range and drains into Bering Sea. Within the valleys of the Copper and Susitna Rivers rise two very rugged mountain groups, the Wrangell and Talkeetna ranges.

Beyond the valleys of the Copper and Susitna rivers the Alaska Range, which may be called the backbone of Alaska, rises to great heights. It includes Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain of North America and the highest in the world in relation to the territory immediately surrounding it. The Alaska Range is broken by numerous narrow but excellent passes and has had no such ill effect on the territory as have the somewhat less high mountains which fringe the coast.

Beyond the Alaska Range there is a vast country, rolling and in part mountainous, which comprises the valleys of the Kuskokwim and of the Yukon with its two main tributaries, the Tanana and the Koyukuk. The lower valleys of the Kuskokwim and Yukon are flat delta.

The Brooks Range, consisting of mountains that are neither especially high nor very rugged, separates the valleys above mentioned from a vast stretch of rolling tundra which stretches to the Arctic Ocean.

The subsoil of the vast interior of Alaska is permanently frozen. This is a condition handed down from a preceding period when the climate of Alaska was much colder than at present. For about four months during the summer the average temperature is about  $55^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$  while temperatures above 90° are not rare. The surface thaws and the warmth, together with the long hours of daylight, causes vegetation to grow very rapidly. The resultant thick layer of moss and dead vegetation prevents the ground from thawing to any great depth. Where this layer of moss and dead vegetation is removed thawing does continue to bed rock, or at least to very considerable depths.

The frozen condition of the subsoil prevents the drainage of the surface by seepage while the accumulated moss and dead vegetation greatly retard surface drainage. The result is that in proceeding across country in Alaska in its normal condition in summer one wades through a peat-like muck, water-soaked and ankle to knee deep. The going is made rough by the profusion of bunches of grass root growth known locally as "niggerheads."

The above condition, varied only in degree, exists all over Alaskawith the exception of the narrow fringe along the southern coast. Movement across country is further complicated, except on the Seward Peninsula and on the Arctic slope, by the presence of scrub timber, much of which is fallen and which must be cleared to permit ready passage.

Movement of a wheeled vehicle without a prepared roadway is impossible everywhere except along a sand of gravel beach or along the gravel beds of the smaller streams.

Many of Alaska's streams are of glacial origin. In these the water is very cold and heavily laden with silt and the current is very swlft. Quicksand is often encountered. Such streams are always crossed at considerable hazard.

Alaska is well provided with navigable streams which now serve the same purpose in the Territory as did the rivers in the states before the construction of the railroads. The Yukon, Kuskokwim, Innoko, Iditarod, Koyukuk, Tanana, Kantishna, and the Tolovana Rivers, together with The Alaska Railroad, the Copper River and Northwestern Railway, the White Pass and Yukon Railway, and the Richardson and Steese Highways form main routes of commerce. From the seacoast or from points on these main routes freight is moved still closer to its destination on the smaller streams in light draft boats or over short feeder roads.

During the winter, extending on an average for the whole interior country from November first to April tenth, the streams are frozen over and the ground covered with snow and movement is much less difficult. The stream beds generally form excellent avenues for movement by doysled or horse-drawn sleds. Trails for dog teams and sled roads for the heavier sleds drawn by horses or tractors are constructed at relatively little expense by clearing a lane through the timber, constructing occasional bridges over guilles and open streams, and grading down the especially steep approaches to frozen streams. Winter travel on the large streams is more or less hazardous though, due to danger from overflows or going through holes or thin places in the ice. The trails are gradually being relocated off the river in such places.

During the period from October tenth to November first and from April tenth to May tenth, as an average for the interior country, the streams are just freezing or thawing, movement on or across the streams is impossible on account of running ice, and travel is at a standstill except on the railroads.

The most important occupations in the interior of Alaska are mining, fur production and farming. The most important product is gold. It can be transported by any available means from any point at which it is produced. Other minerals can be mined profitably at present only at localities where railroad or water transportation is immediately available. It follows that in general the problem is to transport supplies of all kinds to the point of consumption rather than from the point of production.

The average cost of transporting a ten of freight one mile by bobsied on a winter sled road, as shown by the table on page 33 is 50c as compared with a cost for summer movement of 60c by auto truck or \$1.50 by wagon. It generally follows that for isolated mines and small mining communities in the remote interior the construction of wagon and automobile roads is not warranted.

