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Friday, April 3rd 1959
3.00 o'clock p.m.

The second Session of the Eighteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory was convened in the Council Chambers at 3.00 o'clock p.m. in compliance with the Proclamation of the Commissioner under date of March 17th, 1959, the Members having previously been sworn and taken the Oath of Allegiance.

The Members of the Council were called to order by Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, would you inform Mr. Collins, the Commissioner, that this Council would be pleased to have him attend for the purpose of addressing the Council.

The Clerk, having informed the Commissioner of the desire of the Council, the Commissioner attended Council and delivered the following address :

Mr. Speaker,
and Members of the Yukon Council.

In welcoming you to this, your second session, I should like to express my Minister's pleasure, as well as my own, in the sustained interest shown by all members of Council in territorial affairs since the previous Session was prorogued. This active interest is most heartening to the Administration and of marked assistance in the necessary review of legislation, financial and otherwise, which is presented for your consideration. In territorial affairs it is eminently proper and most desirable that the opinions and wishes of the constituents be voiced by their elected representatives and for such representatives to sift and assess such opinions as a basis for policy consideration by the Administration. In this process we are fortunate in having at our disposal the technical and other facilities of many federal departments of Government, in particular those of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources through its Minister, the Honourable Alvin Hamilton. The federal policies of assistance to Yukon operation and development in whatever form they eventuate are primarily the concern of Mr. Hamilton as the Northern Canada representative in the Cabinet. That his is an effective voice toward our increasing benefit is most evident.

Before proceeding further I am sure I voice the pleasure of all who reside in the Territory, and of former residents, in the forthcoming visit of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip. We are indeed honoured by the decision of Her Majesty to spend such time in the Yukon as will provide for visits to locations other than Whitehorse. In this way so many more of her loyal subjects in the Territory are enabled to see their Reigning Sovereign - the first ever to visit the Yukon. In consultation with local committees final details of the tour will be settled, with informality the keynote throughout.

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In the development of our natural resources forward steps were taken through the media of federal government expenditures and private capital. Government continued its active program of mineral survey which we hope will be intensified together with large scale assistance in the provision of transportation facilities in the highway field. Private industry concentrated on exploration of designated mineralized areas and in the search for oil and gas at the Arctic circle. These co-operative and related programs are being carried into the present fiscal year and symbolize the faith held in the ultimate future of the considerable segment of Canada represented by the Yukon Territory. Such assurance of support and trust should, I believe, serve to encourage the people of the Yukon to take a new look at their personal positions and, individually or in combination, devote their efforts to the enlargement of those spheres of action in which they alone can participate.

The past year saw little change in the volume of private home building which remained at a low ebb in organized municipalities although continued progress was evident in the Elsa-Calumet area. It is quite apparent that individual home building investment is consequent upon employment conditions of a permanent nature and, therefore, dependent on industrial expansion in both primary and secondary categories. How to best further the establishment of such industries remains a vexing problem engaging the attention and financial resources of both federal and territorial governments.

The integration of our Indian and mixed blood minority into all phases of our economic and social structure must be vigorously pursued as, to a great extent, these people probably constitute the most permanent segment of our population. In the more advanced age groups, so lately removed from their inherited mode of existence, great difficulties may be expected in adaptation to the routines of a different way of life and standards of conduct. In the younger age groups of both sexes natural flexibility together with lifelong exposure to white influences will render the training tasks less difficult. In these processes the full support of all Government agencies concerned can be expected but the sympathetic and generous co-operation of Yukon employers, and in fact of all citizens, is an essential to success. The task before both ourselves and the people of Indian blood directly concerned is not an easy one or of short duration. I would suggest that planning should be on a twenty year basis rather than a shorter term.

The past year saw an improvement in radio communication through the assumption by The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the Whitehorse and Dawson Stations previously operated on a volunteer basis. It is proper, at this point, to pay tribute to the Armed Forces at Whitehorse and to all those individuals who, over the years, gave unselfishly of their time and effort at both stations. It is hoped that an early start can be made on telephone lines between Whitehorse, Mayo and Dawson, bridging the present dangerous gaps and consequent isolation of a considerable portion of our population.

During the past year initial steps were taken for the bridging of the Yukon, Pelly and Stewart Rivers. The contract for the bridge over the Yukon is well advanced and by late spring or early summer this bridge should be in use. Tenders for bridges over the remaining two rivers have been called. Also in 1959-1960, following route surveys, the highway from Flat Creek to Eagle Plains-Fort McPherson was commenced by winter clearing operations. It is anticipated that construction will be vigorously pursued during the coming season.

The returns from moderate territorial taxation have been employed in the provision of enhanced educational facilities, public health and welfare programs, the maintenance of territorial and resource roads, assistance to municipalities and in carrying out the functions of government the cost of all which is constantly increasing. This trend must be accepted if Canada's population in the north is to be given a position of equality in living and cultural conditions with that

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- Bill No. 3 An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance.
- Bill No. 4 An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.
- Bill No. 5 An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance.
- Bill No. 6 An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance.
- Bill No. 7 An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance.
- Bill No. 8 An Ordinance to Amend the Public Health Ordinance.
- Bill No. 9 An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.
- Bill No. 10 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-1960).
- Bill No. 11 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Additional Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory

I thank you Mr. Speaker and members of Council.

Mr. J. Livesey. I would like to thank the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory for his very informative address and assure him that Council will give every consideration to all matters which he has brought for our attention. I thank you.

Mr. J. Smith. Mr. Speaker, I wish to move that the Commissioner's address be tabled and taken into consideration at an early date.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Mr. J. Smith. I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Shaw of Dawson, that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance" be considered and I would ask that this be introduced and take its proper place in the Order paper.

Motion carried.

Mr. C. D. Taylor I beg to move that the Council adjourn until 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. J. Livesey. The Council is now adjourned until 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday, April 4th, 1959
10:00 o'clock a.m.

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

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to discuss the Rules of Council.

Committee of the whole reported an amendment as follows :

"subsection (1) of section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Standing Orders and Rules be amended by

- (a) striking out the figures 1:30 where they appear therein and substituting therefor the figures 2:00 and
- (b) adding thereto the following phrase:-

"and at such other times as Council may deem necessary".

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. J. Smith I move that the following Bill be now read for a first time.

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance.

Mr. J. Smith I move that the following Bill be now read for a second time.

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance.

Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider Bill No. 5

Committee reported as follows :

Bill No. 5 to be discussed further on Tuesday, April 7th, 1959.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Council adjourned at 12:15 o'clock p.m. until Monday April 6th, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Monday, 6th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers after which Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker In view this morning of a very important matter, I think it is quite necessary that Council put forward the usual business and proceedings of the day in order that Mr. Gordon Robertson, Deputy Minister of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources can come before the Council to meet us here this morning and it is also the wish of the Speaker of Council that you concur. I would ask for suggestions from Council on this matter.

Mr. J. Smith I move, Mr. Speaker, that Council forthwith revert to Committee of the whole and that the daily routine be dispensed with at this time.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker We will now attend to the business of the daily routine, first items first. Reports of Committee.

Mr. J. Smith There are no immediate Committee reports to make
Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I will now call for the introduction of Bills.

Mr. C. D. Taylor I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Smith, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 1 An Ordinance respecting the management and control of Hospitals and the Providing of aid thereto.

Agreed

Mr. R. L. McKamey I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Shaw, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 2 An Ordinance to provide for Unemployment Assistance.

Agreed

Mr. G. O. Shaw I beg to move, seconded by Councillor McKamey, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 3 An Ordinance to amend the Game Ordinance.

Agreed

Mr. J. Smith I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Taylor, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 4 An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.

Agreed

Mr. J. Smith /

Mr. J. Smith I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Taylor, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 7 An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance.
Agreed.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Smith, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 8 An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance.
Agreed.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Shaw, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 9 An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.
Agreed.

Mr. C. D. Taylor I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Smith, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 10 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)
Agreed.

Mr. J. Livesey, (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I beg to move, seconded by Councillor McKamey, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 6 An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance.
Agreed.

Mr. J. Livesey, I beg to move, seconded by Councillor McKamey, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 11 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory. (1958-59.)
Agreed.

Mr. Livesey resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker Are there any further introductions of Bills. If there are no further introductions of Bills we will carry on with Notices of Motion.

Mr. Speaker Are there any Notices of Motion?

Mr. J. Smith. I wish to give notice that I will introduce at the next Session of Council the following motions :-

1. That all letters, wires and other communications between the Territorial, Federal and City Governments on the subject of the 4th Avenue Paving project, be tabled for the information of Council at this Session. These papers to cover this subject from its inception until current date.
2. That the Franchise Agreements covering rate structures, entered into between the Yukon Electrical Company and the Territorial Government, covering the areas where the Yukon Electrical Company operates, namely the area of Whitehorse and the area of 1016 on the Alaska Highway, be tabled for the information of Council at this Session. These Franchise Agreements to be both currently existing agreements and those which preceded them, if any are in existence.

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3. That all correspondence, wires and other communications between the administration and other interested parties on the subject of the establishment of a Vocational School in the City of Whitehorse, be tabled for the information of Council at this Session. These papers to cover the subjects since its inception until current date.
4. That all correspondence, wires and other communications, between the administration and other interested parties covering the subject of the proposed inclusion of the area West of 8th Avenue within the city boundaries of Whitehorse, be tabled with the Speaker for perusal of Council at this Session. These papers to cover this matter from the time of its inception to current date.
5. That all correspondence, wires or other communications between the administration and other interested parties on the subject of the establishment of National Health Insurance in Yukon Territory, be tabled with the Speaker for the perusal of Council at this Session. These papers to cover the subject from the time of its inception until current date.

Mr. C. D. Taylor

I wish to give notice that I will introduce at the next Session of Council the following motion :-

6. That as the Territorial Council has a representative on the Hospital Advisory Board, the Minutes of all meetings of this board since its inception, plus all correspondence which this board has entered into, or copies of same, be tabled with the speaker for the perusal of Council at this Session.

Mr. J. Livesey I wish to give notice that I will introduce at the next Session of Council the following motion :-

7. Have any Commissioner's Orders been made, or having come into effect, been made, following the first session of the eighteenth wholly elected Council, that have not been tabled with Council, in accordance with Chapter 77, of the Revised Ordinances of the Yukon, 1958 Section 150, Subsection (2) of the Motor Vehicles Ordinance?

3 o'clock p.m.

The Council resolved into Committee of the whole to meet with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, April 7th, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers after which Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker suggested that a move be made that the daily routine be put forward in order to continue discussions with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins and to meet with Mayor Gordon Cameron and the City Council.

