration in 6 months. Passed with Mr. Phelps and Mr. Hulland against.

Committee reported progress.

Council adjourned until 10:00 a.m. November 8th, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor

"A.R. Hayes"

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Hulland's reply to Mr. Collins Opening
Address

Mr. Speaker:

In reply to the opening address delivered yesterday by Mr. F.H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, I wish to thank him for the comprehensive coverage which he gave to Territorial matters.

At one point in his address The Commissioner stated, "Plans are under way to replace the destroyed school premises as soon as possible", referring to the destruction by fire of the Elementary High School at Dawson last summer.

In connection with the building of the school at Dawson and of other schools in the Territory, I do not wish to infringe on the prerogatives of the Commissioner, the Superintendent of Schools or of the Territorial Engineer, but I would like to point out some of the pitfalls which occurred during the building of Territorial schools before these gentlemen took over their respective duties.

Poor lighting and ventilation formerly were the bug bears in Yukon schools. In this climate the provision of adequate heating was always essential, and careful attention was paid to it. Good lighting has also been closely checked in recent years. The matter of ventilation has not been attended to in all our schools. It is a pity that the Whitehorse Elementary High School, completed in 1952, should have had no provision for air-conditioned ventilation although, admittedly it might have added ten per cent to the costs. Would that have meant much in the lifetime of the school when the health of the pupils is in question? The lack of such ventilation makes the difference between what is merely a good school building and what might have been an excellent one.

I am sure that modern design will be considered when the new schools are built, and that we as citizens shall be proud of them.

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Mr. McGeachy's reply to Mr. Collins Opening Address.

There was a comment made in Mr. Collins' Opening Address regarding road conditions in the Territory and on the flood. He did not give United Keno Hill credit for doing the job they did during the flood. It is mainly through their efforts at this time that we are still travelling on this road today. I have another notation here regarding the visits of various VIP's to the Territory. I would like to know why they do not come to Mayo and Dawson; why they have visited only Whitehorse. We are still in the Territory - why do they not come up and see us. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Mellor's reply to Mr. Collins Opening Address.

I have heard, and also read, with a great deal of interest the opening address by the Commissioner of the Territory, on which I would like to make a few comments.

First, I would like to thank, on behalf of the people I represent in Dawson, the Yukon Film Society, the Whitehorse Board of Trade and others who so courteously provided a projector and various equipment, which was destroyed in the fire at the Dawson School.

I would also like to mention, Mr. Speaker, at this time, the Stewart Crossing-Dawson road, which has been in the limelight quite a considerable time. I think that you will agree with me that the Mayo-Whitehorse road, which took two and a half years in the construction of same. We are still being six years on the Stewart-Dawson road and it is not yet completed. I am in question as to whether it is the fault of the Territorial Government or the contracting private individuals. That, Mr. Speaker, I think requires quite a little thought, as we have passed from year to year, and when I say, year to year, I am going back about six years. It is close to six years that I have been a member of Council.

I have one particular beef which I think can be taken as such in the language you people know. If I am wrong, I will stand to be corrected. We had before us, three years ago, and Ordinance respecting the Liquor Ordinance on which the Speaker of this House made comments in the Spring Session of this year; also an Ordinance respecting the Safety Ordinance to Miners. On perusing the address of the Commissioner, I do not see it and of such I do not know who is to blame. It is my presumption that Ordinances are going to have to be passed by Ottawa before they can be presented to Council. Then I would suggest, before we can go into committee on Bill No. 8, Bill No. 7, an Ordinance Respecting Controverted Elections and Bill No. 8 an Ordinance Respecting the Election of Members to the Council of the Yukon Territory, I would suggest that they be ignored. The question of Ordinances that have been brought up, I think that you will agree with me, is this: that we, the members who are elected by the people are just being placed in the position of "take it or leave it". I am very much perturbed, as I have stated before, Mr. Speaker, in this matter, that these two Ordinances, essential Ordinances, have not been presented to Council.

I would like to pay my respects at this time in memory of one of our great friends and citizens of the Yukon Territory, Mrs. Martha Louise Black and I hope that we can carry out her ways of citizenship in the Yukon.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Friday, November 8th, 1957
10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day

Mr. V.C. Mellor repeated his request for the Mine Safety Ordinance.