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It is the policy of this Commission to construct sled roads and summer pack trails to such localities from the nearest point on navigable water or on the railroad. If developments warrant, the summer trail can later be improved into a wagon trad. Supplies for such points for use during a certain summer must be delivered at the head of navigation during the preceding summer and freighted over the snow during the preceding winter. The small amount of necessary perishable or emergency freight can be moved during summer over pack trails.

Where the operations are of considerable magnitude and around the larger communities the construction of waron roads is warranted and necessary on account of the increased travel

# CONSTRUCTION.

Road construction in Alaska is a rather slow and expensive probess. After the road has been located, timber cut and removed, stumps grubbed out, moss and vegetation removed, drainage ditches dug and grading completed it requires a period of three or four years for the subsoil to thaw, the ground water level to be lowered to its new level and the subsoil to attain equilibrium. Meantime the road is unsuitable for heavy loads and maintenance charges are high. In many places it is impossible at any reasonable expense to grade and drain the roadway and cordinov must be used. Fortunately the scrub timber generally available, makes good cordinoy.

Gravel for road surfacing is generally available within reasonable having distance. Gravelling is necessary for practically all roads which are used by automobiles. Concrete or other forms of hard. surfaced roads are nowhere warranted in the present stage of development of the Territory.

Bridges are built of native or imported timber or steel, depending on their importance. Fir has been found to be the most suitable material for timber bridges but improvements in methods of local timber production now in progress will, if successful, make possible some use of Alaska hemlock for structural purposes.

Metal culverts are being introduced to replace the culverts of native timber heretofore used. The latter rot very rapidly and the frequent replacement required makes them quite expensive.

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Sied roads are located on low ground, often swampy, and follow streams or lakes whenever this is advantageous. Clearing of timber, removal of stumps and niggerheads, construction of bridges across deep guilles and grading down of sleep approaches are the general requirements in the construction of a sled road. Winter trails fordog teams are constructed on the same principle but require less in the way of bridges or grading of approaches.

Summer trails follow the driest—or least wet—ground available. If grades are not excessive they are susceptible of later development into wagon roads.

It is the general policy on any route or within a certain district, to make improvements throughout rather than to make extensive improvements on one route or portion of a route which cannot be advantageously used until the remainder or the connecting routes are so improved.

# TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

A traffic census was begun by the Commission in 1911. Comparing the expenditures for freight on each route at the present rate with the cost of transporting the same amount of freight at the rates prevailing before the road was constructed, a figure is obtained which represents the conomic saving to the community served by the construction of the particular route in point.

The data thus collected-indicates a considerable annual saving in cost of transportation of freight due to the construction of roads by the Commission. It is doubtful, however, if a large portion of the freight would have been transported without the roads and trails and the indirect loss that would have been occasioned by the restriction on output and development if the roads did not exist cannot be estimated.

In the interior, the great cost of moving freight by teaming or packing together with the difficulty and uncertainty of moving it at all, constitutes the main obstacle to the growth and development of the district.

The cost of transportation by the usual modes of transport in Alaska is shown by the following table:

Per Ton-Mile

| Bob-sled (sled road)                     | 1,30 |
|--|------|
| Dog-team (trail)                         | 6.30 |
| Truck (wagon road)<br>Wagon (wagon road) |      |

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133 535 (\*)—Average from very widely varying figures. At Lislanski Inlet, in Southeastern Alaska, lumber, pipe, tar paper, groceries, etc., carried on the backs of Indians from the beach up a slippery mountain trail about 7.509 feet long to a new gold strike in a little basin at about 500 feet elevation cost 4 cents per pound or \$80.00 per ton-over 1 cent per tonfoot.

The table shows the actual cost at the rates for teams, labor, food, forage, etc., prevailing in the great interior regions of Alaska. They are based also on the costs of hauling large quantities. On the south coast the comparative values are the same, but the actual values are about one-third less because of lower costs of above controlling elements.

The available records of traffic show a reasonable increase for the calendar year 1929 over that of previous years. Although the records are incomplete it is possible to make a comparison between the 1928 traffic and that for 1929 over the more important routes in the various districts. This comparison, shown in the table below, is necessarily limited to passenger and freight traffic over automobile roads.