Mr. C.D. Taylor I move that we put forward the daily routine and carry on with more pressing business.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith In order to expedite the business on hand, I suggest that we discontinue in Council and move that we handle the following period as Committee of the whole.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole to meet with the following :-

Mr. R.G. Robertson, Deputy Minister, Department of Northern Affairs
and National Resources,
Commissioner F. H. Collins
Mr. E. R. Olson, Chief, Legal Division, Department of Northern
Affairs and National Resources
Mayor Gordon Cameron,
Councillors : N. V. K. Wylie, J. Howett, H. K. Law.
City Clerk : J. Thompson.

12 o'clock noon

Mr. J. Smith moved that the Speaker resume the Chair.

Mr. C. Taylor seconded.

Mr. Speaker Council is recessed until 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Council was called to order.

The Chairman of the Committee reported as follows :-

We met as Committee of the whole with Mr. R.G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins, to discuss the possibility of a metropolitan area and the paving of Fourth Avenue. No motions were made to bring back to Council, except that Council agreed tentatively that certain proposals be put forth.

Council accepted report of the Committee.

Introduction of Bills - None

Notices of Motion :

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) gave notice that he would introduce at this Session a motion concerning the Elementary School at Carmacks.

Mr. J. Livesey /

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) gave notice that he would introduce at this Session a motion requesting a report from the Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. J. Livesey resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker Are there any further Notices of Motion? None.

Mr. J. Smith I starred questions. Is there any indication when we will get a reply to these questions?

Clerk of the Council I expect you will get a reply by to-morrow.

Public Bills and Orders.

Mr. Speaker To-day we introduce all the remaining Bills that we have on the index. I believe that there was a recommendation with regard to Bill No. 5, "An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance."

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Council go into Committee for the specific purpose of discussing Bill No. 5, "An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance."

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council resolved into Committee in order to discuss Bill No. 5.

Committee reported as follows :-

Bill No. 5 - without amendment.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 5.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move Mr. Speaker, that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to Amend the Interpretation Ordinance."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. C. D. Taylor I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance Respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid thereto."

Mr. J. Smith Seconded.

Mr. Speaker It has been moved that the said Bill be now read a first time. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion? Motion carried. When shall the Bill be read a second time?

Mr. C. D. Taylor I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance Respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid thereto."

Mr. J. Smith Seconded.

Mr. Speaker It has been moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Smith that the Bill be now read a second time. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion? Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Taylor that the Speaker leave the Chair and revert to Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 1.

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Committee reported as follows :

Bill No. 1 - with the following amendment :-

Add immediately following Section 7, the following new section :-

"8. The Hospital Aid Ordinance, being Chapter 53 of the Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, is repealed."

Mr. C. Taylor I move that third reading be held over until the amendment has been added.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Bill No. 10 "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)" be read a first time.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Mr. Speaker Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?
Motion carried. When shall the Bill be read a second time?

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Bill No. 10 "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1956-60)" be read a second time.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Mr. Speaker It has been moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that Bill No. 10 be read a second time. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion? Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and we resolve ourselves into Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 10 "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Motion carried.

Committee reported as follows :

Bill No. 10 In progress.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 2 "An Ordinance to Provide for Unemployment Assistance."

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Mr. Speaker It has been moved by Mr. McKamey, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that first reading be given to Bill No. 2 "An Ordinance to Provide for Unemployment Assistance". Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion? Motion carried. When shall the said Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 2 "An Ordinance to Provide for Unemployment Assistance".

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Council go into Committee to discuss Bill No. 2 "An Ordinance to Provide for Unemployment Assistance"

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.
Motion carried

Committee reported as follows :

Bill No. 2 - dealing with Unemployment Assistance, requires further study of the Committee of the whole. The Bill has been set forward to Saturday morning, the 11th April, at 10 o'clock.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, 8th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker We meet with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins this morning to discuss the matter of the revision of the Yukon Act and therefore it is advisable that our daily routine be put forward. May a motion be made.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that the daily routine be put forward, to discuss the Yukon Act with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker Is it the wish of Council to go into Committee of the Whole?

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Council go into Committee of the Whole to meet with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council resolved into Committee of the Whole.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

5 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Bill No. 10 be put forward to 10 o'clock a.m. Friday, if the Commissioner is available at that time.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 5.00 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday, 9th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. J. Smith Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the daily routine so that Council can go into Committee and have Mr. Deputy Minister and Mr. Commissioner with us at Council.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council resolved into Committee of the Whole for further discussions with Mr. R. G. Robertson and Commissioner F. H. Collins.

11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning Camp Fire Permits.

Mr. Speaker Are there any further Notices of Motion.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning the Forest Supervisor commandeering equipment for forest fire protection.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning financial assistance to small businesses.

Mr. Speaker Are there any further Notices of Motion.

No further Notices of Motion.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 3 "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 3 "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council /

Council resolved into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 3
"An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance", with Dr. W. A. Fuller and
Mr. G. R. Bidlake.

Committee reported as follows :

Bill No. 3 - In progress.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Bill No. 3 be put forward for further
discussion to Thursday, April 16th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday, 10th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Shaw, for leave to introduce a resolution that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to give the Forest Supervisor the right and power to commandeer equipment for the purpose of Forest Fire protection.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Motion No. 3, concerning the commandeering of equipment for Forest Fire protection, be moved forward for discussion at 10 a.m. on Monday the 13th April.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 10

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.

Motion carried.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion on Bill No. 10

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 10 In progress.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday, 11th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. C. Taylor gave notice of motion pertaining to :

- (1) Elections Ordinance
- (2) Electric Power at Watson Lake
- (3) Meeting with Mr. R. G. Clauson of C. M. H. C.
- (4) Villages and Subdivisions.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to continue discussion on Bill No. 10.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 10 In progress.

Council adjourned at 12.00 o'clock noon.

Monday, 13th April 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion regarding the appointment of an Unemployment Insurance Commission Agent in the City of Dawson.

Mr. J. O. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I would like to give notice to Council that it is my intention to introduce a resolution with respect to Second Mortgage Loans in connection with the Low Cost Home Building Programme in the Territory.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move, Mr. Speaker, that Council go into Committee of the Whole to discuss notice of motion re commandeering of equipment for forest fire protection.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.
Motion carried.

Committee reported as follows :-

Further discussion on motion number 3 was put forward to 10.15 Saturday morning, in order to meet with Mr. George Wilson, Forest Engineer.

Bill No. 2 With the following amendment.

Section 4 to be deleted.

Council accepted report of Committee.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 2

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move Mr. Speaker, that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to Provide for Unemployment Assistance."

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.
Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing starred questions with Commissioner Collins

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded.
Motion carried.

Committee reported as follows :-

Satisfactory answers given to the four starred questions.

Council accepted report of Committee.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to the amendment to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 1

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid thereto."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for further discussion on Bill No. 10.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

5 o'clock p.m.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 10 In progress.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, 14th April 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I wish to give notice that I will, at this session of Council, introduce a motion concerning the Deputy Minister of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources attending the next Session of Council.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I wish to give notice that I will at this Session of Council, introduce a motion that additional financial assistance be given to St. Mary's School, Dawson.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to carry on discussion on Bill No. 10

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion on Bill No. 10

5 o'clock p.m.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 10 In progress.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, 15th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning Public Health Nurses.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 10.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 10 with the following amendments :-

Section 2 - the third line - the word "five" to be deleted, and the word "one" to be deleted with the word "nine" inserted in its stead.

Immediately following section 3, the following section to be added :-

"4. (1) The Commissioner may on behalf of the Territory borrow from the Government of Canada and lend to the municipality of the City of Whitehorse from time to time upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, amounts not to exceed in the aggregate one half of the amount by which \$300,000: is less than the total of the expenditures incurred by the Territory during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960, in respect of the carrying out of a road paving project in and adjacent to the municipality of the City of Whitehorse.

(2) For greater certainty but not so as to limit the generality of subsection (1) the expenditures referred to shall be deemed to include expenditures incurred in respect of the project for ;

- (a) subgrade preparation,
- (b) stabilized base course,
- (c) asphalt pavement,
- (d) curb and gutter,
- (e) buttress curb, and
- (f) drainage appurtenances,

but shall not include expenditures incurred in respect of sidewalk relocation, construction or repair.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the Municipal Ordinance the municipality of the City of Whitehorse has the power to borrow from the Commissioner and to contract to repay to him the sums referred to in subsection (2).

(4) Subsection (2) of section 311 of the said Ordinance does not apply to any local improvement constructed as part of the project described in subsection (1)."

Vote 7 of the Schedule to be altered as follows :

Salaries to read "\$11,685.00" The Miscellaneous item of \$4,000.00 to be deleted. The new total for Vote 7 to read "\$18,925.00"

The grand total of Schedule A to read "\$4,280,998.33"

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. C. Taylor /

Mr. C. Taylor I move that first reading be given to the amendment to Bill No. 10 "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill No. 10 "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 10

Mr. J. Smith Seconded Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 4 "An Ordinance to amend the Insurance Ordinance".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 4 "An Ordinance to amend the Insurance Ordinance".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 4.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed discussion and met with Mr. R. Clauson of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to discuss low rental housing.

Committee reported as follows :-

Bill No. 4 In progress.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 7 "An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Ordinance".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 7 "An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Ordinance".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 7

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded Motion carried.

Committee /

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 7 Without amendment.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 7

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. C. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read
"An Ordinance to amend the Municipal Ordinance."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to
Bill No. 9 "An Ordinance to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to
Bill No. 9 "An Ordinance to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and
Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss
Bill No. 9.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 9 Without amendment.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 9

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read
"An Ordinance to amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Thursday, 16th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion that it is advisable that the Territorial Government participate in the cost of hiring a Fire Marshall for the Yukon Territory.

Mr. C. Taylor I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce motions concerning

Vocational School
Library Assistance Programme
Organization of Settlements throughout
the Territory
Resolution pertaining to the Yukon
Historical Society

Mr. J. Smith I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce motions concerning the following Resolutions

Extension of Sewer and Water system to the
area west of Eighth Avenue
Re-distribution of Electoral Districts
Proposed Metropolitan Area

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning the erection of commercial road signs.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Private Members Bills.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 3 In progress. Set forward for further
discussion at 10.30a.m. Monday the 20th.

