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Monday, 26th June, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

The Eighth Session of the Eighteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory was convened in the Council Chambers at 10:00 A.M. in compliance with the Proclamation of the Commissioner under date of June 5th, 1961.

The Members of the Council were called to order by Mr. Speaker.

On the request of Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the Council escorted the Commissioner, Mr. F.H. Collins, to the Council Chambers. Mr. Collins then delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker,  
Members of Council:

On this occasion, the final session of the present Council, I would like to pay tribute to its members and to thank them for the many courtesies shown me during the past three years. Thanks to the keen interest taken in Territorial affairs by each member, and the legislative body as a whole, the term has been a most fruitful one with many important steps taken in the fields of education, health, welfare, public works, etc. The groundwork has been laid for further and continuing improvements towards a better environment for citizens of all ages which cannot but be a source of satisfaction to all members in reviewing the accomplishments of the period. On behalf of the administration generally, I tender sincere thanks for the co-operation and assistance so freely given in the past three years by you, Mr. Speaker, and your fellowmembers.

The approved expenditure program of the present fiscal year is proceeding on schedule but certain capital items, such as road reconstruction, have been delayed beyond the safety limit for completion due to uncontrollable factors both here and in Ottawa. It is apparent that earlier documented planning on these projects is essential, together with acceleration of the review and acceptance process carried out in Ottawa.

Floods and fires have not assumed serious proportions so far and I am sure it must be a source of satisfaction to all citizens to observe the augmented Federal staff serving in the fields of forest operation and protection.

To a lesser degree, the Federal staff dealing with mining and lands has also been increased with consequent betterment of service to the public tending to a greater utilization of these natural resources.

I understand that Federal financial assistance is also being provided for the construction of tote trails to promising mineralized areas. This assistance will, I hope, be increased as the program develops, thereby enabling more small operators to proceed from prospecting, through development, to production. In combination with the larger "roads to resources" program, the Federal government is thus providing, in essence, a package deal which will have far-reaching beneficial effects throughout the Territory. Back

of these actualities are the geological, forest and agricultural surveys, also of Federal origin, which provide essential information for the later bulk and individual projects efforts.

An interdepartmental committee has, for some time, been studying those features of the Yukon economy, that will provide the basis of the 1962-67 tax collection agreement. It has been my privilege to attend a number of the meetings of this committee, and I anticipate further attendance in the early autumn. Five-year term forecasts of revenues and expenditures present difficulties but it is quite apparent that, within the forecast period, the gap between territorial revenues and required expenditure will widen with the years. The basic cause of this deficit is, of course, the provision of expensive services in fields such as highways, education, welfare, public health, etc., for a small population scattered over a very large land mass.

A generous attitude on the part of the Federal government can be reasonably anticipated but I feel that some augmenting of purely Territorial revenues must be effected. This should not be considered an unfair requirement. It is anticipated that the program for 1962-67 will be available for presentation at the Fall Session of Council, when a detailed discussion will be possible. In the meantime, I can assure the people of the Yukon of the Federal government's sympathetic appreciation of their problems, Territorially and individually.

I feel it incumbent upon me to again refer to the evil effects on a considerable segment of our population occasioned by the undue diversion of essential family income to the consumption of liquor. It is quite apparent that many are taking advantage of government health and welfare programs to indulge in licentious behaviour without acceptance of responsibility for their acts. A strengthening of existing legislation with the introduction of suitable enforceable penalties is an urgent necessity.

While the legislative program of this Session is small, it holds implications of great importance to the Whitehorse area while setting a pattern for application elsewhere in the Territory. To assist you in discussion of the more complicated features, my Minister has sent a senior official from his department who is at your service as required.

The Report of the Committee on Yukon Education, the recommendations therein and those of this Council, have been given careful study in Ottawa.

A Memorandum has been prepared and will be submitted for your consideration towards the drafting of a new Schools Ordinance. The senior legal officer of the Department of Justice, serving the Department of Northern Affairs in Ottawa, is here and available for assistance in your consideration of this Memorandum; also on other matters upon which you may desire consultation.

I have prepared a number of Messages dealing with Motions passed at the last Session, and in respect of other items on which you have requested information. By similar means, other matters are being referred for opinion and advice.

One of the most important of these referrals is that prepared to provide Council with additional information on the construction and operation of the proposed Vocational or Junior Trades Training School. I trust this information will permit you to properly assess this project and provide the necessary funds to allow construction to be instituted. I again urge your favourable consideration of this project.

Mr. Speaker, Members of Council, you will be asked to consider

at this Session the following legislation and such other matters as may be brought before you:

- Bill No. 1. An Ordinance to authorize the Commissioner to purchase certain lands from the British Yukon Railway Company and to take certain following action.
- Bill No. 2. An Ordinance to authorize the Commissioner to borrow a sum not exceeding \$175,000.00 and to enter into an agreement relating thereto.
- Bill No. 3. An Ordinance to promote the construction of new houses and to improve housing and living conditions in the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. 4. An Ordinance to authorize the Commissioner to borrow a sum not exceeding \$100,000.00 and to enter into an agreement relating thereto.

I thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of Council.

Mr. Speaker then thanked the Commissioner for his opening address and promised that the Council would give it every consideration. Mr. Speaker extended a very special welcome to Commissioner Collins to this Session as Mr. Collins had been absent due to illness during the Spring Session. Mr. Speaker also extended a welcome to Mr. F. Smith, Legal Advisor, and to each and every Council Member, to the last special session before the next election.