Committee resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss bills.

Committee reported progress on Bill #2.

Commissioner F.H. Collins addressed Council. See Sessional Paper #5.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss Mr. F.H. Collins address in conjunction with Bill #10.

Mr. Mellor asked the Commissioner for the present classification of the " 60 mile " road.

Mr. F.H. Collins replied to the effect that the road is classed at present as a "local" road. It is expected that in the near future the road would be classed as a resource road to the Clinton Creek Cutoff.

Mr. V.C. Mellor stated that the Honourable Jean Lesage former Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, stated that the road would be reclassified as a resource road.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon until 1:30 o'clock p.m.

1:30 p.m.

Committee resumed discussion on Bill #10.

Committee reported progress on Bill #10.

Mr. Hulland introduced for third reading Bill #5.

Bill #5. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE FLORAL EMBLEM OF YUKON TERRITORY.

Moved by Mr. Phelps and Seconded by Mr. Hulland that Council meet at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Saturday November 9th, 1957.

Motion passed with Mr. Mellor and Mr. McGeachy against.

Mr. F.H. Collins replied to Mr. Mellor's request for the Mine Safety Ordinance to the effect that it was not in his possession.

Mr. R.A. Bishop and G.G.E. Steele attended Council to assist in discussion of Bill #10.

Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday November 9th, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

ADDRESS TO YUKON COUNCIL BY COMMISSIONER

F.H. COLLINS

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Friday, November 8th, 1957

AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Yukon Council:-

You have before you for consideration Bill 10, an Ordinance Respecting a Financial Agreement Between the Yukon Territory and the Government of Canada. The purpose of this Bill is to authorize your Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada fixing the terms under which the Territory will receive financial aid from the senior government during the five-year period commencing April 1, 1957. The previous agreement in this regard expired March 31, 1957.

The financial implications of the proposed Ordinance are based on the recommendations of an Interdepartmental Committee appointed by the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and the Deputy Minister of Finance, to review the financial relations and the allocation of functions between the Federal and Territorial Governments. The Committee consisted of senior officers of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Department of Finance, and the Bank of Canada, and its report, copies of which you received a few days ago, has been approved by the Federal Cabinet.

Your approval and acceptance of the recommendations contained in the report are also necessary to the successful completion of the proposed agreement, and, therefore, I think it would be helpful if I were to review the highlights of the report at this time.

In the main, the Committee has not recommended any change in the present policies respecting education. However, it has recommended that the rate of \$150 being paid by the Federal Government for the cost of educating children of Federal employees living in tax-exempt premises be increased to \$250.

The existing arrangements for the operation and financing of health services and facilities, including those recently agreed upon in respect of public health services were reviewed and no change is recommended.

In the field of welfare, the Committee recognized that special circumstances have led to the assumption by the Territorial Government of responsibility for old age assistance, blind persons allowances and disabled persons allowances, for segments of the population (Indians) for which the Federal Government normally assumes responsibility, and, while the Committee considered that no change would be possible in the terms of the agreement under which these programs function, it did incorporate a factor in the general formula for financial assistance to the Territory which has the effect of offsetting the financial burden on the Territorial Treasury.

At your meeting last spring an interim report of this Committee dealing with road policy was laid before you. This interim report had received the approval of the Federal Cabinet, and, with your approval, the recommendations contained therein were implemented in the appropriations for the current year. You will recall that all roads in the Territory are to be classified "development", "access", or "local". "Development" roads are those which lead from a main highway or water route into a region containing promising resources, and it is in the reallocation of responsibility for the construction and maintenance of these roads that the greatest financial benefit accrues to the territory.