#### Comparative Statement of Traffic Over Typical Routes

| •   | Persons |        | Motor  | Vehicles | Tonnage |       |
|---|---------|--------|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| Route   | 1928    | 1929   | 1923   | 1929     | 1928    | 1929  |
| Haines-Pleasant Camp 6<br>Richardson Highway; | 5,229   | 6,941  | 2,016  | 2.297    | - 257   | 260   |
| Valdez  | 5,312   | 18,656 | 4,809  | 7,844    | 272     | 358   |
| Willow Creek                                  | 0.012   | 1,387  | 852    | 687      | 117     | 204   |
| Grundier                                      | 8,433   | 5,085  | 1,228  | 1,298    | 374     | 424   |
| Richardson 4                                  |         | 4,546  | 1,760  | 1,779    | £43     | 459   |
| Summit-Fairbanks Creek 3                      | 3,239   | 1,892  | \$78   | 726      | 1,537   | 987   |
| Steese Highway 2                              | 2.371   | 1,816  | 357    | 449      | 240     | 350   |
| Wasilla-Fishhook                              | 1.563   | 3,989  | 2.431  | 2,002    | 1,690   | 950   |
| Wasilla-Knik                                  |         | 4,005  | 1,387  | 1,615    | 120     | 188   |
| Wasilla-Matanuska                             | 5,300   | 6,144  | 2,032  | 2,101    | 265     | 270   |
| McKinley Park Road 4                          | 1.301   | 8,860  | 1,692  | 3,930    | 69a     | 710   |
| Nome-Council                                  |         | 517    | 156    | 199      | 14      |       |
| Totals  | 5,740   | 59,889 | 19,598 | 24,318   | 5,236   | 5,211 |

For the above routes it is shown that the following increases have occurred in the 1929 traffic as compared with the 1928 traffic:

| Number | of | persons |          | <b>7.</b> 5% |
|--------|----|---------|----------|--------------|
| Number | of | motor   | vehicles | 24.1%        |

These increases show a very gratifying reaction from the recent work performed by the Commission. The following statement shows the 1929 traffic on some of the typical routes and indicates an astonishing aggregate of traffic upon trails in remote sections which would be greatly benefited if the trails were improved to wagon or autotruck standard:

| No.<br>District Route  | Station Per  | No. of<br>lod   Persor   |  | Wagons  | Stods   | Pack<br>Horses  | Tonnas  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|-----------------|---|
| SOUTHEASTERN<br>Halnes-Pleasant Camp 3A&B  | Wells  | -Duc. 6,94   | 1 2,207  | 28  | 273   | 2464448         | 260   |
| VALDEZ<br>Valdez-Chilina-Fairbanks   | Valdez June<br>Canon June<br>Tickel May<br>Willow Creek May  | -Oct. 18,65<br>-Oct. 8,08<br>-Oct. 1,68  | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   |   |   |                 | 868<br>860<br>868<br>204  |
| CHITINA<br>Chilina-Valdez-Pairbanks<br>Chilina-Valdez-Pairbanks<br>Gulkana-Chilschina  | Chilina  | -Sept. 3,35  | 1 2,086<br>0 1,368   | $     \begin{array}{r}       20 \\       14 \\       \cdot 22 \\       80     \end{array} $ | 71<br>120   | 12<br>          | 632<br>846<br>443<br>305  |
| FAIRBANKS<br>Fuirbanks-Chitina-Valdez<br>Fairbanks-Chitina-Valdez<br>Fairbanks-Circle  | Richardson   | -Dec. 37,17<br>-Dec. 37,17<br>-Sept. 1,81<br>-Oct. 1,10<br>-Aug. 1,89<br>-Dec. 92<br>-Dec. 92                        | 1,298           23,426           23,426           23,426           24,135           16           449           16           427           12           12           12           13           149           15           16           427           12           12           12           13           14           15           16           17           18           19           10           10           10           10           10 | 142<br>142<br>16<br>36<br>52<br>45  | 21<br>21<br>152<br>351<br>176<br>49                                     |                 | $\begin{array}{c} 459\\ 424\\ 14,982\\ 12,878\\ 360\\ 60\\ 987\\ 2411\\ 113\\ 23\\ \end{array}$ |
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|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---------|---|------------------|--|---------------------------|
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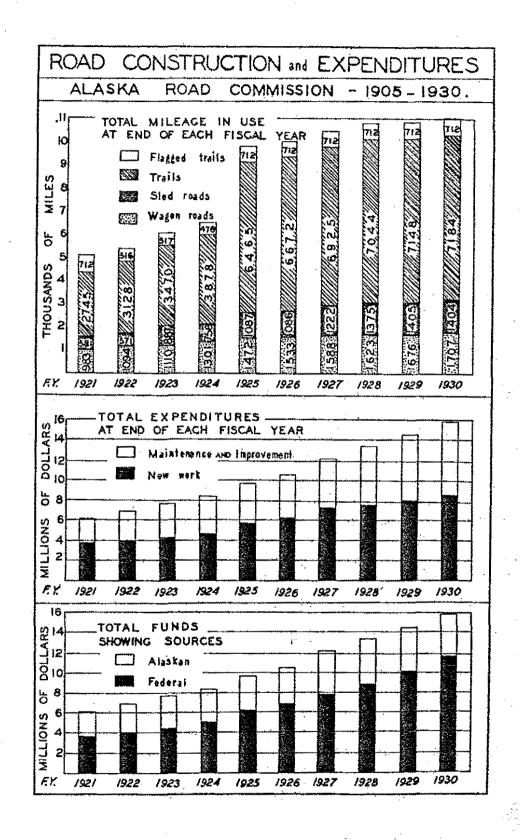
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# TWENTY-SIX YEARS' SERVICE,