The Commissioner thanked Mr. Speaker and the Members of Council for their good wishes, and retired from the Council Chamber.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the address of the Commissioner be taken into consideration as soon as possible.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, "An Ordinance to Promote the Construction of New Houses and to Improve Housing and Living Conditions in the Yukon Territory".

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Council recess for approximately one-half hour to prepare an agenda.

Motion Carried.

On motion from Mr. McKamey, Council adjourned for one-half hour.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 10:40 A.M., Council resolved into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing their agenda. Submissions from the Commissioner re various subjects were also discussed during this period. Mr. Collins was present during these discussions.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 11:50 A.M.

On motion from Mr. Shaw, Council adjourned until 2:00 P.M.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

After Mr. Speaker called Council to order, Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the Vocational School Program.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 4:30 P.M., Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee reported that the presentation from the Administration on the Vocational School Program had been discussed with Commissioner F.H. Collins and Mr. H. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools, in attendance, no conclusions had been reached as certain questions on the proposed Vocational School were submitted to the Administration.

On motion from Mr. Smith, Council adjourned until 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 27th, 1961.

Tuesday, 27th June, 1961  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Council agreed to meet at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 28th, with Mr. W. Winston Mair of the Canadian Wildlife Service re the Proposed Brooks Range Wilderness Area and the Proposed Old Crow Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Council also agreed to meet at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 28th, with Commissioner F.H. Collins for discussions on Sewer and Water for Smaller Communities.

Motion Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) gave the following notices of motion:

- # 1 (1) Replacement of Council representative - Whitehorse General Hospital Advisory Board.
- # 2 (2) Repairs and alterations to the Carmacks School
- # 3 (3) Classification of Yukon Timber as a Resource

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council dispense with the question of the Bills until further notice and when available.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council recess until the representatives of the City Council arrived in Council Chambers.  
Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss certain questions and to meet with the representatives from the City Council.  
Motion Carried.

Council recessed in Committee at 12:00 O'clock noon.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Council reconvened in Committee at 2:00 P.M.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 4:45 P.M., Mr. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee, gave the following report:

- (1) The Committee had met at 10:30 A.M. with Mr. N.V.K. Wylie, Mayor of the City of Whitehorse, and Mr. J. Thompson, Whitehorse City Clerk, re Subsection 2 of Section 178 of the Municipal Ordinance. Commissioner F.H. Collins and Mr. E.R. Olson, Chief of the Legal Division of Department of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, were also present. These discussions centred around the City's request to change the basis for the levying of its Business Licence Tax. The delegation from the City Council agreed to submit a definite proposal to Council in the form of a draft amendment to the Municipal Ordinance.

- (2) At 11:00 A.M., the Committee met with Dr. J.S. Willis, Dr. J.D. Munroe and Mr. H.E. Horne, of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Dr. Willis discussed at length plans for reducing the Whitehorse Hospital from 120 to 90 beds which was the result of under utilization of Hospital facilities.
- (3) At 2:00 P.M., the Committee met with the following persons with respect to the proposed Lot 19 project:  
Commissioner F.H. Collins, Mr. R.E. Jenness, Industrial Division, Dept. of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, Mr. E.R. Olson, Chief of the Legal Division, Department of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, Mr. A.J. Reeve, Executive Assistant, Mr. F. Fingland, Administrative Officer.

No definite conclusions were reached and the Committee agreed to discuss this matter further when a copy of the agreement between the City of Whitehorse and Commissioner Collins was in their hands for perusal. The Administration indicated that a draft of this agreement together with a report on the proposed transient area would be in Council's hands on Wednesday, June 28th, 1961.

- (4) The Committee then met with Commissioner F.H. Collins and Mr. E.R. Olson. Discussions were held on the memorandum submitted from the Administration on the proposed new School Ordinance. The Committee agreed that further discussions on this matter would be held with Commissioner Collins and Mr. Olson at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 28th.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

On motion from Mr. McKamey, Council adjourned until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 28th.



Wednesday, 28th June, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey, for leave to introduce Bill No. 1, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase Certain Lands from the British Yukon Railway Company, to Sell Them to the Corporation of the City of Whitehorse and To Loan Money to that Corporation".

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, "An Ordinance To Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow A Sum not Exceeding One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into An Agreement Relating Thereto."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey, for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow A Sum Not Exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into An Agreement Relating Thereto."

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, "An Ordinance to Amend The Municipal Ordinance".

Motion Carried.

Motion Mr. Livesey (with Deputy Speaker in the Chair) gave the following notices of motion:

- # 4 (1) Re Employment of Nurse at Haines Junction
- # 5 (2) Re Action of Game Director dealing with Sale of Raw Fur
- # 6 (3) Re Financial Assistance to open Tote Road to Mount Freegold Mineral Area.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that all Bills be given be given first and second reading on Thursday morning, June 29th.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey, that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing with Mr. R.E. Jenness, Industrial Division, Dept. of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, the agreement between the City of Whitehorse and the Territorial Government re the Lot 19 project.

Motion Carried.

Council recessed in Committee at 12:10 P.M.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Council reconvened in Committee of the Whole at 2:00 P.M.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 4:45 P.M., Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee gave the following report:

- (1) The Committee had met with Mr. R.E. Jenness and Mr. E.R. Olson concerning certain matters relating to an agreement between

Commissioner F.H. Collins and the City of Whitehorse. After considerable discussion, this matter was to be put forward to a day certain on the agenda.