During the term of the proposed agreement (five years) the Federal Government is to assume one hundred per cent of the cost of constructing these roads and eighty-five per cent of their maintenance costs. The Territory is to bear fifteen per cent of their maintenance costs. The financial effect of this new policy on the Territorial budget is substantial. The Whitehorse-Keno road has been placed in the "development" class, also the Stewart Crossing-Dawson road, and the Canol road. It is estimated that in 1958-59 the cost of maintaining the road from Whitehorse to Keno will be in the vicinity of \$411,800. Of this amount the Territorial Government will be expected to contribute about \$61,800 (15%). Should the arrangements which prevailed in 1956-57 have been continued, the Territory would have been expected to bear one hundred per cent of the cost of maintaining the section of the road between Mayo and Keno and the maximum contribution it would have received from the Federal Government and United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. towards the balance of the road would have been \$222,000. Therefore, based on the 1958-59 estimate of the cost of maintaining the entire road, the Territorial share under the old arrangement would be somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$180,000 instead of \$61,800 as the new arrangement contemplates. In the past the maintenance of the Stewart Crossing-Dawson road has been borne entirely at Territorial expense. The cost of maintaining this road in 1958-59 will probably be somewhere in the vicinity of \$120,000 and under the new formula the Federal Government will pay \$102,000 of this amount. From the foregoing it will be seen that in 1958-59 the net saving to the Territory under the new road formula in respect of these two roads can be expected to be somewhere in the vicinity of \$229,000.

Another effect of placing the Stewart Crossing-Dawson road in the "development" class is that the Federal Government assumes responsibility for new construction. During the current year the Territory commented a three-year program to improve the standards of this road at an estimated cost of \$291,000. It is expected that the Federal Government will now take over the cost of this program.

"Access" roads will be those relatively short roads branching off from "development" roads or "local" roads, to serve a particular local resource development. The Territorial Government will have no responsibility for such roads but in certain circumstances the Federal Government may participate in their costs. Primary responsibility, however, will rest with the interested developers.

"Local" roads are those lying within a community or serving predominantly Territorial purposes outside a community. The Territorial Government will continue to have primary responsibility for these but, as in the past, such responsibility can be delegated to municipalities in respect of roads lying within their boundaries. The only change from the present situation in regard to roads coming in this category is that the Atlin road is now classed as "local" and becomes a Territorial responsibility.

Higher grants are recommended for municipalities. It is proposed that the present general purposes grant which is paid at the rate of 7 mills on the first million dollars of the assessed value of real property in a municipality on which taxes are levied and at the rate of 4 mills on the assessed value of the balance of such property be increased to 10 mills and 8 mills respectively. At the same time, it is recommended that the base for the grant be broadened to include the assessed value of Federal and Territorial real property in the calculation.

Two new grants to municipalities by the Territorial Government are also recommended. These are:-

1. Payment of 25% of approved expenditures on road maintenance; and
2. Payment of 50% of the cost of approved road construction.

In its recommendations for municipal assistance, the Committee had two principal objectives in mind: firstly, to provide a reasonable level of financial assistance to municipalities which in turn will permit them to assume in greater measure the normal responsibilities associated with municipal governments, and, secondly, to help give more stability to municipal financing by the establishment of a formula which is uniformly applicable to all municipalities, and which will permit municipal authorities to know in advance, for planning and budgeting purposes, what they may expect to receive from the Territorial Government. Under the present system a large portion of Territorial assistance to municipalities takes the form of conditional grants and municipal authorities are uncertain as to whether or not they will be in a position to carry out some of their programs until after the Territorial Council has dealt with its annual appropriations. This is sometimes too late for efficient planning. The Committee has recognized, however, that because of special circumstances a formula which will produce a satisfactory result for most municipalities may not entirely be suitable for Dawson, and that, while under the proposed formula there will be less emphasis on conditional grants for Dawson, it may well be necessary to make special grants to that municipality based on need.

The following examples will give you some indication of how the new formula will work out:

In 1955/56 the City of Whitehorse received a general purposes or mill rate grant based on assessment amounting to \$15,000 and a conditional grant of \$19,060. Total Territorial assistance was \$34,060. Had the new formula been applied in that year the municipality would have received about \$40,475, broken down as follows:

Mill rate grant	\$33,400
Road maintenance grant	7,075

Inclusion of the assessed value of new Federal property across the river in this calculation will, in future years, result in raising the mill rate grant by a further \$15,000 or \$16,000. The road construction and maintenance grants will, of course, vary from year to year in accordance with municipal expenditures for these purposes. The situation in respect of Dawson is somewhat different. In 1955/56 Dawson received a mill rate grant of \$3,913 and a conditional grant of \$15,543. Total assistance was, therefore, \$19,456. Under the new formula Dawson would have received a mill rate grant of \$8,140 and a road maintenance grant of about \$2,590, or a total of \$10,730. It is obvious from this that in 1955/56 the new formula would not have produced a satisfactory result and that some further financial aid would have been necessary, although to a much lesser degree than the conditional grant which was actually paid.

