

### Subsection 11.—Yukon and the Northwest Territories

**Yukon.**—The Yukon Act provides for a local government composed of a Chief Executive, styled Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor in Council, and an elective Territorial Council of three members having a three-year tenure of office. The Yukon Territorial Council performs much the same functions as do the Provincial Governments. The Commissioner functions in lieu of the Provincial Cabinet and the three members of the Territorial Council function in lieu of the Provincial Legislature. The seat of local government is at Dawson, but the Commissioner acts under instructions from the Governor in Council or the Minister of Mines and Resources at Ottawa.

#### COMMISSIONER

JOHN EDWARD GIBBEN.....Sept. 13, 1947

#### TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

(Three members elected 1949, for 3 years)

Dawson District..... CHARLES J. LELIEVRE

Whitehorse District..... R. GORDON LEE

Mayo District..... ERNEST J. CORP

**Northwest Territories.**—The government of the Northwest Territories is vested in the Commissioner, assisted by a Council composed of six members all of whom are appointed by the Governor in Council. The administration of the various Acts, Ordinances and Regulations pertaining to the Northwest Territories is supervised by the Director of the Lands and Development Services Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, who is also Deputy Commissioner. The seat of government is at Ottawa.

#### TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Commissioner..... HUGH L. KEENLEYSIDE.

Deputy Commissioner..... ROY A. GIBSON.

Members of the Council..... LOUIS C. AUDETTE, HAROLD B. GODWIN, DONALD M. MACKAY, JOHN G. MCNIVEN, STUART T. WOOD.

Secretary..... JAMES G. WRIGHT.

### Section 3.—Municipal Government\*

The earliest local government in Canada was carried out by the seigniors of New France, who along with military command and the administration of justice, bore the responsibilities of appointing justices of the peace and clerks of roads. Some were soon replaced by a 'syndic' elected by the people, the first in 1644, though a mayor and two aldermen had briefly held office in the city of Quebec in 1643. However, the 'syndics' fell into disuse, and powers were delegated by the governor to officials. The city of Quebec was incorporated in 1831, and a system of local government for the Province, decreed in 1840, was remodelled by Acts of 1845, 1847, 1850 and 1860.

Meanwhile, in the maritime region, Saint John had attained the distinction of becoming Canada's first incorporated city in 1784. Incorporation of Halifax came in 1849 and Charlottetown in 1855. In Ontario the Parish and Town Officers Act

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