- (2) Mr. W. Winston Mair, Chief Canadian Wildlife Service, National Parks Branch, Department of Northern Affairs, appeared in Committee at 11:00 A.M. and discussed with Members the Proposed Brooks Range Wilderness Area and the Proposed Old Crow Migratory Bird Sanctuary.
- (3) At 2:00 P.M. the Committee discussed, with Commissioner F.H. Collins in attendance, the matter of Water and Sewer Services for small communities covered in the Commissioner's memorandum to Council dated June 26th. This discussion gave rise to a motion By Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Livesey, that Council accept in principle the proposed provision for sewer and water services for small communities subject to further discussion. Mr. A.J. Reeve, Executive Assistant, and Mr. K. Koken, Chief Clerk, Territorial Engineer's Office, were also present at these discussions.
- (4) The Committee continued discussions on the proposed changes to the School Ordinance with Mr. E.R. Olson, Chief of the Legal Division, Department of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, and Commissioner F.H. Collins in attendance.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

On motion from Mr. Shaw, Council adjourned until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 29th, 1961.

Thursday, 29th June, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council adjourn at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, June 29th, and reconvene on Tuesday, July 4th, 1961, at 10:00 A.M.

Motion Carried..

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of continuing discussions on the Agreement between the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the City of Whitehorse re the Lot 19 Project.

Motion Carried.

Council recessed in Committee at 12:00 O'clock noon.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Council reconvened in Committee of the Whole at 2:00 O'clock P.M..

When Mr. Speaker resumed the chair at approximately 4:40 P.M., Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee gave the following report:

- (1) Beginning at 10:30 A.M. with Commissioner F.H. Collins, Mr. R.E. Jenness and Mr. E.R. Olson present, the Committee discussed item by item the proposed Agreement between the Territorial Government, the City of Whitehorse, and the British Yukon Navigation Company with regard to Lot 19. During discussions of Section 4 (1) of the Draft Agreement between the City of Whitehorse and the Territorial Government the following Motion was passed: Moved by Mr. Livesey and seconded by Mr. Shaw that all those persons presently living and occupying buildings as squatters in the areas designated in the Draft Agreement proposed between the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the City Council of Whitehorse, be eligible to purchase lands on Lot 19 under the provisions of Section 4 (1) of such Agreement.
- (2) At 2:00 P.M. study was completed on the Draft submitted by the Administration concerning the School Ordinance and all points that required clarification and instruction were aired. Mr. F.H. Collins, Commissioner, Mr. E.R. Olson, Legal Division, Dept. of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, and Mr. H. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools were present during these discussions.
- (3) The Committee then discussed with Commissioner F.H. Collins items concerning the new Federal-Territorial Financial Agreement which will be coming up for ratification at the Fall Session.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Council agreed that the last day for acceptance of Government Bills would be Wednesday July 5th and for Members Bills, Thursday, July 6, 1961.

Council adjourned until Tuesday, July 4th, at 10:00 O'clock A.M.

Tuesday, 4th July, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw for leave to introduce at this session of Council, Bill No. 6, "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey for leave to introduce at this session of Council, Bill No. 7, "An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw for leave to introduce at this session of Council Bill No. 8, "An Ordinance to Amend the Workmens' Compensation Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Motion No. 7. Mr. Smith gave notice of motion in respect to "Establishment of a National Park".

Motion No. 8. Mr. McKamey gave notice of motion in respect of "Enforcement of a Passing Speed on the Whitehorse-Mayo Road and Dawson-Stewart Crossing Road."

Motion No. 1. Mr. Livesey (with Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that during the absence of Councillor C.D. Taylor from the Territory, Councillor James Smith be appointed as Council representative on the Whitehorse General Hospital Advisory Board.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that Bill No. 1 be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase Certain Lands from the British Yukon Railway Company, To Sell Them to the Corporation of the City of Whitehorse and To Loan Money to That Corporation."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 1, be given second reading.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 2, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum Not Exceeding One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter Into An Agreement Relating Thereto."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 2, be given second reading.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 3, be given first reading, "An Ordinance To Promote the Construction of New Houses and To Improve Housing and Living Conditions in the Yukon Territory."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 3, be given second reading.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 4, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum Not Exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into An Agreement Relating Thereto."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that Bill No. 4, be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 5, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 5, be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 6, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance".

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 6, be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Bill No. 7, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 7 be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 1, cited as "Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961) and Bill No. 2, cited as "Loan Agreement Ordinance (1961), No. 1".

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, at approximately 10:50 A.M., Mr. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress only on Bill No. 1.

Council accepted the report of Committee.

Council then resolved into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of studying suggested revisions to the Liquor regulations proposed by Mr. F.H. Collins.

Committee recessed at 12:00 O'clock Noon.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussions at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 2:30 P.M. and Mr. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee reported as follows:

"At 10:30 A.M. Council resolved into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 1, cited as the Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961). At 11:00 A.M. discussion of the Liquor Ordinance and Regulations took place. Committee agreed with the suggested changes in the Regulations and requested that the Administration

assure that clubs would conform with the Ordinance and Regulations in force at this time. Committee recessed until 2:00 P.M. when Council met with Commissioner F.H. Collins, Mr. R.E. Jenness, Industrial Division, Dept. of Northern Affairs, Ottawa, Mr. A.J. Reeve, Executive Assistant, and Mr. F. Fingland, Administrative Officer, in discussions of Lot 19. It was agreed that this area "No. 5" be supplied with a central potable water supply, garbage removal service and sewage pickup and also road maintenance. A suitable charge would be made for these services. At 3:00 P.M. Council discussed Bill No. 1, cited as the Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961) and Bill No. 2, cited as the Loan Agreement Ordinance (1961) No. 1. Progress was reported on both bills."