The foregoing are the principal changes in policy recommended in the report of the Committee, and upon the acceptance of which the financial terms of the proposed agreement are predicated.

Now let me turn to the terms of the agreement itself. After examining the various financial arrangements possible, the Committee concluded that the following alternatives were available:

1. Annual payments to the Territory by the Federal Government based on the formula offered to the provinces but adjusted to offset the net cost to the Federal Government of provincial functions it performs in and for the Territory.
2. Annual payments to the Territory by the Federal Government based on the needs of the Territory in the performance of the functions allocated to it by the Parliament of Canada.

It was evident to the Committee from estimates provided to it that the application of the provincial formula as indicated would not produce a satisfactory result in that the annual payment calculated in this manner would be something less than the Territorial Government will require. The Committee, therefore, endeavoured

to arrive at a satisfactory formula based on the financial needs of the Territory. In the light of its own recommendations and taking into account all other known expenditure policies as well as allowance for population growth at the same rate as in the past five years, the Committee made the best estimate it could of the revenues and expenditures of the Territory over the next five years. It did not attempt to take into account the fiscal impact of any future change in general price and wage levels but instead sought to provide for this factor by having the annual Federal payment vary in relation to changes in the gross national product per capita which provides not only an adjustment for price changes, but also ensures an adjustment which will be in harmony with general economic development in Canada.

The estimates made by the Committee are in terms of an average year within the next five rather than for each individual year because any more specific treatment would be virtually impossible in estimates extending over so long a period. These calculations indicate that in the average year and before making allowance for changes in price and wage levels or in fiscal payments by the Federal Government, Territorial expenditures may exceed revenues to the amount of \$583,400. The current surplus and reserve position of the Territory at March 31st, 1957, excluding a \$300,00 loan to the liquor system totalled \$1,189,325, and, as the proposed annual payments by the Federal Government are based on the financial need of the Territory, the Committee considered it reasonable that the Territory be required to utilize \$125,000 per year from present reserves for capital expenditures. Therefore, the basic annual payment recommended is \$458,400, subject to adjustment for changes in price and wage levels. This is to be paid as follows:

- (a) an annual population subsidy equivalent to 80¢ per capita on the population of 1956, which will amount to the sum of \$9,752;
- (b) an annual grant in aid of the Government of the Yukon and Council in the amount of \$30,000; and
- (c) a general grant in the amount of \$419,000 in 1957/58, and in each of the four succeeding fiscal years a general grant in an amount which varies from \$419,000 in accordance with the changes in the gross national product per capita. In no year is this grant to be less than 95% of the payment made in the preceding year.

In return for these payments, the Government of the Yukon will be required on its own part and that of its municipalities to abstain from the imposition of corporation taxes on individual and corporate incomes, and on successions.

The payment to which the Territory was entitled in the final year of the old agreement, that is 1956/57, amounted to about \$366,000. By comparing this with the payment to be made in the first year of the new agreement, \$458,400, it would appear on the surface that the monetary gain to the Territory will be about \$92,400. However, in reality the gain to the Territory will be this amount plus the benefits accruing to it under the new road policy and the higher school fees for children of Federal employees living in tax-exempt premises. Provision for these items was made in the revenue and expenditure estimates before arriving at the base payment of \$458,400. Therefore, the net gain to the Territory will actually be something in excess of \$300,000 per annum.

Mr. Speaker, the estimates of revenue and expenditure made by the Committee were based on financial forecasts by your Commissioner, and any adjustments made were discussed with him. As you probably know, a short time ago I travelled to Ottawa for the sole purpose of discussing these adjustments and to bring to the Committee's attention certain expenditure requirements, the need for which had only recently become apparent. I am happy to say that my trip was most worthwhile and resulted in the Committee raising the payment indicated in its original estimates by about \$72,000 per year.