With the period covered by this report the Alaska Road Commission concludes its twenty-sixth year of service. The work accomplished consists of the construction and maintenance of 1,707% miles of wagon and tram road, most of which is suitable for automobiles, 1,403% miles of winter sled road, 7.184 miles of trail and 712 miles of flagged trail. This work has been done at a total cost of \$15,985,521.16 of which \$8,605,506.32 was for new construction and \$7,380,014.84 for maintenance. \$10,965,437.79 of the funds expended were derived from War Department appropriation acts. The balance, \$5,020,083.37 or over 31 per cent, of the total expenditures, was obtained from Alaskan sources. The work accomplished, the funds expended for new work and maintenance and the amounts derived from Federal and Alaskan sources are shown on the diagram opposite. The work accomplished by the Commission naturally divides itself into three periods or phases.

The first was that covered by the period of time during which General Wilds P. Richardson, U. S. Army, Retired, was President of the Commission and extended from 1905 to 1917. This was essentially a period of pioneering. While this period covered nearly all the stampedes into the Territory, settlements and traffic lines of communication were very unsaitled. With small but increasing appropriations, the pioneer development of the Territory was followed with great intelligence through this period. By 1913 a comprehensive program of operations was drawn up calling for the expenditure of \$7,500,000 during the succeeding ten years. During the last two years of General Richardson's direction, Congress appropriated \$500,000 each year for the work. The largest project of the Commission, the Richardson Highway from Valdez to Chitina to Fairbanks, was located and improved over the major portion of the distance so as to provide for wagon traffic. By 1907 it was passible throughout for dog-teams; by 1910 for a light horse-drawn wagon; and in 1913 the first light automobile made the through trip from the interior to the coast. This period laid the foundation for all future work and terminated with the opening of the so-called War Period, 1917-20.

During this second period the work of the Road Commission along with many other Federal works both in Alaska and the U.S., suffered from lack of support because of the precedence given to war activities. Appropriations during the last two years of the period were reduced to \$100,000 per year, prices were high and labor scarce. Under such disadvantages the gain in mileage was slight and maintenance funds were available only for the most urgent requirements. However, such roads as were needed for the commerce of the Territory were



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kept open. Major Wm. H. Waugh, Engineers, U. S. Army, was President of the Commission during this period.

The third period, 1920 to the close of the fiscal year, 1930, has been characterized by increased appropriations, broader legislation; procurement of mechanical equipment, reopening of old trails and roads, heavier construction to withstand motor traffic, and adjustment of lines of communication to the vast change brought about in Alaska by the completion of The Alaska Railroad from Seward which reached Pairbanks in 1923. Federal appropriations increased and other resources were secured so that funds available for the current season's work aggregate \$1,250,000. General James G. Steese was President of the Commission from 1920 to 1927, inclusive.

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The pioneer period of the Alaska Road Commission is largely over. All existing mileage has been opened and improved, so far as funds have permitted. The present network of roads serves as an infallible guide for the future development of overland routes through the Territory. This development calls only for additional funds for construction.