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that Council adjourn until Wednesday, 10:00 A.M. July 5th.

Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Wednesday, 5th July, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Motion  
No. 7.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that this Council go on record as favouring the establishment of a National Park in the Yukon Territory. In this regard we request the Federal Government to take immediate steps to bring this into being, taking into regard the peculiar conditions that exist in this area concerning future mineral development. The prompt solving of the problem in a manner that will satisfy the wishes of the mining industries and the tourist industry is in the best interests of the Territory's economic development and is deserving of the Federal Government's immediate attention.

Mr. Shaw felt it was necessary to have a park but it was the problem of sufficient money. Mr. McKamey felt he was fully in favour of such a park only if it gave consideration to the mining industry.

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 8.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, that in the opinion of this Council, it is deemed necessary to enforce a passing speed of thirty miles per hour, passing on coming traffic on the Whitehorse-Mayo Road and the Dawson-Stewart Crossing Road.

Mr. McKamey stated that in his opinion that it was necessary to have this passing speed of 30 mph as some sections were so dusty that when the large trucks passed another motorist they were forced to stop as they were not able to see a thing in front of them. If they do stop they are creating a hazard.

Mr. Shaw felt that it might be difficult to enforce such a speed but if a sign "Passing speed 15 mph" was installed you would make people aware of the hazard they are creating by speeding. He felt that a passing speed on this highway was imperative, and was in full favour of the resolution.

Mr. Smith stated he was in full agreement.

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 2.

Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that certain repairs be made to the school at Carmacks before the forthcoming fall term commences in order that new pupils may be accommodated and the present building made habitable. The proposed alterations are as follows:

1. That a floor furnace be installed and the present oil heater removed to make room for a possible eighteen students.
2. That materials be supplied to insulate the storm porch and install a latch on the outer door.
3. That storm windows be supplied and installed on all windows including the teacherage.
4. That sanitary alterations be made in order to supply separate rest rooms for boys and girls.
5. Improved lighting would improve the health and efficiency of the students.

It was suggested by Mr. Shaw that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss Motion No. 2, "Alterations to Carmacks School." Mr. Livesey requested the presence of Commissioner F.H. Collins at these discussions.

Motion  
No. 5.

Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that the Director of Game, Mr. J.B. Fitzgerald be respectfully requested to appear before Council to explain the contents of his letter to Mr. Alex Reeve of June 21st, 1961, which dealt with certain actions as a result of motion number 15 of the Council at the Spring Session.

Mr. Livesey requested Mr. Fitzgerald, Game Director, to be present.

Mr. Livesey felt that if the raw furs were to be sold it was a way to help the Indians help themselves, and was a way of selling to the tourist the furs that otherwise on the open market are worthless. He felt that by selling souvenirs from Japan it was not helping the Yukon and that souvenirs made from these furs would benefit the Yukon, and the people.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that an export licence was necessary if these furs were taken outside the Yukon, but if the furs were sold and kept in the Yukon a licence was not required.

Mr. Shaw felt that the animals to be sold should be designated, where retailers could buy a permit and for every fur sold there would be an export tax which in turn would be remitted to the Territorial Government. We would get the same revenue and it would help industry here. He stated that most of the Yukon souvenirs were made in Japan and that it was impossible to buy souvenirs of the Yukon other than gold.

It was suggested that a new licence procedure be made for the selling of raw furs to tourists over the counter basis. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the furs most attractive to the tourists were wolf, wolverine, bear, fox and lynx. He suggested that a count be taken of all the furs bought, etc., for statistical purposes.

Mr. Livesey felt it was a patriotic duty and that we have to give something to the country in order to promote trade where there is an opening and a lot of revenue could be derived.

It was agreed that Mr. Fitzgerald in consultation with Mr. Shaw, draft amendments and additions for the approval of Council.

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 4.

Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that the Administrative Government of the Yukon Territory emphatically insist that the Gentlemen representing Northern Health Services and the Department of Health and Welfare in the Yukon Territory reverse their policy and establish a public health nurse at Haines Junction on a permanent basis in that location to look after the immediate area and the north Alaska Highway, and that where a public health nurse cannot be found to fill the position, a registered nurse be recruited and hired to fill the vacancy. And further that such a nurse confine her duties to the north Alaska Highway exclusively.

Mr. Livesey commented that a nurse at Haines Junction was required and it would be necessary to have one there full time. He stated there was the building but no nurse. The same situation exists at Watson Lake but it is understood there are two nurses there now.

Mr. Shaw felt that if a nurse was stationed at Haines Junction she could also look after Carmacks without too much difficulty.

Mr. McKamey stated that since there was a nurse at Mayo they should



have one also at Haines Junction because disease could be "Nipped in the bud". He felt that it would be cheaper to hire a health nurse than to allow the hospital to become full and therefore cost the people twice as much money. The situation at present was "false economy".

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 3.

Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that the Federal Government give earnest and serious consideration to the classification of Yukon Timber as a resource and that the logging, cutting and manufacture of such resource be extended the same assistance and special considerations as mining where applicable especially in connection with any reference to access and availability by way of roads whether classified as tote, resource, access or development in nature and scope, for the purpose of increasing the availability to the public of such Yukon product and to stimulate the industry.

