

tainer ships travel the White Pass route; the majority of the freight is ore concentrates.

Many parts of the Yukon are accessible only by air, particularly during the winter. Whitehorse is the chief aviation centre, connecting flights from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Airlines such as CP Air, Transair, Pacific Western and Nordair frequently schedule flights into the Yukon.

Until the Second World War, the territory's main landing sites were its lakes and rivers, as aircraft favoured using floats and skis for landing. Since then, many landing sites have been constructed to keep up with the Yukon's increasing transportation needs. Northern communities are served by Northward Airlines and Wien Air Alaska, as well as several charter and helicopter companies.

All telecommunications systems in the Yukon are operated by Canadian National Telecommunications. The system operates a network of lines which satisfy the telephone, teletype, telex and telegram needs of Yukon residents.

There are two radio stations in Whitehorse, and in addition, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Northern Service operates 14 low-power relay radio transmitter stations.

The Yukon receives television service through Telesat Canada's *Anik* satellite, which enables even remote communities to receive television signals

from the CBC. Whitehorse is also served with cable television through Northern Television Systems Ltd., providing its residents with a wider variety of programming.

Education

The push for compulsory education has been much more difficult in the Yukon than in other parts of Canada, since the people are spread out in very small groups, and school construction costs are high. Because of the small school-age population, the Yukon's student-teacher ratio is still the lowest in Canada.

Two-thirds of the students study in Whitehorse, where ten of the territory's 23 schools are located. Two separate schools are also maintained in Whitehorse for those of the Roman Catholic faith, and at Burwash Landing on Kluane Lake there is an independent school for Indians. There are about 5,200 students in the Yukon, ranging from kindergarten to Grade 12.

There is a technical and vocational training centre in Whitehorse for education beyond the high school level. The centre, established in 1963, offers courses in mechanical, electrical and construction trades, and trains assistant nurses and teachers for Yukon schools. Some 250 students take full time pre-employment courses there each year.

While the Yukon has no university of its own, many residents take corres-