Council adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of meeting with members of the Yukon Travel Bureau.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I beg leave to bring to the attention of Council a motion seconded by Mr. Taylor, that, in the opinion of this Council, a desperate need for the establishment and maintenance of an elementary public school exists in the village of Carmacks, and that the required number of children of school age, normally resident in the village of Carmacks and surrounding district, in accordance the the requirements and stipulations presently contained in the Yukon School Ordinance, respecting the establishment of such a school, do exist, and would attend such institution, if this necessary measure received immediate and favourable consideration.

Mr. C. Taylor / ...

Mr. C. Taylor

Seconded.

Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members of Council: No doubt you are all aware that the people residing in the village of Carmacks, situated approximately in the center of the Electoral District of Carmacks Kluane Lake Electoral District, have long cherished the hope that Council would some day encourage the people in this area, to build for the future, promote local economic stability, and build a worthwhile community for all those who may desire to settle, and establish homes in the district. The people of Carmacks feel that it is regrettable that this has not been the case in the past, and are confident that if Council will give realistic consideration to their plea, that an Elementary School be located in their village, families will not only be encouraged to settle, but those already residing in the area will continue in residence, thereby contributing to a more stable and harmonious relationship between management and labor, church and congregation, club and membership, family relationships and other advantages too numerous to mention.

Carmacks is a growing community, with three churches, a coal mine, Community Club, General Store, Licensed Hotel, a Territorial Government Road Maintenance Camp, Forestry Station, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Barracks, a brand new bridge over the Yukon River, in process of completion, and a Post Office, but no school. There are many mining ventures in the district some of which are optioned, and at least two expect to commence development within the not too distant future. Other mining interests are doing survey work, and a farm is located approximately 5 miles south of the village.

The owner of the farm has three sons all of school age, now residing in Dawson, Mr. Fairclough has four children all of school age, one living in Whitehorse. Mr. Wheeler two children of school age residing in Whitehorse, Mr. Scanlon one school child in Whitehorse, Mr. Murray a 14 year old boy taking correspondence at home, Edward Corcoran of Midway Lodge, 11 years old is in Whitehorse, Mr. Macdonald of Pelly Crossing has three children all of school age, and in addition there are a number of other children approaching school age.

In consideration of the aforementioned list as described, it would appear that there are sufficient children of the required age, in the immediate and surrounding area, to merit acceptance by Council of the resolution, in accordance with the provisions of the School Ordinance. The present manager of the Coal mine, Yukon Coal Company, has indicated his preference for married men with families, and it is felt by my constituents in this district, that the Territorial Government could give preference to a married man when appointing a Park Warden this year at Carmacks, which, according to my information, is intended to be a permanent position in this field.

In addition, there is, as you know, considerable speculation concerning the establishment of a land line communication system through Carmacks, along the Whitehorse Dawson Highway, which could add to the possibility of more families in the Carmacks area, and a greater need for a school. It therefore gives me great pleasure to recommend to Members of Council that a Territorial School be established, and plans for a suitable building be reviewed as soon as possible.

In the event that consideration could not at present be given to a grant for a new building, may I suggest as an alternative, that a Territorial Government building exists in Carmacks which should either be vacant at present or soon vacant, which could be used as both a school and teacherage. This building was vacant during the period 1955 to 1957, and last year was leased to the Department of Public Works for a period of one year. One half of this building could be used for a school and the other half for a teacherage. Both sections of the building have modern sanitary facilities, hot and cold running water. The building appears to be in good condition, nicely decorated,

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and electric power is available. The people of Carmacks would be well satisfied with this building, or until another suitable structure becomes available. It is the opinion of my constituents in this district, that the teacher selected for the school would find living conditions quite attractive, and an overwhelming welcome waiting, in a friendly co-operative atmosphere.

The people of Carmacks need encouragement, they need the stimulating influence of family life in their community, they need the children at home after school, families need to stay together, and work together, and together share the responsibilities of management and progress in a growing community. In the not too distant future, the highway that passes through this community, may become the lifeline to progress and prosperity for all in Yukon, more people may settle in the area when the road to Ross River comes into its own, agriculture may help to sustain the local economy, and mining ventures provide employment. More traffic on the highway will encourage the building of tourist accommodation establishments, and add to the population and need for education. May we at this time, consider earnestly the need for this assistance at Carmacks, and especially the need for acceptance by Council of this resolution.

Mr. G. O. Shaw - speaking in support of the Resolution.

I feel very strongly that unless we have more married people in the Territory we will not have the degree of permanency which is absolutely necessary before we can have any relative stability. If we decide that we only need have schools in, say Mayo, Dawson and Whitehorse, that means that those are the only places we will have any married people. Therefore, it is quite important, within reason, that we try and establish educational facilities so that we get this degree of permanency that we have to have. I endorse this Resolution of Mr. Livesey's.

Mr. C. Taylor I second that endorsement.

Mr. R. L. McKamey - speaking in support of the Resolution, said he was in full concurrence with Mr. Livesey's submission.

MOTION NO. 1 re Carmacks School. -- Carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I beg to move that in the opinion of Council it is necessary for assistance and control in the protection of the Forests and Game within the Territory, that a system of Camp Fire Permits be introduced, and education pamphlets be included regarding hazards of forest fire with each permit, these permits to be issued without charge.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Mr. Speaker, may I proceed with an address to Council in support of the resolution? Agreed.

Mr. G. O. Shaw The object of these Camp Fire Permits is primarily a form of education in that they make each and every person who is going into the woods aware that they have certain responsibilities for putting out camp fires. I feel that the bother that is involved would pay off in the long run. The Federal Government goes to a lot of trouble to point out to the people that this is a great industry. An industry which can be burned down in a matter of minutes. My idea is to have these permits issued and on the back of them would be "do's" and "dont's". If it prevented one or two large fires in the summer it would be worthwhile.

Mr. R. L. McKamey - speaking in support of the Resolution suggested that a copy of the Forest Fire Permit they have in British Columbia should be taken into consideration.

MOTION NO. 2 re Camp Fire Permits. -- Carried.

Mr. C. D. Taylor /

Mr. C. D. Taylor I beg to move that is is the opinion of Council that certain amendments be made to the Election Ordinance :-

1. British subjects to be included as voters in Territorial elections.
2. Indians be allowed to vote in Territorial elections.
3. Those who have the privilege to vote in the Territorial election may be nominated to seek election in any precinct in Yukon.

Mr. C. D. Taylor Mr. Speaker, may I proceed with an address to Council in support of the resolution? Agreed.

Mr. C. D. Taylor It is my wish to amend the Election Ordinance of the Yukon Territory like to that of the Canadian Federal Election Act, and allow all persons classified as British subjects to enjoy the rights of voting in our Territorial elections.

I feel that we are decadent in our privileges in not being in step with our senior government who grant this favour.

Item 2 of my resolution is for the deletion of the present Act disallowing franchise of our Indian population of voting age. We must again be in step with our parent government. We as a group of law makers have in these two Sessions given a great deal of attention to our Indian population of Yukon, realizing that our population of these people is from 16 to 20 per cent of our total and they must come under our stars as self respecting citizens, and this they cannot do unless they have their franchise.

Further to my resolution, I wish it to be the opinion of Council to return the rights as years gone by that anyone of voting privilege may seek election in any precinct of the Territory. We are looking forward to an extension of the Yukon Act to allow for extra numbers of Councillors and with this executive power - Gentlemen, we cannot close the door to those who may have superior qualities in legislation. We should not fear loss of our seats, it's the peoples choice and the member at their home ridings have a much better lead than an outsider.

Fellow Councillors, I ask you to support this opinion.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Relating to the Indian voting. I cannot see any reason why an Indian should not vote. They have the privilege of voting in the Federal elections. They do not have the privilege of voting in the Territorial elections. Metis are allowed to vote in a Territorial election and I cannot see any reason why we should make all these differences by excluding one and allowing the other. I agree with Item 1 of the Motion but cannot agree with Item 3.

Mr. R. L. McKamey spoke in favour of British subjects being included as voters in Territorial elections.

With regard to the second portion of Councillor Taylor's opinion, I think that if we allow the Indians to vote there should be additional legislation covering anyone making misrepresentations to Indians. I cannot agree with the third portion of Councillor Taylor's opinion.

Mr. J. Smith spoke in favour of British subjects being included as voters in Territorial elections.

As far as an Indian is concerned, I would suggest this. We have laws that an Indian is subject to. I submit that the Indian is part of our laws and therefore he should have a vote. As long as he is subject to our laws, I think he should have a vote in the Territorial elections. I am in full agreement with the first portion of Councillor Taylor's opinion. I would suggest that Item No. 3 is a little premature and I am therefore not in agreement with it.

Mr. J. Livesey spoke in favour of British subjects being included as voters in Territorial elections, and agreed with the second portion of Councillor Taylor's opinion.

With regard to Item 3, I cannot agree with this at the present time. I do not believe it would be good for the Territory at this moment. I would like to bring to the attention of Council the matter of adopting the Canada Elections Act as our system, because I feel that this would eliminate all our problems.

Mr. C. D. Taylor If it is agreeable with Council, I will delete Section 3 of my Motion.

MOTION NO. 5 re Elections Ordinance with Items 1 and 2 - Carried
Item 3 deleted.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

I would like to introduce a motion, seconded by Councillor McKamey, in the form of an opinion of Council, that consideration be given to the eventual establishment with federal financial assistance, of a small businessmen's monetary assistance programme, that would enable owners or operators of bona fide business establishments in rural and other areas, to obtain necessary funds at reasonable rates of interest, for the purpose of expansion and improvement, that cannot be obtained at present through normal channels. It would appear only reasonable to assume that such a programme would, once established, materially assist the efforts of the Yukon Council, and the Federal Government of Canada, to establish the tourist trade as a basic industry in the Territory, by providing more adequate and improved facilities for tourists, and other visitors to the Territory.

Mr. J. Livesey Mr. Speaker, may I proceed with an address to Council in support of the resolution? Agreed.

Mr. J. Livesey This is a matter I have been considering for a considerable period of time. As we heard to-day and as I suggested last week at a Board of Trade dinner, there are two sides to the tourist question. There was the matter of using funds for advertising and bringing people into the Territory especially from the United States and other portions of Canada.

On the other hand there seems to me to be a definite need to assure the tourists when they come to the Territory that they will have a great welcome here and that the accommodation will be, as far as possible, suitable to their needs. I have always felt that we must not only bring tourists to the Territory but we must do something for them. We must improve the facilities that we have here in the Territory. There are a number of places in the Territory where small businesses require loans to add to their present buildings; to put in extra facilities.

This problem that I speak of has been brought to my attention on several occasions and a number of my constituents would like to borrow sums of money and cannot do so. If we instituted this system it is my feeling that these people would be able to borrow from this fund and accomplish this, when they cannot do so now.