Mr. Livesey commented that the timber industry in the Yukon operated under a very heavy burden. They didn't have the economic prospects other industries have, nor was there the tremendous growth of timber here that there was in other areas of Canada. There is a low population in the Yukon and yet there is businesses and industry trying to utilize this timber. He felt that businesses should be allowed to grow in the Yukon as this would cut down the unemployment situation. The purpose of his motion was to assist all the people of the Territory and help the industries to grow.

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 6.

Mr. Livesey (with the Deputy Speaker in the Chair) moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey as follows: It is respectfully requested that the Administration give serious and earnest consideration to a request for the ten thousand dollars for the purpose of assisting mining interests to enter and open up property already worked and assessed in the Freegold and immediate areas. One mining company has repeatedly pointed out that they wish to bring in equipment and actively work the site and have made their intentions known to the Department of Northern Affairs in Ottawa. The money would be used to improve the road from Carmacks to Mount Freegold and beyond to assist all miners and other interests in the area.

Mr. Livesey commented that the mining industry was much concerned about the opening of this road, as well as some local prospectors in Carmacks. He mentioned there were several large mining companies interested in this Mount Freegold area and have contacted Mr. Livesey stating they would be willing to spend \$500,000.00 in this area. It is the area which at one time was worked by Mr. T.C. Richards. The interested company was thinking of a one hundred ton mill. Other companies were trying to get in there but it was a very difficult since the road is barely a trail and very bad.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 8, be given first reading, "An Ordinance To Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 8 be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 8, "An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance," and that Mr. F.G. Smith, Legal Advisor, and Commissioner F.H. Collins be present at these discussions.

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee, reported Bill No. 8, "An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance", out of committee without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 8, "An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance" be given third reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 7, "An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee, reported Bill No. 7 was out of Committee without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 7, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Council adjourn until 2:00 P.M.

Motion Carried.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker called Council to order at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Motion No. 2, "Alterations to Carmacks School" and Motion No. 5, "Sale of Raw Furs" with Commissioner F.H. Collins, Game Director Mr. Fitzgerald and Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thompson, present.

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at 3:45 P.M., Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee reported certain matters pertaining to Resolutions were discussed, one of them being the School at Carmacks. This matter was dealt with in a manner satisfactory to the Councillors. Also the proposal of a School at Pelly Crossing to be approved between Commissioner Collins and the Department of Indian Affairs. Regarding the sale of raw furs in the Territory certain submissions by the Legal Advisor were heard. Committee read over the proposals concerning Territorial Housing. This to be put on the Agenda for further discussions. Present in Committee were Commissioner Collins, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Thompson.

Council accepted report of the Committee.

Motion  
No. 2.

Motion Number 2 "alterations to Carmacks School" was put to Council at this time and passed.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 6, "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at 4:00 P.M., Mr. Shaw Chairman of the Committee reported Bill No. 6 out of Committee without amendment.

Council accepted the report of Committee.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 6 be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 5, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 4:10 P.M., Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee, reported Bill No. 5 out of Committee without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 5, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey, for leave to introduce at this session of Council, Bill No. 9, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 4, cited as the Loan Agreement Ordinance (1961), No. 2.

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the chair at 4:45 P.M., Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee reported Bills No. 3 and No. 4 out of Committee without amendment.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 3, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Promote the Construction of New Houses and to Improve Housing and Living Conditions in the Yukon Territory."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 4, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a sum not Exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into An Agreement Relating Thereto."

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, for leave to introduce at this session of Council, Bill No. 10, "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, for leave to introduce at this session of Council, Bill No. 11, "An Ordinance to Amend the Fur Export Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

On motion by Mr. Smith, Council adjourned until 10:00 A.M. July 6th.

Thursday, 6th July, 1961.  
10:00 O'clock A.M.

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

Mr. Shaw tabled a report on the meeting of representatives from British Columbia and Yukon Territory at Juneau, Alaska.

(\*\* See Sessional Paper No. 1 - attached)

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 9, be given first & ~~second~~ reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 10, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 10, be given second reading.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 11, be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Fur Export Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 11, be given second reading.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing item by item Bills Nos. 1, 2, 9, 10 and 11.  
Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at approximately 11:50 A.M. Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Bills out of Committee:  
Bill No. 1 with amendment, Bill No. 2 without amendment, Bill No. 9 without amendment, Bill No. 11 without amendment, and progress only on Bill No. 10.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 2, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum Not Exceeding One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars from the Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into An Agreement Relating Thereto".  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that Bill No. 9, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 11, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Fur Export Ordinance."  
Motion Carried.

Council adjourned at 12:00 O'clock Noon.

2:00 O'clock P.M.

Council resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Mr. Speaker write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Martin, former Council stenographer, and send a wire of condolences to Mrs. E. Barker of Mayo.

Motion Carried.

Motion  
No. 9.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Smith that this Council go on record as advising the Administration, that while by the terms of the Agreement referred to in Bill No. 1, maximums are set on the resale price of the allotments in Lot 19, it is Council's clear intent that these allotments are to be sold at as low a price as possible. The maximum is only set to be used in the event that it is not possible to sell at a lower price.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 1, as amended be given first reading, cited as the Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961).

Motion Carried.

Mr. McKamey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Bill No. 1, as amended be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 1, be given third reading, "An Ordinance To Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase Certain Lands from the British Yukon Railway Company, To Sell them To The Corporation of the City of Whitehorse and To Loan Money to that Corporation."

Motion Carried.