The Commission prepared a new ten-year program in 1920, calling for an expenditure of \$10.000,000 during the succeeding ten years. Appropriations, exclusive of the Alaska Fund and Territorial contributions, for the first five years aggregated \$3,220,000. The program as then revised, in order to speed up the completion of the work, called for the expenditure of \$9,000,000 during the second five years of the ten-year period. Appropriations for the second five-year period aggregated \$4,325,000. Progress has been accordingly somewhat curtailed.

A new program prepared in 1929 covering the fiscal years 1932 to 1941 inclusive has been submitted to the Secretary of War and transmitted by him to Congress for consideration. This program calls for total Federal appropriations in addition to contributed and tax funds, of \$14,247,000.

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|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Year<br>1932<br>1933<br>1934<br>1935<br>1936<br>1937<br>1938<br>1939<br>1940<br>1944<br>1944<br>1944 | Year<br>1931<br>1932<br>1933<br>1934<br>1935<br>1936<br>1936<br>1937<br>1938<br>1939<br>1940 | lenninee and<br>Improvements<br>\$ 856,000<br>871,000<br>856,000<br>856,000<br>841,000<br>918,000<br>918,000<br>978,000<br>905,000 | For Naw<br>Construction<br>\$ 400,000<br>500,000<br>900,000<br>900,000<br>000,000<br>1,000,000<br>900,000<br>900,000<br>600,000<br>400,000<br>\$7,500,000 | ment and now                         | Alaska<br>Fund<br>3 120,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000<br>130,000 | Territorial<br>Appropriations<br>\$ 100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000<br>100,000 | Total from<br>Alaska<br>\$ 230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000<br>230,000 | A ppro-<br>prin (lons)<br>Required<br>\$ 1,056,000<br>1,241,000<br>1,556,000<br>1,553,000<br>1,553,000<br>1,558,000<br>1,588,000<br>1,624,000<br>1,165,000 |
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# PROPOSED OPERATIONS.

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This report covers operations up to June 30, 1930, or practically the working season of 1923. Current operations (working season of 1930) will be covered in the annual report for 1931. About \$1,250,000 is available from all sources for the year. These funds will be expended on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing road and trail system, for the construction and maintenance of aviation fields, and for other special work performed with Territorial funds. Little can be done to meet the pressing need for improvements and extensions of the system, without much greater annual appropriations than have been made up to the present. In addition to contributed and tax funds, an estimate of \$1,056,000 in accordance with the 1929 program has been submitted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, and included in the annual report of the Department. This sum if made available will permit a continuation of the improvement of the Richardson and Steese Highways, ordinary insidenance and some improvement of the shorter systems and a continuation of construction work, on an increased scale, on the important Gulkana-Ohisana route, and on a few smaller projects.

# JUNEAU HEADQUARTERS -

The general office of the Commission is located at Juneau, the capital of the Territory. This is the headquarters for all activities of the members of the Commission.

The field activities of the Commission extend to all inhabited parts of the Territory, but the largest projects and the bulk of its expenditures are located in the central part of the Territory tributary to the Richardson Highwar and The Alaska Rollhoad. Close liaison is maintained with all other Federal or Territorial bureaus or officials.

The President of the Commission has general charge of the operations of the Commission, conducts hearings, investigates new projects, allots available funds, and approves and certifiles, on behalf of the Commission, all vouchers and expenditures. He spends a majority of his time in the field keeping in close touch with the progress of the work and of conditions generally in the Territory.

The Engineer Officer supervises the work of construction in the field, prepares estimates, requisitions, etc., and oversees the design of major structures. He spends most of his time in the field and undertakes a great deal of ploneer reconnaissance work. The President and the Engineer Officer interchange functions in different parts of the Territory, thus expediting the handling of emergencies.

The Secretary and Disbursing Officer is in general charge of the office handles purchases and supply, and disburses the funds of the Commission. He has a bonded disbursing clerk in each district

who draws overdrafts on the nearest bank or commercial house to make prompt payment for labor and supplies. These overdrafts are met monthly by the disbursing officer and carried as "cash advanced" until the covering vouchers arrive; usually several months later. He visits each district office periodically to standardize methods and accounts. By means of the cable, telegraph, and radio, the general office is in constant touch with each district office.