I would like to place this before you as I think it is worthwhile to the Territory. I would like you to agree to this resolution on that basis, as I think it would help all the businesses in the Yukon, especially small businesses.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I am in agreement with your resolution. It is a self liquidating proposition. I see no risk attached to this so that all in all it would materially assist small businesses. I am in favour of it.

Mr. C. Taylor Are the loans solely to help small businesses on the Highway for tourist purposes?

Mr. Livesey The main thought in my mind was to give Hotels, Motels and possibly Gas Stations and other small businesses the assistance that they require. I was thinking in terms of Capital expansion.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I am in full agreement with this.

Mr. J. Smith I am in agreement with the principal. It was first taken up in Ottawa in 1951. There are provisions under the Industrial Development Act which could be made operative as far as this is concerned.

Mr. C. Taylor I support the motion.

MOTION NO. 4 re Financial assistance for small businesses - Carried.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m., until 10 o'clock a.m. Friday morning.

Friday, 17th April, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning Predatory Animals.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 4

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Bill No. 4 Without amendment.
Council accepted report of the Committee.

Mr. J. Smith I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 4

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to amend the Insurance Ordinance."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 6 "An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 6 "An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 6.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 6 Without amendment.
Council accepted report of the Committee.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 6

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 8 "An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 8 "An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw /

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 8

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Bill No. 8 Without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 8.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance."

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair).

I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 11 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1958-59)."

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 11 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1958-59)".

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 11.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 11 Without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 11.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Livesey I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance for granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1958-59)".

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss a starred question on subdivisions, practice of sales of lands etc.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee /

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Satisfactory reply was given to Mr. C. D. Taylor's starred question and papers were tabled for all questions under the heading of "Notices of Motion for the production of papers".

Council adjourned at 5.00 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday, April 18th, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning giving preference to local Contractors for Territorial Contracts.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Motion No. 3 - commandeering equipment for fighting forest fires - with Mr. G. Wilson, Forestry Engineer with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

MOTION NO. 3 - Carried - with the following amendment :-

"..... and that the Federal Government make adequate provision for compensation to the owners of such equipment respecting the hire and use thereof."

Mr. G. O. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, the following motion :

WHEREAS the Unemployment Insurance Commission maintains an office in Whitehorse but not elsewhere in the Yukon Territory;

AND WHEREAS during the winter months unemployment in Dawson City is particularly acute with the result that there are quite a number of claimants for unemployment insurance;

AND WHEREAS many of the claimants are unable to effectively correspond with the Unemployment Insurance Commission office in Whitehorse by reason of their inability to write, or to properly express their thoughts on paper, or to understand the complexity of the forms;

AND WHEREAS the task of assisting claimants has had to be assumed by well meaning businessmen who have neither the time nor the knowledge for their task;

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Council of the Yukon Territory that

- (a) there is a requirement for the employment of a person in Dawson City to act on a part time basis as a representative of the Unemployment Insurance Commission for the period October 1st to March 31st each year; and
- (b) consideration be given to employing a local person from Dawson City for this purpose.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Motion No. 9 - Representative - Unemployment Insurance Commission, Dawson.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Committee of the Whole had considered the motion and were in favour of same.

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Council accepted report of Committee.

Motion carried.

Mr. C. D. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following motion :

A resolution that in the opinion of Council that the annual grant be again given to the Yukon Historical Society (operators of McBride Museum) and consideration of an increase due to extras to meet with the visit of Queen Elizabeth the summer of this year.

Mr. Taylor spoke briefly in support of the Motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. C. Taylor, the following motion :

That, in view of the agreement in principal by the senior government officials to the Yukon legislative assembly's desire to increase its numbers to seven, and that as such an increase will involve a re-distribution of the electoral districts in the territory, be it resolved that the Commissioner have prepared by his administrative staff, definite proposals of such a re-distribution for council's consideration at its Fall session, 1959.

Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 12.00 o'clock noon.

Monday, April 20th, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 3

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 3 In progress.

Mr. G. O. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following motion :-
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WHEREAS St. Mary's School, in Dawson City, is a private school operated by the Roman Catholic Church;

AND WHEREAS St. Mary's School is given financial assistance by the Territorial Government in the form of a grant at the rate of \$225.00 per annum per pupil in attendance at the said school;

AND WHEREAS it appears that the financial assistance granted to the said school is insufficient by reason of the fact that the school is unable to meet its normal operating costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of Council that the financial assistance granted to St. Mary's School, Dawson City, be increased so as to permit the said school to meet its normal annual operating costs.

Mr. G. O. Shaw speaking in support of the Resolution.

They are having quite a time operating the School. What happens is that in January and February sometimes it gets quite cold and the school is closed down possibly for two or three weeks. When that occurs the grant is cut off for the period that the school is closed down. The grant is based on the pupil per day attendance. As you are aware the expenses of the school go on just the same; it makes no difference if the school is closed or whether it is open. I can assure you the school does not close down unless it is for a very good reason. I feel that if they could receive \$250.00 per child it would not be unreasonable. Even when expenditures are kept to the minimum the school is still about \$2,000: in the hole each year. They feel their expenses continue just the same whether the children are attending or not.

Mr. J. Smith I think this is a straightforward type of situation. It is my understanding that this is operated as a private school. I think myself that what we are calling for is a very just and sound situation whereby we are asking that the administration go into the financial side and see if this increase is not justified. The matter should be gone into fully to see whether a further grant is not justified. I support this particular direction to administration.

MOTION NO. 12 re St. Mary's School Carried.

Mr. C. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following motion :

It is the opinion of Council that it be imperative the proposed Vocational School in Whitehorse embody courses suitable for girl students as : Hair dressing, Dress making, Laundering, Home making, Child Care, Cooking, Food serving, Nurses Aid.

Mr. C. Taylor speaking in support of the Resolution:

As worded in the motion, it is imperative that the girl students be embodied in the curriculum of the planned

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vocational school. We as a group passed certain sums for the commencement of the building and I feel that definite direction should be placed by us to see that these sums be placed where public opinion and the best interest of the people is at heart.

I have many resolutions signed by responsible organizations representing southern Yukon; one in particular from the Indian advancement who feel that the girls of their own should have opportunities in this new house of learning.

It is said in respect to the Indian people that at present without the teaching of the trades, the male is not able to earn enough to marry his kind and support a home. This is true but if the partner of this union is not ready to meet with the needs as a good home maker and a mother, the whole cause will be lost for another generation.

Again, in our High School, is there an interesting enough programme for our girls who are not able to go on in academic or the University programme. Such opportunities as mentioned in the resolution could allow all girls to fit into our economy and as well have fundamentals of home.

Further to the motion, this school is for all of the Yukon an opportunity for those in every corner of our vast Territory and I am sure fellow Councillors that with existing supervised hostels and dormitories here - a plan as outlined for studies for girls will be advantageous to your areas.

I solicit your vote in this Territorial opinion.

Mr. J. Smith I think this is very good. There seems to be a lot of question in the general public's minds as to the provision that is going to be made regarding the girls participation in this particular project. I think it sound advice to give administration lines to work on.

MOTION NO. 15 re Vocational School. Carried.

Mr. J. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. C. Taylor, the following motion:-

That in view of the desirability of extending sewer and water services to the area West of 8th Avenue in the Whitehorse area, and before action can be taken on this matter proper estimates and plans are required, be it resolved that the Commissioner be empowered to proceed to have such a survey undertaken immediately.

Mr. J. Smith speaking in support of the Resolution:

This follows a Resolution that we saw fit to pass at the last Session and also is a follow-up of the discussion we had with the Deputy Minister when he was here. The problem cannot be dealt with further until actual costs are known in connection with this particular project.

Concerning the possible cost of this survey and the drawing up of plans, I am not in a position to offer Council the exact number of dollars that would be involved. If we saw fit to accept this Resolution, the Commissioner could include a sum of \$1.00 in the Supplementary Estimates which would infer that he had the right to undertake this project. The money would be fully recoverable as part of the cost of any plan that Council saw fit to agree to.

Mr. R. L. McKamey If we agree to the essence of this resolution it would be only to empower the Commissioner to proceed with the survey of an extension of the sewer and water system?

Mr. J. Smith That is correct, Mr. Speaker. This is simply to have the estimates and plans drawn up for the extension of the sewer and water system to the area west of 8th Avenue.

Mr. C. Taylor /

Mr. C. Taylor

There are three questions I would like to ask.

1. The purpose of this is to put it on a self-liquidating basis?
2. Is this area the responsibility of the Territorial government at the present time?
3. Do you feel this would be a step in which the responsibility of operation would fall into the hands of the City?

Mr. J. Smith.

It certainly would be a self-liquidating plan Mr. Speaker.

The responsibility of that area at the present time is definitely the Territorial governments.

The operations end of this system would definitely be the responsibility of the City.

MOTION NO. 19 re Extending sewer and water system to area west of 8th Avenue.

Carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, the following motion:

WHEREAS,

1. The estimates of the Yukon Territory for the fiscal year 1959-60 contained items totalling approximately \$4,200.00 to be expended towards the control of predatory animals, and more particularly the control of wolves.

2. During the fiscal year 1958-59 expenditures totalling approximately \$3,200.00 were directed towards the control of predatory animals and approximately 42 wolves were known to have been poisoned.

3. It appears that during the fiscal year 1958-59 an unnecessarily large sum of money has been expended having regard to the results achieved.

4. The Council of the Yukon Territory saw fit to delete from the estimates for the fiscal year 1959-60 the items respecting the control of predatory animals.

5. It is recommended that, notwithstanding the action of the Council, certain sums of money should be set aside for expenditure towards the control of predatory animals.

6. It is further recommended that the said sums of money should be

- (a) fixed from year to year,
- (b) apportioned between well defined areas throughout the Territory according to the needs of the inhabitants of those areas,
- (c) expended by paying therefrom a fixed sum to each person who produces
 - (i) evidence of a wolf having been killed, and
 - (ii) a statutory declaration setting forth particulars of where and how the wolf was killed.

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Council of the Yukon Territory that the foregoing recommendations concerning the control of predatory animals be adopted and acted upon forthwith.

Mr. G.O. Shaw /

Mr. G. O. Shaw, speaking in support of the Resolution :-

I have yet to find anybody that was in agreement with the poison programme. It kills a lot of other game besides wolves. I feel this is not an economical means of destroying wolves and would recommend that an amount of \$10.00 per wolf be paid on bounty. I feel this would be a much better manner of controlling predatory animals.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I am in full concurrence with Mr. Shaw's submission. I would just like to add that poisoning a wolf is like shooting an animal that is swimming in the water. It also kills off birds and a lot of other animals. I am in full agreement with the Resolution.

