

this area is the new Mackenzie Mountains Preserve, which takes in all the land between the Mackenzie river, the Yukon boundary, and the Peel River Preserve. With a view to conserving the game in the districts not included in the game preserves, licences to hunt and trap game may, under the regulations, be issued only to:—

1. Residents of the Northwest Territories as defined by these regulations who at the present time hold hunting and trapping licences and who continue to reside in the Northwest Territories.

2. The children of those who have had their domicile in the Northwest Territories for the past four years, provided such children continue to reside in the Northwest Territories.

The Wood-Buffalo Park in the vicinity of Fort Smith, which covers an area of 17,300 square miles (a portion of which is in Alberta), has been reserved specially for the protection of buffalo. The Thelon Game Sanctuary to the east of Great Slave lake, which was set aside primarily to aid in the conservation of musk-oxen, provides sanctuary for all species of game. Under the Northwest Game Act, musk-oxen may not be killed anywhere in the Northwest Territories.

With a view to the development of an industry which would augment the supply of wild life available as a source of food and clothing for the natives, the Dominion Government, in 1935, established a herd of reindeer on a reserve of approximately 6,600 square miles, immediately east of the Mackenzie delta. The herd has contributed to the well-being of the native population, and had increased in numbers from the original 2,370 head to more than 4,500 at the round-up in the summer of 1938. In December of that year, about 900 of the deer, the nucleus of another herd, were established under native management in a location 150 miles east of the reserve.

In view of the great increase in the use of aircraft for mail and general transportation, the Administration is developing landing facilities at many points throughout the Mackenzie District. A winter landing field has been provided at Fort Smith and others are in course of completion at Resolution, Providence, Simpson, and Norman. Floating docks, etc., have been constructed at several points for the use of seaplanes.

An excellent air-mail service is provided by the Post Office Department, while the Department of National Defence operates a system of radio stations linking up the chief settlements and mining centres of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory with Edmonton, Alberta. Radio stations are in operation at Fort Smith, Resolution, Simpson, Norman, Aklavik, Port Brabant (seasonal), Port Radium, Yellowknife, Thompson Lake, Dawson, Mayo, Whitehorse, and Burwash Landing. Direction-finding and meteorological stations are operated by the Department of Transport at Chesterfield, Nottingham Island, Resolution Island, and Coppermine.

Exploratory work has been carried on throughout the Territories and much aerial surveying has been done, particularly in the mineralized areas of Mackenzie District. Mineral prospectors are exploring new areas, the aeroplane being used as the chief means of transportation. The Precambrian Shield, which has proved so rich in valuable minerals in southerly Canada, is continued into the Territories—that portion lying between Great Slave and Great Bear lakes and Hudson bay—