# WASHINGTON, D. C., SUB-OFFICE.

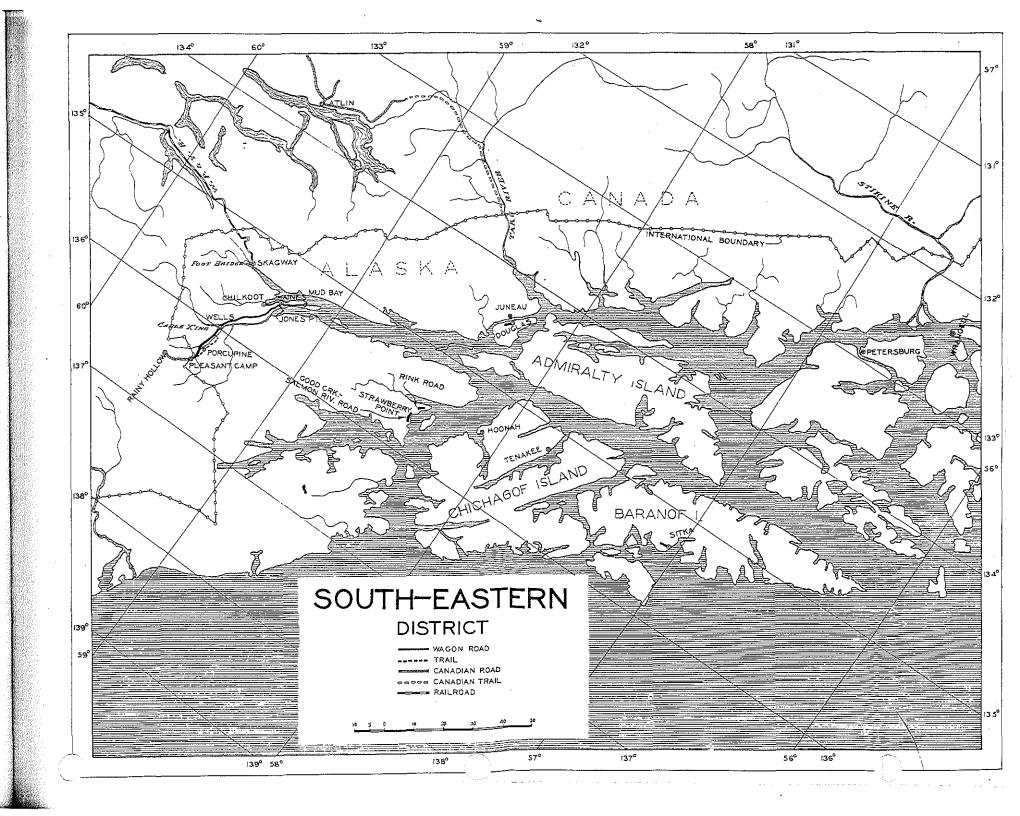
Routine business with the War Department is carried on through the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army. The President of the Commission is required to defend the annual estimates of the Commission in person before the Appropriations Committees of Congress.

# SEATTLE, WASH., ENGINEER OFFICE.

By informal arrangement, the District Engineer, U. S. Engineer Department. Seattle, Wash., acts as a purchasing agent of the Commission. Upon request he advertises and canvasses hids, inspects and ships supplies, answers inquiries, secures information, and, in general represents the Commission in Seattle. For this service he charges the Commission only for the actual time of such of his subordinates as may be actually engaged in this work. This accommodation results in a considerable saving to the United States, as otherwise the Commission would be compelled, during the busy season, to maintain a qualified representative in Seattle and to provide for office space, fuel and light, elerical help, etc. The services rendered to this Commission through such purchases and shipments are invaluable. The low prices obtained and the prompt shipments made have been an important factor in extending its work.

The supplies purchased include practically everything from bridge iron, metal culverts, forage, subsistence and heavy road machinery, to small tools, office equipment, and stationery. Cost of the supplies purchased and the cost for the entire transaction including advertising, acceptance, inspection and shipment, and all expenses incidental thereto, were as indicated in the following table:

| Fiscal Ye  | Cosi<br>ar , F | of Supplies<br>purchased   |       | tle Office<br>Charge   | Per Cent                                     |
|--|----------------|--|-------|--|--|
| 1924<br>1925<br>1926<br>1927<br>1928<br>1929<br>1930 | \$             | 783,247.50<br>192.082.70<br>249,945.08<br>154,846.85<br>165,192.35<br>138,231.31<br>213,129.37 | ₹<br> | 3,048,17<br>3,933,91<br>3,647.97<br>3,343,28<br>8,390,34<br>2,546,26<br>3,413,10 | 1.67<br>2.05<br>1.46<br>2.16<br>2.05<br>1.38 |
| 1000   | Totals         | 1,346,659.14   | \$    | 24,323.03  | 1.60   |



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# SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT,

Supervised from Janean Office.