Mr. C. Taylor Does Councillor Shaw really feel that wolves are out of hand in the Yukon Territory. Is his suggestion of \$10.00 per wolf for the purpose of predatory control or is it for the purpose of giving sums of money to people who are less fortunate than other people in the Yukon Territory? Do you feel that this programme should be instituted on a year to year basis?

Mr. G. O. Shaw I can see no reason why it shouldn't be.

Mr. J. Smith As I am no authority on this matter I cannot pass any judgment as to whether or not Councillor Shaw's Resolution is right or not. There is evidently no question at all, both from our discussions here and earlier discussions, whether or not wolves should be controlled. The question seems to be whether we are going to control them by a bounty or by a poisoning campaign.

Administration has to be considered. They are entitled to know whether or not we wish them to lay on a programme over the years of controlling predatory animals by bounty or whether they are to be controlled by poisoning or other means. It would appear that the majority favour the deletion of the poisoning system. I support Councillor Shaw's Resolution that the poisoning programme should be brought to a proper and organized conclusion. I submit that this is a suggested method of getting the cooperation of administration and bringing about the necessary control of predatory animals.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I think that we are after a more responsible form of government. We are reaching for it with one hand and throwing it out with the other hand. It seems that the people who are living in the outlying areas, who live with the wolves, should have something to say on the matter.

MOTION NO. 23 - Control of Predatory Animals CARRIED, with Councillor C.D. Taylor voting against.

Mr. R. L. McKamey, moved, seconded by Mr. C. D. Taylor, the following motion.

A Resolution, in the form of an opinion of Council, that preference be given by the Territorial Government respecting bids on all Territorial Government contracts, to establish business organizations in the Territory whether incorporated, partnership or individual, and that such, as aforementioned, be required to have been licensed in the Territory for a period of six months, and further, that a five percent preferential tariff be allowed to holders of Yukon licences, in accordance with the stipulations herein contained,

Mr. R. L. McKamey, speaking in support of the Resolution :-

There has been considerable discussion amongst the small contractors in the Yukon. It is my contention that these small contractors have more or less pioneered here and in the last few years they have been working under conditions that make it very hard to operate. The seasonal conditions make it hard to operate.

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Companies that are registered outside the Yukon have more than one operation and they have a lot of equipment they can operate in the Yukon in the summer. Any contractor that wishes to go into the contracting business in British Columbia has to be resident six months prior to bidding. I feel that a contractor here in the Yukon should have the same protection. I am referring to Territorial government contracts, not to Federal government contracts. I think something should be done about this. I think it would assist administration in giving them any information they required on any construction company.

MOTION NO. 24 - Letting of Territorial
Government Contracts CARRIED.

Council adjourned at 12.00 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 3

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Bill No. 3 Without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 3 "An Ordinance to amend the Game Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance to amend the Game Ordinance".

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following motion :-

WHEREAS at present there is a requirement in various settlements in the Territory for medical services that are normally provided by a Public Health Nurse;

AND WHEREAS there are in the Territory insufficient Public Health Nurses to meet the requirements;

AND WHEREAS at present qualified nurses who are not Public Health Nurses are not permitted to give the service required;

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of Council that a registered nurse be employed where it is not possible to obtain the services of a fully qualified Public Health Nurse and that the registered nurse so employed be permitted to perform, where possible, similar functions as would otherwise be performed by a Public Health Nurse.

Mr. G. O. Shaw, speaking in support of the Resolution:

It seems to be difficult to procure Public Health Nurses. There are areas in the Territory that do not have Public Health Nurses who are qualified to give preventive medicine. This Resolution is to the effect that the Territory employ registered nurses in the capacity of Public Health Nurses.

MOTION NO. 13 - Public Health Nurses CARRIED.

Mr. J. Smith /

Mr. J. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. C. Taylor, the following motion :-

RESOLUTION. The Council of the Yukon Territory wishes to bring the following considerations to the attention of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources:

1. During the last war a great deal of land in the vicinity of Whitehorse was occupied for war purposes, including the area immediately above the city and large areas within the city, which have complicated its growth and development.
2. Federal developments, especially for military housing, since the war, have created a number of self-contained communities on the edge of Whitehorse which involve separate organization of sewer, water, garbage removal, fire protection, and other services.
3. The limited city boundaries, with the interspersion of the communities referred to above has led to the unplanned and uncontrollable growth of fringe and "ribbon" areas.
4. The growth of an integrated and well planned community for the future will be impossible unless a plan is worked out to extend the boundaries of the city and to include the present federal communities with integration of services and suitable financial arrangements.

WHEREAS, as indicated above, the present situation has, in large part, been created by the size and character of federal developments in and around Whitehorse;

AND WHEREAS both the Territorial Council and the Council of the City of Whitehorse consider it is a matter of urgency to provide a solution to the present situation in order that future growth may be on a planned and economic basis;

AND WHEREAS a solution is not possible without a study of the problems by the federal government and its co-operation in suitable arrangements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Yukon Territory request the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources:

- (a) to have an investigation undertaken, at the earliest possible moment, by suitable qualified experts on municipal matters into problems created in and around the City of Whitehorse by federal areas and developments that might be integrated with the City for orderly planning and development in the future,
- (b) to direct such experts to prepare recommendations as to the basis on which normal development of the City, with boundaries extended so that the City may carry out a program for comprehensive planning and control, might be undertaken in the future.

Mr. J. Smith Are we in favour of the Motion?

MOTION NO. 21 - Metropolitan area. CARRIED.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, the following motion :

A resolution, that in the opinion of this Council, consideration be given to a request, that the Federal Government advance to the Territorial Government, adequate funds to provide for second mortgages on homes, in order to augment and assist the building of low cost homes in the Territory, and the low cost home building program.

Mr. J. Livesey /

Mr. J. Livesey, speaking in support of the Resolution:

As there may be some doubt as to the actual intent of this Resolution, I would like to bring to your attention the two types of programs that presently exist in the Territory. One is the low rental housing program and the other is the low cost home building program.

This particular Resolution that I have brought before you is partially because there are a number of people who wish to build better homes in the Territory. These cannot be built under the present limitations of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation of \$12,800: and it is for those people that we wish to bring this Resolution relative to Second Mortgages into being. This will give citizens who wish to do so, the opportunity of taking advantage of it.

I feel that Council will agree that if we ask that this matter be agreed to, we will be helping to build better homes in the Territory and eliminating some of the eyesores that we see here at present.

(Mr. Livesey read an extract from Hansard in which Mr. Green and Mr. Erik Nielsen referred to the matter.)

Mr. J. Smith Apparently the matter has come up on the floor of the House of Commons and apparently they are prepared to investigate if they get a recommendation from the Councillors on the matter.

MOTION NO. 10 - Second Mortgages CARRIED.

Mr. G. O. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, the following motion:

Be it resolved that it is the opinion of Council that in the area North of the 64th parallel Indians and Eskimos be permitted to take such number of Caribou as will meet their actual food and clothing requirements.

MOTION NO. 25 - Indians and Eskimos taking Caribou North of the 64th parallel. CARRIED.

Mr. C. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following Motion:

A resolution, that in the opinion of Council consideration be given to the establishment of a government library assistance program. This to aid existing volunteer libraries and institute a mobile-van system in areas without libraries.

Mr. C. Taylor, speaking in support of the Resolution:

At the present time I understand there are four established libraries in the Yukon as well as various D. N. D. libraries. I do not discredit the good work that has gone before nor is it to undermine what is being done.

I place a rough plan before you, not by any means mine, but I am very interested in it.

1. Build in Whitehorse a Territorial book depot in conjunction with a possible I.O.D.E. program of new Public Library, this depot to be a distribution centre to feed other libraries with new books and at the same time direct operation of a Van system to service areas in Yukon now denude of reading services. This system will enable us to keep our whole system up to date.

2. The Van system is self-explanatory :-

Cost - Capital	\$50,000
Yearly operational expenses.	\$17,500

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The plan is a need in Yukon for better reading, and to put an end to our children reading horror magazines.

Mr. J. Smith I feel that this particular program is well worth getting Council's agreement at this particular time, because the possibilities of having this travelling library have not been very good up to now. Once the Bridges are in we are going to have the main centres of population connected all year round. I feel this is a wonderful step in the right direction as far as the Territory is concerned. I think it is the right approach to take the library to the people. I think this is the right time for it to be gone into.

Mr. J. Livesey I would say that that is quite a venture in expenditure. Due to the fact that the inhabited centres are so far apart, the travelling of the proposed Van may be the greater part of the expense. As far as the books are concerned I agree. Due to the fact that our population outside of Whitehorse is so scattered, I wonder whether it could not be carried on by mail or whether it could not be carried on by existing services that we have on the Highway at the moment.

Mr. C. Taylor With regard to using existing transportation facilities we have in the Territory now. If we can circumvent a capital expense of \$17,500 then by all means I agree that it should be done.

Mr. J. Smith I feel that we can get a grant from the Canada Council. This is the type of thing that would appeal to them. If we could use any existing means of transportation, what you would see would be the start of a program, and in a few years time there might be mobile-van service to assist them.

Mr. C. Taylor, moved, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, that the Resolution be amended to read as follows :-

A resolution that in the opinion of Council consideration be given to the establishment of a government library assistance program. This to aid existing volunteer libraries and consider instituting a mobile-van system in areas without libraries.

MOTION NO. 16 AMENDMENT CARRIED. Library Assistance Program.

Mr. J. Smith I move that the Rules of Council be set aside to allow for re-introduction of Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid thereto."

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Mr. Speaker, I would like to convey to administration, on behalf of the people of Dawson, their thanks for the very prompt manner in which they carried out the work on the Ogilvie Bridge.

I commend the Territorial Public Works Department for the efficient manner in which they completed this operation.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1959
9 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. J. O. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair). I wish to give notice that I will at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning the Destruction Bay School.

Mr. R. L. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, the following motion:

A Resolution, that in the opinion of this Council, it is advisable that the Federal Government and the Territorial Government participate in the cost of hiring a Fire Marshall for the Yukon.

Mr. R. L. McKamey speaking in support of the Resolution :

The reasons why I think we need a Fire Marshall in the Yukon are I think very obvious in certain areas. (Mr. McKamey then read an extract of a letter from the Mayo Fire Department).

I feel that a Fire Marshall could make a full time job in the Yukon. There are other jobs that he could take on. It appears that there is a lot of inferior fire fighting equipment being sold in the Territory, which should be stopped.

Approximately two years ago the old school at Dawson burnt down. It burnt a day or so after the school was out thank goodness. Nevertheless the doors to the school opened inward and not outward.