In all respects, Mr. Speaker, I consider the report of the Inter-departmental Committee on Federal-Territorial Financial Relations to be fair and reasonable, and I have no hesitation in recommending it for your acceptance.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon.
Saturday November 9th, 1957.
9:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day,
Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss
bills.

Committee reported as follows:

Bill #10 without amendments.

Bill #1 with the following amendments:

Section 9. the word "ninety" to be deleted and the word
"sixty" inserted in its place.

Section 12, (1) the word "ninety" to be deleted and the word
"sixty" inserted in its place, (where it appears in two places).

Section 12, (5) the word "ninety" to be deleted and the word
"sixty" inserted in its place.

Committee reported on Bill # 2 with the following amendments.

Section 3, subsection (a) to be deleted and sections (b) and (c)
corrected to read (a) and (b).

Section 10, the words "this Ordinance" to be inserted immediately
following the words "and keep" where they appear in the second line. A
period to be inserted after the word "duties" in the third line and the balance
of the paragraph to be deleted.

Section 11, Subsection (c) and (h) to be deleted and subsection (d)
(e) (f) (g) to be changed to read (c) (d) (e) (f).

Section 15, The words, "and if any such written agreement is filed with
the Territorial Secretary", where they appear on the fourth and fifth lines,
to be deleted.

Section 18 (c) a semicolon to be added after the word "Ordinance" and
the words "or any regulation made thereunder" deleted.

Section 19, To be deleted and Section 20 altered to read 19.

Mr. D. C. McGeachy introduced for third reading the following bill:

Bill #10. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
YUKON TERRITORY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

Mr. V. C. Mellor seconded by Mr. D. C. McGeachy introduced a Resolution
concerning the Mine Safety Ordinance. See Sessional Paper #6.
Passed unanimously.

Council expressed its thanks to Messrs. R. A. Steele and G.G.E. Bishop
for their valuable assistance given during discussions on the Financial
Agreement Ordinance Bill #10.

Council adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon until 10:00 o'clock a.m.
the morning of Tuesday November 12th, 1957.

H.J. Taylor
"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

(Sessional Paper #6)

Whitehorse, Yukon
November 9th, 1957

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the draft of the Mining Safety Ordinance was prepared one year ago by a group of private citizens meeting at their own expense.

AND WHEREAS a revised Ordinance of this type is urgently needed in the Yukon Territory;

AND WHEREAS this Ordinance has not been presented to this Council during the present session.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council request the Commissioner, Mr. F.H. Collins, to wire the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources the Honourable Alvin Hamilton of Ottawa, expressing the dissatisfaction of Council regarding the inordinate delay in preparation of the Ordinance with a request for an explanation for the delay.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Tuesday, November 12th, 1957
10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Phelps gave notice that he would introduce for first reading at the next sitting of Council the following bill:

Bill #17. AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill #3, #4 and #8.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported Bill #3 and Bill #4 in progress.

Mr. V.C. Mellor introduced for third reading the following bills:

Bill #1. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING LIENS IN FAVOUR OF MINERS.

Bill #2. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL VACATIONS WITH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES.

An opinion of Council was then expressed as follows:

"That Bill #4, AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, be presented to Council at the Spring Session in order to give members of Council an opportunity for further study of the Bill!"

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock p.m. until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, November 13th, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Wednesday, November 13th, 1957.
10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Phelps introduced for first reading the following bill:

Bill #17. AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY.

Mr. Phelps introduced for second reading Bill #17.

Committee resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider bills.

Committee reported as follows:

Bill #3 with amendments as follows:

1. Delete the words "or to be at his disposal" immediately before paragraph (a) in section 3 (1).

2. Substitute for section 3(2) the following:

- "3.(2) This Ordinance does not apply to
- (a) an employee who is a member of the family of his employer;
 - (b) a person employed for the purpose of searching for minerals;
 - (c) a travelling salesman who, in the course of his duties, regularly travels to places at least ten miles distant from his place of residence;
 - (d) a person whose principal duties are solely of a supervisory or managerial character; or
 - (e) a person who performs only custodial or maintenance duties and who does not actively work more than one-half of the time during which he is on duty."