Lt. E. C. Itschner, July 1 to July 31, 1929. Lt. F. R. Garges, Aug. 1, 1929 to Jan. 31, 1930. Lt. J. G. Christiansen, Feb. 1 to June 30, 1930. Joe McKenzie, General Foreman, Haines. Peter Trierschield, General Foreman, Sitka.

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This district embraces all the territory east of the 141st meridian, the so-called Panhandle.

Due to the rugged topography and the excellent system of sheltered waterways through transportation will always be by water, short toud systems serving areas developed along the coast.

All road expenditures in this district were upon co-operative projects supported by the Territory and the Alaska Road Commission, with the exception of the Haines-Chilkoot, Gastineau Bar and Sitka-Pioneer Cemetery Road, which are exclusively Territorial projects. The Sitka National Monument is a co-operative project with the National Park Service, and the Sitka National Cemetery is largely supported, by funds from the Quartermaster General.

# SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| fryeet  |                |        |          |
|---|----------------|--------|----------|
| No. Name of Sub-Project   | Road           | Trail  | Total    |
| Vasuneau (Inamo) Row  |                | 1 1201 | Miles    |
|   |                |        |          |
| "A* Haines-Wells<br>"D" Pleasant Camp Forenaia                  | _              |        | <b>*</b> |
| D" Plessent Camp Evacuation                                     | 243.           |        | 244      |
| D" Pleasant Camp Extension                                      | 1.             |        |          |
| <ul> <li>Porcupine Extension</li> <li>Halnes-Mud Bay</li> </ul> | -1-2           |        | 174      |
|   | 5              | 1.5    | 20       |
| D. Halnes-Mud Bay<br>E** Haines-Chikoot                         | 16             | - 100  | 10       |
| ST Haines-Chikoot   | 3              |        | 3        |
| Additional Point  | 51             |        | រំផ      |
| Sitka-Indian River  |                |        |          |
| 14 Sitka National Monument                                      | -              |        | 34       |
| 143 Sitka National Constrant                                    |                | 3      | 2        |
| 13 Sitka National Connerry                                      |                | ****   |          |
| Sala violeer Comptery Reed                                      | 2.             |        | 11       |
|   | , <del>-</del> |        | 72       |
| to Douglas-Gastingau Changes                                    | _* <u>*</u>    |        | , Ve     |
| HAT Skarway Trails  | 2.             |        | 2        |
| 14.4* Skagwey Trails Fled                                       | _              | 6      | 6        |
| Good Creak Sulman Die   |                | -      |          |
|   | 114            |        |          |
| XA' Bink River  | 1%             |        | 1 1/2    |
|   | ×.             |        | 1%       |
| reteta T  |                |        |          |
| Totals  | 871.           | 23     | 9044     |
| (*) Cooperative with Territory of Alaska                        |                | **     | -v 13    |
| (**) Entirely supported by Territorial Funda                    |                |        |          |
| appointed by Cerritorial Funda                                  |                |        |          |

DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The iollowing changes and additions should be noted:

3E-This road was relocated. The route now follows the shore

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line, well above high tide, around the peninsula north of Haines. It is suitable for light motor traffic.

44B-This aviation field is located in the north end of the Skagway townsite. It is laid out 310 ft. by 1960 ft.

#### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Important operations other than routine maintenance are summarized by subprojects as follows:

3E.—Two and one-fourth miles of this road were reconstructed on a new location. The work involved the removal of 6,226 cu. yds. rock and 1,298 cu. yds. earth. 496 cu. yds. of surfacing were placed on three-fourths mile of road. Labor valued at \$1,000 was furnished by residents along the route.

14-A 60-ft. span was constructed (renewal) over Indian River.

14A--A 60-ft. section of bulkhead protecting the west abutment of footbridge over Indian River was rebuilt.

14B---Forty-nine interments of bodies from abandoned military posts were made. The road inside the boundaries of the cemetery was continued.

44B-Necessary surveys were made, the area cleared and grading is 40 per cent complete.

81-A landing dock, 30 ft. by 42 ft., was constructed off the shore opposite the mouth of Salmon River to replace the scow originally used.

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# EAGLE SUB-DISTRICT.