Mr. J. Smith In connection with this particular Resolution, I think it is a very fine thing. The Inspector of Buildings presently carries out the work of Fire Marshall, but with the amount of work involved I think the necessity of having a full time Fire Marshall is very definite. Saving people from the ineptness of themselves is exactly what the Fire Marshall's job is.

Mr. C. Taylor I feel that if a Fire Marshall was placed at the disposal of the Territory it would give a great deal of protection to the people of the Territory. I think if administration establish such a man as Mr. McKamey speaks of, it would be to the benefit of all concerned.

MOTION NO. 14 - Fire Marshall for the Yukon. CARRIED.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey, the following motion :

A Resolution that, in the opinion of Council, certain changes and alterations should be made to Commissioner's Order No. 1958-28 respecting commercial and other road signs, and that the present order be repealed, and substituted by a new set of regulations.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Motion No. 22 concerning commercial and other road signs.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows:

The Committee has accepted the recommendations of the Resolution.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

MOTION NO. 22 - Commercial Road Signs. CARRIED.

Mr. J. Livesey/.....

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. G. O. Shaw, the following motion :

A Resolution that in the opinion of this Council consideration be given to the need for a review of the present operating conditions of the Kluane Lake School at Destruction Bay and further that adequate provision be made for an increased number of pupils before the Fall term.

Mr. J. Livesey speaking in support of the Resolution :

As you know, the schools along the Alaska Highway are operated on the basis of part Department of National Defence and part Territorial Government. At Destruction Bay there has long been a need for a larger school and not being a Territorial problem with respect to the building, they have carried on in the same building as was supplied quite some time ago by the Department of National Defence. This year they will encounter a very difficult problem. They have approximately sixteen or eighteen pupils in a small school. The problem is that when the new school term opens there is reported to be approximately twenty-eight children who will try and attend this school. Several people have come to see me and they have brought a petition.

I would personally like Council to agree with me and give me the assistance required with respect to helping the people at Destruction Bay and asking that the administration in the Territory and the Department of National Defence jointly work out a favourable solution so that the children at Mile 1083 can enjoy adequate schooling and continue to live in that area. I understand that the teacher in that area would stay if something could be done with the school, but will ask for a transfer elsewhere if nothing is done. I would like your assistance to help out in this respect.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Unless we encourage these small schools in the Territory we will never have the permanency that we require in the Territory. There have been many cases where people have left the Territory because of inadequate facilities for school children. I am in full agreement with Mr. Livesey's resolution.

MOTION NO. 26 - Destruction Bay School, CARRIED.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss the problems in connection with a National Health Scheme with Mr. R. J. Orange.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

2 o'clock p.m.

Committee discussed Motion No. 6 - a Petition from Watson Lake Motors Ltd. regarding a franchise to distribute electrical energy in the settlement of Watson Lake.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :-

Council has been in Committee of the Whole since 11 a.m. during which time they heard from Mr. Orange regarding a hospitalization scheme for the Yukon.

After resuming sitting at 2 o'clock p.m. they heard Councillor Taylor's Motion No. 6, as follows :

The following Petition :- That in the opinion of Council consideration be given to granting Watson Lake Motors Ltd. a franchise to distribute electrical energy in the settlement of Watson Lake.

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The following Motion was made in Committee by Mr. C. D. Taylor, seconded by Mr. G. O. Shaw :-

To the best interest of the people of Watson Lake, I recommend that Council turn this Petition over to the Commissioner to contact Northern Canada Power Commission with any other Petition to receive immediate fact findings and have same reported back to Council.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Councillor Taylor's motion was voted on and carried.

MOTION NO. 6 - Electric Power at Watson Lake CARRIED.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto", be re-introduced.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto".

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 1 "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto."

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 1

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Bill No. 1 Without amendment.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 1.

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Taylor I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance respecting the Management and Control of Hospitals and the Providing of Aid Thereto."

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Taylor, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 12 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory. (1957-58)

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 12 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1957-58)"

Mr. C. D. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 12 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1957-58)"

Mr. C. D. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith /

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 12

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Bill No. 12 Without amendment.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 12.

Mr. C. D. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. R. L. McKamey I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1957-58)"

Mr. C. D. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I beg to move, seconded by Councillor Smith, for leave to introduce the following Bill :-

Bill No. 13 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, (1959-60)

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that first reading be given to Bill No. 13 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)"

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that second reading be given to Bill No. 13 "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory. (1959-60)"

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith I move that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 13.

Mr. C. Taylor Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Bill No. 13 Without amendment.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that third reading be given to Bill No. 13

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. G. O. Shaw I move that the Bill be passed to read "An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain additional sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (1959-60)"

Mr. J. Smith Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Smith As all the items on the Order paper have been dealt with and as there are no further motions before the house, I would move that the Speaker leave the Chair and Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear further from Mr. Orange.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Seconded. Motion carried.

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Committee of the Whole reported as follows :

Discussion with Commissioner Collins and Mr. Orange on the inauguration of a hospitalization scheme in the Yukon.

Mr. J. Smith I wish to give notice that I will, at this Session of Council, introduce a motion concerning a National Hospitalization Scheme.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 1959
10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer, after which Council was called to order.

Mr. J. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. C. Taylor, the following motion :-

Be it resolved in the opinion of this Council, that negotiations between the Federal and Territorial governments toward the implementation of hospital insurance in Yukon, be proceeded with immediately, so legislation will be presented to Council at its Fall session 1959 and an agreed upon scheme be ready for operation at the start of the Territorial fiscal year - April 1, 1960.

And further be it resolved that as at no time has the total patient bed day cost in a Territorial hospital ever exceeded \$25.00 and had the Territorial hospital system been continued in operation, it is unlikely that this cost would have been exceeded, but in the case of the present Northern Health Services Hospital at Whitehorse this figure will most likely be exceeded - that this figure be the maximum to be used in computing the contribution of the Territory to this plan and all costs in excess of \$25.00 per patient bed day be borne directly by the Federal government and not be a burden on the Territorial scheme.

And further be it resolved that as 17% of our population is of Indian status, that the full cost of hospitalization of this segment of the population be borne in full by the Federal government.

Mr. J. Smith I earnestly solicit your support for the principal that is embodied in the Motion.

Mr. C. Taylor I feel that this is very sound. We cannot hope to get a hospitalization scheme in the Territory unless we can get a controllable base.

MOTION NO. 27 - National Hospitalization Scheme. CARRIED.

Mr. Speaker We have set aside this morning for a reply by Council to the speech from the throne.

Mr. G. O. Shaw Mr. Speaker and fellow Council Members, it was with pleasure that I listened to the Commissioner's address, in which were outlined some of the Governments proposals for the present year, also many of the projects that have been completed this last year.

The fact that we now have two Canadian Broadcasting Corporation stations in the Territory with regular daily news of Canadian events reminds us that we are also a part of Canada, and personally Mr. Speaker I can assure you that this is a new experience for me after living in the Yukon for over twenty years and, I might add, most gratifying. My wish is that in time this service will be extended to cover a larger area of this Territory and it would appear that this will be the case when the proposed land line to the Northern areas becomes a fact.

I will not itemize the many worthwhile projects that the Federal Government has brought into being this last year and in the efficient manner in which the Administration has fulfilled them. I feel that credit is certainly due the many departments of the government for their efforts in the building of the new hospital, also bridges, roads, geological surveys and so on. With the forward view of developing the natural resources of this Territory, there is no question in our minds that these projects in time will bear substantial returns for the future economic well being of Canada.

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Our efforts in requesting a more responsible form of government for this Territory is also most pleasing, by the sympathetic and understanding manner in which they have been received I feel sure that these first steps will have a secure foundation from which to build.

I have dwelt to some extent on the many worthwhile projects that are directly concerned with our natural resources from a long-range viewpoint; these resources will have to sustain the economic future of this Territory.

For a stable economy and to exploit effectively, and to the full, the natural resources that will be brought to light, requires the parallel development of our second resource; by this I mean the Human Resource. By Human Resources, which are people, I particularly stress Settlements and Communities of a more or less permanent nature, to assure this degree of permanency of settlement which we must have if we are to advance. We must encourage and develop these Human Resources in as sensible a manner as would be given to the economics of exploiting natural resources.

An inflated wage scale is not the answer to encouraging this permanency of settlement which is so necessary. This will have the direct result of increasing the cost of the product to a point where it is economically impractical to operate and entirely excludes many marginal operations, thereby making only the richest of properties workable.

Different countries have various means of opening unsettled areas. I understand there are many cities and large communities in Siberia where weather conditions are very similar to what we have here. Their method of developing the human resources in these areas is most effective, and relatively simple, a survey establishes the requirement of a particular area, a directive fulfills that requirement.

This applies to the huge labor needs; it is very likely that to secure key personnel, concessions and inducements are necessary. This manner of exploiting the human resource need not take any of our attention. It is apparent that this method is as foreign to us as the country using it.

To observe another countries method of developing their Human Resource in the North, we may look to the 49th State of the Union. In Alaska, to secure migration, an inflated economy is used. Wages are such that the inducement is there to help populate the State. The economy of this method is good for the present, but unstable and poor for the future.

I will now offer you Mr. Speaker other methods of developing and acquiring Human Resources; these methods have been used for years right here in the Yukon and have proven extremely effective.

The Federal Government have in their various departments, two equally effective ways of securing all the volunteers necessary to carry out the functions of government. The method I believe to be used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is generally by volunteers for Northern Service, though in some instances, and in some cases, revert to a similar system to that which I referred to while discussing Russian methods - they are simply posted up here.

The other departments of government not having the disciplinary control over their employees use a slightly different means of securing volunteers for the North. In recognizing the need of an inducement to secure voluntary Northern Service the government came up with the plan of a Northern Allowance. This Northern Allowance is borne by all the people of Canada. It is fair and just, being an equalizer for the extra cost of living here.

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To extend this fair and just Northern living allowance to all of the Yukon people, so that not just the favoured few are equalized, will completely solve the problem of developing our most important resource, the Human Resource, without which the natural resource is completely stagnant. This could be effectively and fairly dealt with through our department of National Revenue.

Income Tax exemptions could be, and will in fact, have to be adjusted to equality if we ever hope to encourage people to live here with any degree of permanency of settlement.

It is a well known fact that centralization of population in Canada is becoming more evident each year. To partially combat this move, now is the time to induce migration to our last frontier, The North.

To be realistic however, what person would move from the Sunny South to the rigours of Northern latitudes, without incentive. Business has to date provided the incentive, to its economic limit. I feel the Government has rightly recognized the actual and potential natural resources. I now ask them to recognize the Human Resource in which they certainly have their degree of responsibility.