Council then discussed briefly a wire from Mr. C.R. Ford, Department of Labour, Ottawa. The following motion resulted. Moved by Mr. McKamey, seconded by Mr. Shaw that the Administration adopt the procedure of either Alberta or British Columbia regarding the Vocational School.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw for the adoption of the Proposal set out in item Number 6, page 2 of the Memorandum to Mr. Speaker and Members of Council from Commissioner F.H. Collins, dated June 21st, 1961, concerning commercial fishing in the Yukon. Council gave approval in principle to the project with the stipulation that certain lakes be removed from the plan and be designated for sports fishing. This will affect the overall plan very little insofar as commercial production is concerned.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Council resolve into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 10, "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance".

Motion Carried.

When Mr. Speaker resumed the chair at 3:30 P.M., Mr. Smith Chairman of the Committee reported Bill No. 10 amended. Bill No. 5 was discussed and the recommendations made by Commissioner Collins in his communique on item number 2 concerning additional teachers accommodations were accepted as well as the matter of the policy for other Territorial Employees as illustrated in items one and two on page 8 of the Report on Housing for Territorial Employees.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded Mr. Smith that Bill No. 10 as amended be given first reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 10, as amended be given second reading.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that Bill No. 10, be given third reading, "An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that the following Resolution submitted to this Council by memorandum from Commissioner Collins, dated June 26th, 1961 be tabled and approved in principle by this Council.

City Council Resolution: "Moved by Alderman Jacobs, seconded by Alderman Taylor, that the Municipality of the City of Whitehorse approve of the construction of one ten-unit apartment block consisting of five two-bedroom units and five three-bedroom units, on Lots 1,2 and 3, Block 43, Plan 40033, as a low-rental housing project; and also that this Resolution be directed to the Yukon Territorial Council for their consideration."

Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McKamey that the proposals set forth in the memorandum to Mr. Speaker and Members of the Yukon Council dated June 26th, 1961 respecting sewer and water in smaller communities be embodied in the next Tax Rental Agreement coming into effect as of March 31st, 1962.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker suggested that since Council was nearing the end of this session anyone wishing to speak in reply to the speech from the Throne may do so.

Mr. G.O. Shaw in his closing address commented as follows:

"As this is very likely the final Session of the Eighteenth Wholly Elective Council of this Territory I would like to make just a few remarks. I entered this Council most naive in matters of Territorial Legislation, I conclude this last session with having gained a very large knowledge on what makes the Territory tick. At all times I have enjoyed participating in the discussions of this body, some of the discussions being merely routine, while many others were of a highly technical or controversial nature. There have been many times when we as a Council did not see eye to eye with Ottawa, this is a normal and I would say healthy state of affairs, after all and to use a well worn illustration most mothers do become quite concerned when their offsprings first decide to cut loose from the apron strings, Ottawa in this case is the mother who realizes, as we also do, that the time is not the present for us to go it alone. I do not wish to go into any lengthy details but do honestly feel that during the term of this Council, decisions have been made, projects completed and plans formulated for new improvements which will be of lasting benefits to the people of this Territory and I am proud of having been able to do my part in this progress. When I say my part, I mean just that, for wise management of the affairs of the people of this Territory are a combined effort of our body, the local Administration and the powers that be at Ottawa, and though at times we have disagreed with the latter, we have also not always agreed among ourselves. This is democracy in action and the yardstick to measure this in the final analysis are the results achieved, these I consider substantial during the last three years.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker and on behalf of the people I represent, I wish to thank you and my colleagues on this Council for the considerations and assistance you have given me at all times, it has indeed been a pleasure to have been associated with you Gentlemen. I would also like to thank Commissioner F.H. Collins and the members of his staff for the utmost co-operation and courtesy that they have extended to me at all times as representative from the Dawson District."

Mr. R.L. McKamey in his closing address thanked the Council members for their assistance on many requests made by him on behalf of his constituents at Mayo. He thanked also the Administration for their assistance.

Mr. J. Smith in his closing address stated that three years ago the present Councillors had come to Council pretty green and are leaving being a little more experienced in legislation. He stated there were times perhaps when they would rather have been doing something else but as it was a very important time to the Territory it could not be avoided. Further he stated that Council had endeavoured to deal with problems in a satisfactory manner which will benefit the Territory on the Whole. He continued to say that it was only reasonable to hope that the steps taken will have a long lasting effect on the Territory. Time could only tell whether this Council had been right or wrong. "A seven man Council will follow us here after elections sometime this fall, and should have a reasonable pattern to follow. I have faced problems here and have endeavoured to do my part to have them solved. I give thanks to all my colleagues and to the members of the Territorial Administration."

Mr. J.O. Livesey in his closing speech commented that he had enjoyed being a member of the Council for the past three years. He stated "When I came, my legislative experience was small, however, I believe we had a certain amount of experience with regard to community affairs. I feel that since we first started we have come a long way. I am proud of the move toward responsible Government in the Territory and the setting up of seven members in the fall and especially for the three members of the Advisory Committee which will help to give proper and true representation in the Government of this Territory. This was a move in the right direction. I am also proud of the Yukon Hospital Insurance Scheme. It is time to close this session and I hope that some of us may again join the legislative branch of Government this fall. I hope the people in my electoral district will bring me back into office again. I have taken a deep interest in the people of the Territory. I wish to thank each and every member of Council for your kind co-operation for the past three years."

The Clerk of the Council escorted Commissioner F.H. Collins to the Council Chambers and Commissioner Collins was addressed by Mr. Speaker as follows:

"Mr. Commissioner, the Council of the Yukon Territory has, at its present sitting 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:

Bill Number One - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to  
Commissioner to Purchase Certain Lands from the  
British Yukon Railway Company, To Sell Them to  
the Corporation of the City of Whitehorse and To  
Loan Money to That Corporation.

