

The increase in economic activity and population in the North has also brought about changes in federal representation. Since the first decade of the twentieth century, there has been a Member of Parliament at Ottawa from the Yukon, but until 1947 there was no provision for representation for any part of the Northwest Territories. By the Redistribution Act of that year, however, the Yukon constituency was enlarged to include the Mackenzie District west of the 109th meridian and was renamed "Yukon-Mackenzie River". By the Redistribution Act of 1952 further changes have taken place; "Mackenzie River" has now been separated from "Yukon" and enlarged to include the whole of the Mackenzie District. Therefore, after the next election there will be two members of Parliament for the northern territories, one for "Yukon" and one for "Mackenzie District".

... I hope I have been able in this half hour to give some ideas of the bright hopes that lie in the north. The only factor that could destroy these hopes would be a decline in the demand for minerals; and that appears to me a most unlikely contingency! With the rapidly increasing population of the world, the technological advances which are continually putting on the market more and more useful and fascinating gadgets, and the efforts that are being undertaken to increase the purchasing power of the underdeveloped countries, the demand for minerals seems destined to rise by leaps and bounds. The Promise of the North, therefore, is unbounded.

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