These two resources, as well adjusted partners, will assure the future of this Territory, and of Canada, by encouraging more people to live here, and to thereby develop and bring to an earlier maturity the faith in the North we all have.

Mr. R. L. McKamey Mr. Speaker and members of the Yukon Legislative Council, it is a great pleasure as the member of the Mayo Electoral District, to be allowed to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne, that Mr. Collins, the Commissioner of the Yukon, so graciously read at the beginning of this our second session.

As the elected representative of my constituents, I have endeavoured to organize and construct a foundation of responsible government, based on the inalienable right of each of our northern residents to freely express their opinions and desires. This we have achieved through the formation of civic minded groups within our constituency, enabling us to consummate public opinion and desire with respect to the administration of Yukon Affairs, which are so vitally important to all of us who call the Yukon our home.

Unfortunately however, many of these submissions have become involved in the ridiculous entanglement of red-tape, so often encountered when dealing with Federal and Territorial administrations, and in many instances such representations have fallen far short of realization. It is therefore clearly evident that this most deplorable situation is seriously retarding the future development of our Territory, and could have a paralyzing effect on Yukon economy.

It is not my desire to cast any aspersions on all of our Departmental heads in Ottawa, as it is obvious that the Yukon has many assiduous friends in the East. I would feel remiss in my duties if I were to fail at this moment to comment on the support and cooperation our Yukon Council has received from the Minister and Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

However, back in Ottawa, the nerve centre of the Nation, there is a very inconceivable and highly mysterious power, and this same financial influence could prove detrimental to future development of our natural resources, thereby retarding economic and structural development here in the Yukon Territory. In short, we must discourage monopolistic control of these resources by private interests.

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Let us briefly look at one of the major problems facing representatives of the Yukon Council. I feel that as a representative of the citizens of the Yukon, I am also representing the Taxpayers of Canada and now is the time that this money be directed into the proper channels, and not into the hands of exploiters. To achieve this end, it will take unity, and men with guts, definitely not "Yes Men". How are we going to accomplish this? This answer is simple; teamwork with a unified purpose, and determination to do what is just and right for the common good of all.

I have expressed dissatisfaction with a programme which calls for a great expenditure of public funds, in relation to the construction of the Flat Creek - Ft. McPherson Road. As I have already stated on many occasions, in my opinion this is a terrific waste of public money. I feel sure that insufficient investigation relative to a more acceptable and profitable route was not taken. My every-day experience, relative to prospecting and mining in the Wind River Area, and other areas of which I am thoroughly familiar, has led me to believe that there is no question concerning which is the better route. There are numerous advantages which I could freely enumerate, to show that this is so. Surely by now, the authorities responsible for what could be termed a tin-pot decision, are aware that the people in the Yukon, who live here, know something about the difference between the possibilities and construction difficulties in both areas. This entire matter has been brought to the attention of the Federal Government and the Department responsible for the work presently going on, and still they are not as yet convinced that they are on the wrong road through nowhere. This may not be exactly an Igloo to Igloo operation, but in my opinion it is a boghole to snowdrift fiasco. Perhaps the engineers are looking for an underground passage or making water tests in the area. Soon, no doubt, extra expenditures will be needed for grave-stones to commemorate the memories of buried CATS. It is now a question of when sanity will return to those responsible for the expenditure of Federal tax dollars, and the self liquidation of assets derived from the staking of oil leases in the Peel Plateau. No doubt time will prove my point, and our childrens children may look forward to the breaking of trail through the Wind River valley, after the turn of the century.

Being so thoroughly disgusted with this whole matter, I would now like to turn briefly to the serious problem of communication in the Yukon. There are, for instance, in my constituency alone, over fifteen hundred residents, who even to-day, do not enjoy the modern utilities, such as Long Distance Telephone, and local radio broadcasting. Our only recourse at the present with regard to such Radio entertainment may be found in the Short Wave bands, where we must rely on The Voice of America and Radio Moscow for the daily news of the world around us. No doubt a relatively small expenditure here could materially improve this situation, and provide these people with communication and entertainment, so essential to the morale and general well-being of those residing in isolated regions. In addition we must link these areas with adequate land-line facilities, something we presently lack in some parts of the Yukon.

Our Yukon Council is faced with many problems involving education, health, welfare and so on, and it is my sincere hope that by tackling these problems with perservance and determination, we may enjoy a future of unity and prosperity.

Mr. C. D. Taylor Mr. Speaker and Honourable Council Members. At this time I would like to go back to our opening address last Fall at the first session. I feel sure since that time we have made progress - nevertheless on reviewing my speech find little to add except that we have only scratched the surface of these objectives; Indian development, improvement in education, more consideration to the unincorporated communities, inclusion of those now managing to evade

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our taxation system, strength in Council by the increase of our numbers and also a medium of regular communication between administration and members while out of Council.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commissioner for his concise opening of this session.

Mr. J. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members of Council:

It gives me great pleasure to be here in Whitehorse once again, after an invigorating winter in one of the remote areas in this great Territory, one of the new communities that are showing evidence of growth and expansion throughout the length and breadth of this great northern country of ours. These settlements form part of a network of new outposts of civilization. They must be encouraged to grow and prosper. They are pioneers that have left the more populated places and have shown a great willingness to cope with the raw elements of wilderness and space, and now see the need for organization and readjustment. It is part of the natural order of things, the initial stage of individual attack in passing, and the next stage in showing the need for change, from rugged individualism to planned well organized community living.

This is part of our growing up period, it means that the problems of the larger more advanced communities are now passing, through growth, to the small communities. They are experiencing the same identical growing pains, searching for ways and means to solve new problems, seeking advice, and searching for leadership. They look to this government for that leadership. The mistakes of planning in the past must not be repeated. A sound, progressive well balanced townsite planning program is essential to the normal growth of new communities and immediate and serious consideration should be given to this, by the government of the Territory.

In these communities of which I speak, associations are forming, community clubs are holding regular meetings, and all showing a greater interest in the public affairs of the Territory. This is as it should be. We need a strong and vigorous, keenly interested people in this Territory, let apathy remain in the past, and deep concerned interest be our goal in the future that lies ahead. Communities such as Watson Lake and Haines Junction are forming citizen's committees, principally no doubt, because these areas see the need for accepting more responsibility in community affairs, and are not as yet, sufficiently advanced, or in a position financially, to support a Municipal Council.

A very deep and concerned interest is now shown in education, new Parent Teacher's Associations are being formed, and a number of subjects relating to education discussed. Parents are exceedingly anxious that their children receive the best of education, and that such be based on the higher standards set in Canada. A number of our people are wondering why the Yukon School Curriculum is based on the standard of education in British Columbia, which according to certain sources, is a lower standard than that set for other Provinces, notably Ontario. The difference in the standard of education between the Provinces would appear to spotlight the necessity to review the British North America Act, in order to change the conditions contained therein which allow for such to exist. It would appear to be expedient that this change be made, in order that our young people receive a uniform standard of education throughout the length and breadth of this country.

At the first session of the present Council, during the month of October 1958, it was my honor and privilege to introduce a resolution, subsequently passed by Council, which proposed

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that the Federal Government in co-operation with the Territorial Government, establish a special committee to assess the agricultural potential of Yukon, with a view to accelerating, with Federal financial assistance, the comprehensive development of Yukon agriculture. The resolution showed quite clearly, that Council was of the opinion that a competent body of suitable personnel, qualified in all respects, to analyze the possibility of establishing agriculture in the Territory as a basic industry, should be appointed by the two governments as a joint effort and that the findings of the committee should be made known to the Yukon Council. Some progress toward the implementation of the resolution appears in sight, however for the benefit of all those interested in this field, may we remind the appropriate department in the Federal Government that concrete evidence that the Committee has been selected, and a move in this direction taken, would be appreciated. It is absolutely necessary that such a committee be established, and a fact finding probe set in motion in order that the facts may be established as a guide, and a true picture brought to the attention of the general public that would show quite clearly whether agriculture could be established as a means of livelihood or not. If the land in this Territory can produce work, wages and homes for rural people, the public have every right to hear about it.

Another pressing need that appears to have been discussed before, is the matter of radio communication in the Territory. Whitehorse, Dawson and possibly one or more other areas appear to have low power radio stations that inform Yukon Canadians daily what is going on in the world, and what appears to be far more important, what is going on in Canada, with additional local news, and musical entertainment of all sorts and description. However, the inhabitants of remote areas, and some not so remote areas, are denied this essential daily part of modern life, and may just as well be living fifty years in the past, in this respect. May I enquire from those who are in a position to answer this question, what plans are contemplated by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, to establish more adequate radio communication facilities in the Territory. If it is at present impossible to establish a sufficient number of stations operating on the broadcast band of frequencies, to give adequate coverage to the entire area, may I suggest as an alternative and immediate temporary solution, the addition of a short wave band to a centrally located station such as Dawson City. The Honorable Member for Dawson City, I feel sure, would be pleased to agree with this suggestion, for the benefit of the people of Yukon.

As you know, it was my honour and privilege to introduce a resolution at our first session, last fall, which called for increased power of authority for this legislative Council, and legislation that would provide a foundation for the eventual establishment of a more responsible form of government. This was no mere plea, or a milk and water attack on a small blister of dissatisfaction. It was the end result of frustration and fruitless effort by the people of this Territory to gain a measure of control over their everyday affairs, and the future welfare of this great land in the northwest corner of Canada. Together we made a frank and honest appraisal, we called on the powers that be to relinquish part of the iron grip that held this country in official bondage, we pointed out, and quite rightly so, that we demanded to be heard in the halls of destiny in Ottawa, and that the voice of the people must be heard as well as the right arm of that worthy institution.

The Elections Ordinance was never meant to represent the legal machinery to create a constitutional exchange of five new fools for five old fools, or five supernumeraries for five vacant seats, it is the living symbol of our democratic franchise, the standard bearer of our political system, and a link in the chain of freedom that we need as dearly as we need the life blood that flows in our veins.

This session, only a few short months since we made our stand, we have received encouragement and that all too longed for assurance that we will eventually succeed in our endeavour. The visit of the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources,

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Mr. Gordon Robertson, brought a fresh breeze to the political climate of the legislative Council, and enhanced the feeling that we had indeed found a great and sincere friend. His encouragement and friendly solicitous co-operation helped to dispel a number of fears and anxieties, and made us feel that here was a man intent on changing the words of Caesar from, I came, I saw, and I conquered, to I came, I saw, and I made an honest attempt to help the people of Yukon. I came to clear away some of the difficulties, trials, and tribulations, and promote better understanding between the two governments.