Bill Number Two - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to  
Borrow a Sum Not Exceeding One Hundred and  
Seventy Five Thousand Dollars From the Government  
of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter  
into An Agreement Relating Thereto.

Bill Number Three - An Ordinance to Promote the Construction of New  
Houses and to Improve Housing and Living Conditions  
in the Yukon Territory.

Bill Number Four - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow  
A Sum not Exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars from

The Government of Canada and To Authorize the Commissioner to Enter Into An Agreement Relating Thereto.

Bill Number Five - An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance.

Bill Number Six - An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance.

Bill Number Seven - An Ordinance to Amend the Motor Vehicles Ordinance.

Bill Number Eight - An Ordinance to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.

Bill Number Nine - An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance.

Bill Number Ten - An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance.

Bill Number Eleven - An Ordinance to Amend the Fur Export Ordinance.

The Commissioner then delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Yukon Council:

It was anticipated that this Special Session would be dealing with only a few major matters of legislation and be not burdened with other time-consuming details. However, owing to the fact that this Council will be dissolved during the current month, with the distinct possibility that some of the present members may not seek re-election and in view of the knowledge they have accumulated during the past three years, I have sought advice on many matters relevant to the administration of the Territory not connected with the legislative program under discussion. I wish to thank Members of Council for the co-operation extended the Administration in respect of these referred matters which have consumed much of their time and effort. Also, of course, the primary presentation of bills did not include certain revisions to existing legislation originating with both the Council and Administration.

The past three years have been most important in the life of the Yukon and significant to its economy. Council has, at all times, retained a broad but still flexible outlook on the many problems confronting the government and people. This has permitted the policies of the Territorial and Federal Administrations, as these affected the Territory, to be discussed in a spirit most conducive to the benefit of all concerned. Some of the far-reaching effects of this co-operative effort are not fully apparent at this time but the future will indicate their true value.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that I prorogue Council this afternoon. While all of us may not meet again in official capacities, I hope that the ties of friendship formed during our association of the past three years will remain unbroken and, whether in the Yukon or elsewhere, I can remember with affection our mutual endeavours on behalf of this Territory.

I wish you one and all health, happiness with true success attending your efforts of whatever nature these may be.

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

On Bill No. 9, as mutually agreed upon, assent has been deferred pending decision on a technical matter involved in its presentation. However, I am most hopeful that assent delay of only a few days will be occasioned by this action.

I thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of Council.



Mr. Speaker: Thankyou Mr. Commissioner. I would like to extend our thanks to you for your many kindnesses and the advice you have given us over the last three years. I would also like to thank the Clerk of the House for his time and the help he has extended to us in solving many problems, to his assistant and Mr. Legal Advisor. I would like to extend to Mr. & Mrs. Collins, both health and happiness so long as he is in the Yukon Territory and beyond.

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

\*\* SESSIONAL PAPER No. 1

Talk given on results of meeting held at Juneau, Alaska on matters of mutual interest between Alaska, British Columbia and Yukon.

The British Columbia delegation was headed by Premier Bennett and his Cabinet, our host, Governor William A. Egan led the Alaskan delegation, while Commissioner Collins was the head of our Yukon Group which consisted of Mr. B.G. Sivertz and Dr. P. Jenness of the Northern Affairs Department, Mr. Roly De Grosbous of Canadian Travel Bureau, Mr. Grant Starr, Territorial Engineer and myself. The conference opened with Mr. Richard A. Downing, Alaska's Public Works Commissioner presenting the brief prepared by the Alaskan Government in which he stressed that the most significant event in the transportation field in Alaska this past year is that the Alaska ferry system mentioned last year at the first meeting at Victoria was going to become a reality very shortly and that they had entered into a contract with marine architects for design of four ships. One of these for the Homer-Anchorage run and three for the Prince Rupert-Haines-Skagway area in Alaska and that they had also engaged an engineering firm to prepare design plans for the necessary terminals in the various communities this system will serve and were prepared to advertise for bids next month for the construction of these vessels with the deadline being August 1961 for terminal construction contract bids. The target date for delivery of the first ship for the southeastern system is July of 1962 and by 1963 all vessels and both routes should be fully operational. Mr. Downing said that these ferries will be real ships with the Prince Rupert-Skagway-Haines vessels being 350 feet long with a maximum speed of 21 knots, able to carry 500 passengers and over 100 cars each, the Homer-Anchorage ferry being slightly smaller with a capacity of 250 passengers and 60 cars. He felt certain that these systems would give terrific impetus to tourism and it was his belief that the potential of this tourist industry had hardly been tapped and that according to **experts** we can expect the number of tourist visiting the north to spiral upwards as the years go by. He discussed at some length the tremendous amount of work undertaken by his government in relation to tourist travel whose budget for 1961-62 amounted to \$271,000.00 and that even the hiker had not been forgotten as they had instituted a program whereby the boys from the State Youth Camps will renovate the old Chilkoot Trail over which thousands travelled on foot into the gold-rich Klondike country of the Yukon before the turn of this century. This group had commenced clearing and preparing the twenty miles of this historic trail which lies in Alaska. Keen interest had been shown in this project and it is hoped that the British Columbia and Yukon Governments may continue the project through their respective areas. We believe this and other historic trails will become unique tourist attractions. Speaking on roads he mentioned that an amount of \$370,000.00 had been allocated for a most expensive 2/3 of a mile of heavy rock work in mountainous country on the Skagway-Carcross road and that they were now in the process of letting out a contract for this work. The problem at the north end involves the Haines cutoff, traversing Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon to its junction with the Alaska Highway. All studies and reports have indicated that the success of the ferry system will depend upon year-round operation which in turn requires year round maintenance of the Haines cutoff. As you know the Canadian portion of this highway is maintained by the North-West Highway System and is thus under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government. Negotiations are continuing through the Department of State of the United States for our meeting with the Federal Government at Ottawa to present our case for winter maintenance. Indications are that this meeting will take place in the near future. He also recommended construction of hard surfaced feeder highways from the Hazelton-Atlin-Alaska border highway to the Alaskan port cities of Petersburg, Wrangell and Juneau to be served by the Southeastern Alaska British Columbia Ferry System. Insofar as many projected rail and highway facilities such as the paving of the Alaska highway would be largely on Canadian soil, and because Canadian plans for new facilities may not be fully integrated into his report, negotiations with the Government of Canada should be initiated for the purpose of creating a long range co-ordinated water, rail and highway development program to provide economic, civil defence and military benefits to both countries.

