

Subsection 11.—Yukon and Northwest Territories

Yukon Territory.—The Yukon was created a separate Territory in June 1898. Provision is made for a local Government composed of a Chief Executive, styled Commissioner, and an elective Legislative Council of five members with a three-year tenure of office. The Commissioner administers the Government under instructions from the Governor in Council or the Minister of Resources and Development. The Commissioner in Council has power to make ordinances dealing with the imposition of local taxes, sale of liquor, preservation of game, establishment of territorial offices, maintenance of prisons and municipal institutions, issue of licences, incorporation of companies, solemnization of marriage, property and civil rights, administration of justice, and generally all matters of a local nature in the Territory. The seat of local government is at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

(Five members elected 1952, for three years)

Dawson.....	V. C. MELLER	Whitehorse East.....	J. L. PHELPS
Mayo.....	A. F. BERRY	Whitehorse West.....	F. D. LOCKE
	Carmacks.....		A. R. HAYES

TERRITORIAL OFFICIALS

Commissioner (Whitehorse).....	W. G. BROWN
Superintendent of Works and Buildings.....	B. G. HARVEY
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	M. MUNROE
Legal Adviser.....	F. G. SMITH

The Director of the Northern Administration and Lands Branch, Department of Resources and Development, is directly responsible for the general administration of the Territory under the Yukon Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 298), and that Department has five lands and mining officials stationed in the Territory. Other Departments of the Federal Government, including Justice, National Revenue, Transport, Post Office, etc., also maintain officials in the Yukon Territory.*

Northwest Territories.—The Northwest Territories as reconstituted on Sept. 1, 1905, comprise:

- (1) all that part of Canada north of the Sixtieth Parallel of North Latitude, except the portions thereof within the Yukon Territory and the Provinces of Quebec and Newfoundland, and
- (2) the islands in Hudson Bay, James Bay and Ungava Bay, except those islands within the Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

For administrative purposes, the Territories were divided into the provisional districts of Mackenzie, Keewatin and Franklin by Order in Council of Mar. 16, 1918. The Northwest Territories Act, 1905, as amended, provides for the Government of the Territories by a Commissioner (who is Deputy Minister of the Department of Resources and Development) under instructions given from time to time by the Governor in Council or the Minister of Resources and Development. There is a council of eight members, three of whom are elected, and five appointed by the Governor in Council. The Commissioner in Council has power to make ordinances for the Government of the Territories relating to subjects designated by the Governor

* Further information on officials of various Federal Government Departments serving the Yukon Territory may be obtained from the Director, Northern Administration and Lands Branch, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.