That we have made progress towards a common goal seems abundantly clear. However let me issue a word of warning. Our struggle must be continued and sound plans for future action laid. This could very well be a critical period in our advance toward more autonomous government, we must be fully aware of this if we are to continue in our advance. We must consolidate every step along the way, and safeguard our program from any manoeuver that may be detrimental to it. Rome was not built in a day, as the saying goes, and little if anything worthwhile was achieved overnight. Care and consideration must be given to continuing to work as a team, all for one and one for all the people of Yukon. It is our patriotic duty to work together for the common good, for freedom and liberty, for the right to choose our path, and the right to enjoy the privilege of a voice in the affairs of our nation.

Sound and reliable conscientious government will gain the admiration and respect of the people, and may we ever realize that as we are a man made institution, the quality of our performance will be no better, nor any worse than that which will result from our combined efforts and determination.

As a team, working not for ourselves, but for all the people of Yukon, may we realize that our strength lies in unity and not in division, and all those who may attempt to create influences that frustrate and divide with evil purpose are defeatists. Let us shoulder this responsibility of going forward shoulder to shoulder, for a better Yukon, with faith in the integrity of each member of the team, and the will to meet all our difficulties with an open mind, and honest unbiased appraisal.

During this session we have been assured by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, that our request for the addition of two members to Council has received favourable consideration in Ottawa. Far from being, as yet, an actual fact, due to certain necessary changes in the Yukon Act, and passage by Parliament, it is sufficiently encouraging to create a feeling of pride of achievement, and the necessity to review the possibility of alteration of the boundaries of our present Electoral Districts, to allow for a new division.

In making such a division, a number of factors must be taken into consideration. There appears to be a strong possibility that the most controversial issue will be division by population or land area. The importance of land area in such a decision cannot be ignored, and it is significant, that our representation in the House of Commons, together with the District of McKenzie, appears to have been allowed on this basis. Apart from the Yukon Territory, the District of McKenzie in the Northwest Territories, and Prince Edward Island, the Members in the House of Commons each represent approximately 60,000 of population. On this basis, Yukon would not be allowed to have a member. Prince Edward Island received the right to elect four members from a provision in the British North America Act that allowed as many members to be elected to the House of Commons as it has Senators. Once again, this would not appear to have had any bearing on our representation in the Commons. It is to be hoped that like consideration will be given to great areas in the Territory, and that potential production, expansion and future population will be taken into account.

We heard a great deal about the drafting of Ordinances, and the fact that the law was not written so as to be understood by the people, and that legislators should not criticize passages in bills or ordinances that have been prepared by the powers

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that be in Justice, no matter how ambiguous they may appear to be, nor attempt to solve the intricate meaning of submissions presented for passage; however, with all due respect, it would appear that the great master of language, Sir Winston Churchill, in common parlance, said "More than a mouthful", when he described simple English as good English. In a court of law, ignorance is not held to be an excuse, unlike the knowledge of it, a great benefit and advantage. It would therefore be of great benefit to the people, if the law was written in a manner to be understood, not to mention the saving to the taxpayers.

The powers that be in Ottawa would do well to realize that academic emulsion may find no practical application in the Great Northwest. Legislative process in government, no different than in Parliament, is the relief valve for the frustrations of the people, and is just as much a vital necessity in the Yukon as elsewhere in this country. While on the subject of legislative process it should be pointed out here, that the Yukon Legislative Council has been recognized by at least one Federal Government Department as a Legislative Assembly, for the purpose of taxation only.

Of great benefit to the people of Whitehorse is the information in the budget concerning the street paving program. The people here must feel that at last the way has been cleared to eliminate the dust and grime, and a great step has been taken toward making the town cleaner and healthier. Haines Junction and Watson Lake will be pleased with the decision by the administration to assist in street construction, and other areas pleased with certain other specific benefits contained in the budget. Both Haines Junction and Watson Lake will benefit from grants for the construction of Nursing Stations, and will feel more secure in these outlying areas because of these great benefits. May we continue to grow and prosper and work for other necessary advantages.

Mr. J. Smith Mr. Speaker and Fellow Councillors, the opportunity at this time to reply to the speech which Mr. Collins, the Commissioner of the Territory, opened Council with, would appear to me to be well taken care of by the four members of Council, who have covered the subjects that were mentioned in the Commissioner's opening address and likewise many matters that are dear to their own individual endeavours here in Council.

The matters that I would like to touch on at this time, gentlemen, are matters that have transpired during this Council's session. We have been in session now, including to-day, for sixteen sitting days of this session. During that time we have dealt with a budget which represents the expenditure of the Territory through the Territorial Government offices of approximately four and a quarter million dollars, and of that four and a quarter million dollars the faith and consideration that Council have for their administration I think was well exhibited in as much as only one item in the amount of \$4,200.00 was deleted from the budget by Council.

We also heard from Mr. Commissioner that the Department of Northern Affairs through other branches of government will be spending in the area of three and a half million dollars in capital expenditures this year, which two sums put together represent, to my way of thinking, a very considerable spending in this area, considering our population and also taking into account the fact that this only represents the expenditures of the department that controls our Territory, namely Northern Affairs. Also as the Councillors have mentioned, we have had the pleasure of a visit from the Deputy Minister, wherein he indicated to us the action that had been taken at the senior government level on all the resolutions that we put forward in the Fall session.

During this session we have dealt with private members bills and resolutions, I believe approximating thirty in number. We have dealt with thirteen government bills and have heard before Council

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various representations, witnesses that Council called to give them information which they did not have themselves, and have had representations from the Federal government on low rental housing and hospital insurance, and in the course of this sixteen days session, gentlemen, I think that we owe a very deep debt of gratitude to the cooperation we have received from all the administration, from the Commissioner on down the line, because without the help and consideration of these people, we would not be able to do the job that is before us.

Likewise I feel that we are pretty young in this legislative field. I feel that we have a lot to learn and in this situation it is a matter where crawling is required before any walking can be done, and to the people who are resident in the Territory, our constituents, I think that I express the thoughts of all the Councillors when I say "We are doing our best to represent your desires to administration and enact livable and enforceable laws. Now, the success or failure we are going to have at this task is going to have a lasting effect on the Yukon, and as Yukoners first and foremost we are dedicating our efforts to make sure that this lasting effect is a good one. In my humble opinion, firm accomplishment far outshadows the shallow depth of talk, and it is my feeling that our Council sessions, the two of them that we have had now, have been marked by firm accomplishment in many fields, and I feel certain that if we are able to continue in the manner in which we have started out to do, during the Council sessions that are ahead of us, that those accomplishments will become greater in number with each session. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Commissioner was then notified by the Clerk of the Council that Council had concluded its deliberations and were waiting to receive his closing address.

The Commissioner was escorted to the Council Chambers and addressed by the Speaker as follows :-

"Mr. Commissioner, the Council of the Yukon Territory has at its present sittings thereof, passed a number of bills to which in the name and on behalf of the said Council I respectfully request your assent."

The Clerk of the Council then read the bills to be assented to, as follows :-

- BILL NO. 1 - AN ORDINANCE RESPECTING THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HOSPITALS AND THE PROVIDING OF AID THERETO.
- BILL NO. 2 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- BILL NO. 3 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GAME ORDINANCE
- BILL NO. 4 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INSURANCE ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 5 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 6 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 7 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 8 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 9 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.
- BILL NO. 10 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY (1959-60).

- BILL NO. 11 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY (1958-59).
- BILL NO. 12 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY (1957-58).
- BILL NO. 13 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY (1959-60).

The Commissioner then delivered the following closing speech :

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Yukon Council.

Having concluded your deliberations I am sure you will agree that these have been fruitful in experience gained and legislation passed. We have been fortunate in having as visiting advisors, Mr. R. G. Robertson, Mr. Richard Olsen and Mr. R. J. Orange. Also during the session the Territory was visited by Mr. H. R. Jackett, Deputy Minister of Justice. Such evidences of interest and cooperation by the Federal Government are heartily welcomed.

The increasing scope and complexity of government is indicative not only of the rising stature of Canada, but also of the demands of the electorate in the satisfaction of which greater intervention of government at all levels, is a natural sequence. The development and maintenance of a constantly rising standard of living together with measures of social welfare and security, financed in whole or in part by senior governments, necessitates a concurrent centralization of authority in these bodies. Quite obviously additional financial and administrative burdens are placed on lower echelons of government. The government of the Yukon Territory is not entirely immune to these common conditions but, at the moment, federal benevolence, incidental in part to our stage of development, absorbs the worst of the impact materially assisting us to keep pace with the general advance. I am sure this assistance will be forthcoming until we are able to accept added responsibilities in all aspects of these. However, I do believe that steps to greater self-government must be cautious ones and made from such bases as will assure the future without immediate jeopardy to private enterprise and personal efforts or the normal rewards of these.

The elected representatives of the Territory have a most serious task before them and one requiring a broad and sympathetic viewpoint together with the discarding of self-interest or personal bias. To assist in this important task I believe a consultative body should be formed in the Yukon composed of elected representatives at federal, territorial and civic levels of government, senior officials of the administration here and in Ottawa together with representatives from the professions and industry resident in the Territory. Such a body, with a secretary as post office, meeting occasionally, could, through discussion and resolution, keep abreast of events, chart the progress of the Territory and thereby be in position to properly acquaint this Council and the Federal Government with the background of required legislative or other action. Information from and to the general public would be essential to the success and value of such an undertaking.

The numerous suggestions of Council, as presented by Resolution and Opinion, will be carefully considered by the Administration with informative replies forwarded to members as expeditiously as possible.

As discussed with the Deputy Minister, a monthly news letter will be compiled and forwarded to members, commencing next month. These,

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it is hoped, will serve to inform members of the progress of projects and activities financed by funds approved in the annual estimates as well as items of interest in the broader field which, it is hoped, will be forwarded to me from Ottawa. In turn I would trust that, by letter and personal visit, members will keep me acquainted with events and trends in their districts together with policy suggestions or those related to the solution of local problems. In this way we can, I believe, better serve the Yukon and its people.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing sincere thanks for the courtesy and consideration shown me at all times by members of Council during this session. In active cooperation the administration and legislative body can go forward together in the best interests of all.

Mr. Speaker and Members of Council, assent has been given to all Bills enumerated by the Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker Mr. Commissioner, may I extend to you on behalf of Council, our sincere appreciation for your untiring efforts, help and consideration of the problems that we have placed before you. I would also like to say how much we appreciate the constant help of our Legal Advisor, Clerk of the Council, and all those who have assisted Council during this session.

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

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