The next presentation, on behalf of the government of British Columbia was given by the Honourable P.A. Gaglardi, Minister of Highways. Mr. Gaglardi as had the previous speaker classified priorities of certain routes or projects, number one on this list was the completion of the Cassiar-Steward Highway, in this regard the Province is continuing construction of this highway which should be completed in the next four or five years. The next prior item he considered was the completion of the South-eastern Alaska Ferry system and with this in mind he pledged continued improvement and completion of the gaps in British Columbia Highway 16 which is the highway which connects Prince Rupert with Hazelton and Prince George. He also assured the delegation that terminal facilities would be completed at Prince Rupert. Next on his suggested list was reconstruction of the Haines Cutoff and then various routes to serve the north-west area of British Columbia with connecting feeder routes to the major cities of southeast Alaska. He said that construction of these other routes under normal budget circumstances would take many years as it is not likely, considering all other Provincial Highway commitments, that much work could be undertaken annually, and probably none before completion of the Cassiar-Steward Highway and added, that there is of course always the possibility that the discovery or development of a major resource could give impetus to the development of a portion of the system. On the Alaska highway Mr. Gaglardi had this to say, that the paving would have little effect on any resource or industry other than tourism. He recognized that a paved Highway would draw more tourist traffic but felt that this would conflict with trucking operators who appear to have a preference for gravel roads. They base their preference on the assumption that the long distances might not receive adequate snow removal and sanding during the winter months and that they could be faced with more stringent weight restrictions together with increased overload taxes. The present agreement British Columbia has with the Federal Government is to take over the portions of the highway and maintain only those that have been reconstructed and paved at the southern end. He felt that it was extremely unlikely that the balance of the Canadian section of the Alaska Highway would be paved in the early future unless assistance from the Federal Government of Canada and probably the United States Government, were forthcoming. According to his figures to pave the British Columbia section of the Alaska Highway would cost in the neighbourhoods of \$83,000,000.00 for 649 miles while the estimated cost of the 572 miles in the Yukon would be almost \$69,000,000.00 a total of \$152,000,000.00.

Mr. R.G. Williston, British Columbia's Minister of Lands and Forest next discussed the proposed improvement to the transportation systems of the representative areas and added that this would materially hasten the economy of all of them, British Columbia alone could ship some 338 million cubic feet of forest products each year with such a system and felt that with the integration of this proposed transportation system, the proposed hydro-electric development and the existing forest potential the northern portion of British Columbia might develop into a new industrial forest empire. He also felt that Alaska, B.C. and the Yukon might find it expedient to develop joint pipeline systems, to transport their respective petroleum resources. Another matter he brought before the delegation was that the United States should revise the Jones Act, this act limits coastal shipping between American ports to American ships any worthwhile agreement to permit Canadian ships to load British Columbia's mineral and forest products in American ports would accrue with benefit to both Canada and the United States.

Commissioner Collins and later Mr. B.G. Sivertz on behalf of the Yukon next spoke to the delegates and approved in principle most of the proposals that had been brought forth earlier and welcomed the opportunity to assist in the co-ordination of various plans submitted, however, as they were at the meeting in the role of observers they were not able to make any commitments for their Government.

To sum this up the matters of major interest discussed were the paving of the Alaska Highway, the new Ferry system of Southeast Alaska, the desirability of an integrated pipeline system, and the co-ordination of tourist promotion through working together towards the improvement and construction of highway networks.

An interim technical committee had been appointed last year at Victorias conference to prepare recommendations for the scheduling of priorities for connecting roads and highways of regional importance, the conference agreed that they should continue this work to report to the next meeting, in addition it was unanimously agreed that an additional interim committee should be appointed to study hydro-electric power developments of significance to the three participating governments and that these committees should maintain suitable liaison in their assignment to take into consideration any roads or routes which might be flooded with the development of power site.

All in all I feel that this meeting was most satisfactory, to date it has been the means of co-ordinating many lines of approach to many inter-relating problems and there is no doubt much progress has been made at this level, however, before substantial material progress can be made in the near future there is no doubt that it will be essential that the Government of Canada and perhaps the United States Government participate actively in these plans, in this I see encouragement as the United States also had observers, there in person of Senator Gruening, Congressman Ralph Rivers, the U.S. Consul General Mr. Hayden Raynor and others.

In conclusion Commissioner Collins, on behalf of the Yukon delegation extended an invitation that the next conference be held in Whitehorse next June. Governor Egan and Premier Bennett accepted for their respective governments.