3. Delete 4(1) and substitute the following:

- "4.(1) Any company engaged in mining operations shall pay to its employees within ten days after the expiration of each period of employment all wages earned during such period of employment.
- (2) The period of employment referred to in subsection (1) shall not be longer than one calendar month.
- (3) When an employee described in subsection (1) is discharged from or ceases his employment other than at the ordinary or regular time of the termination of his employment, the company shall forthwith upon such discharge or cessation of employment pay to the employee all wages then owing to him."

4. Substitute for section 5 the following:

"5. An employer who employs an employee in a shop shall pay

such employee not less than the wages that are generally accepted as current for persons employed in the district in the same character or class of work."

5. Substitute for section 7 the following:

"7. An employer who holds a contract for the performance of a public work of the Territory shall pay his employees who are engaged on or in connection with such public work not less than the current per diem wages paid by the Territory for similar work in the district."

6. Insert after section 7 the following section:

"8.(1) No action shall be brought by an employee against an employer either before or after the termination of his services unless the action is commenced within twelve months after the date upon which the cause of action first arose.

(2) The right to recover under this Ordinance applies only to the wages of an employee during the period of six months preceding the termination of his services or the taking of action by him pursuant to this Ordinance, whichever first occurs."

7. Renumber sections 8, 9 and 10 as 9, 10 and 11.

Bill #11 without amendments.
Bill #12 without amendments.
Bill #14 without amendments.

Committee recessed to discuss Public Health with Dr. Neil D.C. MacKinnon.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported as follows:
Bill # 9 without amendments.
Bill #15 without amendments.
Bill #6 with the following amendments:

Section 4, is amended by deleting "and for greater certainty, but not so as to limit the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations".

Section 4 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:
(2) The Commissioner shall cause to be tabled any regulation made by him pursuant to subsection (1) at the session of Council next following the making of such regulation.

Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to consult with Commissioner F.H. Collins in his office.

"H. J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"

Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Thursday, November 14th, 1957
10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Third reading was given to the following bills:

- Bill #3 - AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO LABOUR.
Bill #6 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF UNORGANIZED AREAS.
Bill #9 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE YUKON TERRITORY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION OF CANADA RESPECTING THE EDUCATION OF INDIAN CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.
Bill #11- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND BLIND PERSONS ORDINANCE.
Bill #12- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DISABLED PERSONS ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE.
Bill #14- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE
Bill #15- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOSPITAL AID ORDINANCE.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported as follows:

Bill #7 without amendments

Bill #8 with the following amendment:

Section 6 (b) Delete the words "and every Police Magistrate".

Mr. Phelps moved that Section 8 be deleted. Committee voted as follows: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Mellor and Mr. Hulland against, Mr. Phelps and Mr. McGeachy for.

Committee reported Bill #16 and #17 in progress.

Mr. W.A. Wardrop and Mr. F.H. Collins were invited to attend Council at 10:30 a.m. Friday November 15th.

Mr. J.L. Phelps gave notice that he will introduce a resolution concerning radio broadcasting at the next sitting of Council.

Council adjourned at 4:00 o'clock p.m. to consult with Commissioner F.H. Collins.

"H.J. Taylor

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes

Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Friday, November 15th, 1957
10:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. J.L. Phelps question re scholarships was returned. See Sessional Paper #7.

Mr. J.L. Phelps, seconded by Mr. D.C. McGeachy introduced a Resolution concerning Radio Broadcasting in the Yukon. See Sessional Paper #8, Approved unanimously.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported as follows:

Bill #16 - without amendments.

Bill #17 - without amendments

Third reading was given to the following bills:

Bill #7 - AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Bill #8 - AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Bill #8 passed with Mr. J.L. Phelps and Mr. D.C. McGeachy against.

Mr. R. Hulland expressed the following opinion:

Mr. Speaker:

In view of recent technological advances made by scientists of U.S.S.R., it is the opinion of this Council that every effort should be made to ensure that the Free World does not fall behind in the matter of scientific research. The question is that of survival. The members of this Council, therefore, recommend to the Commissioner to make provision for a scholarship to be granted to the Yukon school student majoring in science and mathematics and obtaining the highest marks in University Entrance examinations in those subjects. It is understood that the recipient of the scholarship will enrol in a recognized university and continue his studies in science and mathematics.

Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday November 16th, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions and Returns

Question

- (a) Was the scholarship granted by the Yukon Territorial Government awarded last year (1956-57)?
- (b) If so, to whom?
- (c) What were the average marks and what are the recipients of this scholarship now doing?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Henry Arthur, Whitehorse.
- (c) Average - 70.8%, is now at U.B.C.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS no radio facilities are available to the residents of the Yukon Territory except those furnished by voluntary effort; and

WHEREAS radio broadcasts originating from Canadian radio stations outside the Territory cannot be regularly heard due to distance and other factors; and

WHEREAS operation of privately operated broadcasting station is not commercially feasible by reason of sparseness of population, and

WHEREAS it is desirable to remedy these conditions as soon as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Council in session properly assembled as follows:

THAT action be requested of the federal authorities to provide suitable broadcasting facilities within the Yukon Territory.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Saturday, November 16, 1957

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Third reading was given to the following bills:

Bill #16, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.

Bill #17. AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY.

The Commissioner was advised that Council had concluded its deliberations.

Mr. Speaker addressed the Commissioner requesting Commissioner's assent to the bills passed by Council.

The Clerk of Council enumerated the bills as follows:

Bill No. 1. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING LIENS IN FAVOUR OF MINERS.

Bill No. 2. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL VACATIONS WITH PAY FOR EMPLOYEES.

Bill No. 3 AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO LABOUR.

Bill No. 4. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE FLORAL EMBLEM OF YUKON TERRITORY.

Bill No. 5. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF UNORGANIZED AREAS.

Bill No. 6. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Bill No. 7. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Bill No. 8. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE YUKON TERRITORY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION OF CANADA RESPECTING THE EDUCATION OF INDIAN CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.

Bill No. 9. AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

Bill No. 10. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND BLIND PERSONS ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 11. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DISABLED PERSONS ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 12. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 13. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOSPITAL AID ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 14. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 15. AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY.

The Commissioner, in his address to Council, gave his assent to the bills enumerated by the Clerk. (see Sessional Paper No. 9).

Mr. Speaker thanked the Commissioner and various members of the Territorial Government Staff (see Sessional Paper No. 10).

The Clerk of the Council then read the following:

"It is the Commissioner's will and pleasure that this Council be now prorogued and this Council accordingly prorogued."

Council prorogued at 10:30 o'clock a.m., Saturday November 16th 1957.

"H.J. Taylor

Clerk

"A.R. Hayes"

Speaker

(Sessional Paper #9)

Closing Address By
Frederick H. Collins, Esquire
Commissioner of the Yukon Territory
At The
Fifth Session of the Seventeenth Wholly Elective Council
of the Yukon Territory

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Saturday,
November 16th, 1957.

Mr. Speaker,

and Members of the Yukon Council.

Assent has been given to all Bills passed by Council, as read by the Clerk. It is noted that Bills four and thirteen, as presented have been laid over for detailed study by members.

I wish to thank Members of Council for their co-operation in our informal discussions on matters of concern to the Territory which assists so greatly in the planning of legislation and the conduct of administration.

I believe we can look forward with confidence to the future of the Territory and are, I am sure, appreciative of the interest being taken in territorial affairs by government and other bodies.

Please accept me best wishes for a safe return to your districts and homes and for your health and happiness until we again meet.

(Sessional Paper #10.)

November 16th, 1957

Reply to Commissioner's Closing Address

by

A.R. Hayes, Esquire

Mr. Commissioner:

Council thanks you for your assistance so generously given during the session now closing. Our thanks also go to our Legal Advisor, Mr. Smith, the Clerk of the Council, Mr. Taylor, and the clerical staff all of whom have assisted with their usual efficiency. Personally I will be spending my first winter out of the Yukon in thirty-five years. I do not look forward to this with any great pleasure and my thoughts will be with the Yukon and Yukoners until circumstances permit me to return. I would thank my colleagues in Council for their collaboration and forbearance and leave with you all my best wishes and kind thoughts until next we meet.