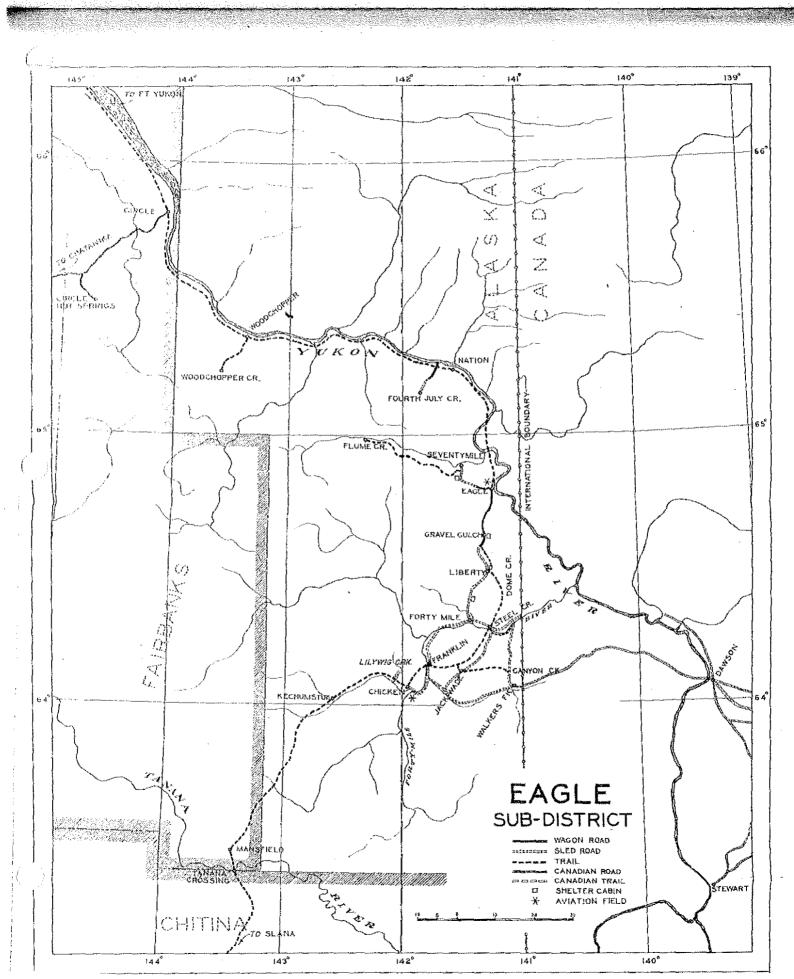
#### Supervised from the Juneau Office.

# D. F. Millard, General Foreman in Charge, Eagle. June 1 to October 31, 1929.

#### April 1 to June 30, 1930.

This sub-district includes that part of the Territory north of 63° 30' north latitude and east of the 144th meridian. It includes a region of early development in the history of Alaska. During the past few years, no extensive development has occurred. The system of winter sled roads and summer trails giving access from Eagle to the Fortymile and Seventymile districts, includes the most important projects within the sub-district.

All projects in this sub-district are supported by the Alaska Road Commission exclusively, with the exception of shelter cabins and aviation fields which are supported by the Territory exclusively.



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#### SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| Sub-<br>Project  |          | Slea |               | Total      |
|--|----------|------|---------------|------------|
| No. Name of Sub-Project  | Road     | Road | Trail         | Miles      |
| •  |          |      | 11011         |            |
| 11A Eagle-Liberty  | 29       | 7    | 57            | 27         |
| 11AA American Summit-Liberty   |          |      | 12            | 12         |
| 11B Liberty-Fortymile<br>11C Steel Creek-Jack Wade                                 |          | 23   | ÷·            | 23         |
| 11C Steel Creek-Jack Wade  |          | 15   |               | 15         |
| 11CC Steel Creek-Jack Wade   |          |      | 15            | 15         |
| 11D Steel Creek-Walker's Fork  |          | 27   |               | 27         |
| 11E Eagle-Seventymile  | 1        | 14   | 40<br>62      | 60<br>80   |
| 11F Jack Wade-Chicken  |          | -    | 20<br>5<br>10 | 20         |
| 11G Steel Creek-Canyon Creek   |          |      | <u>, </u>     | ā.         |
|  |          | -    | 10            | 10         |
| 111 Dome-Steel Creek   | ••       |      | 12            | 12         |
| IIJ         Fortymile-Franklin           IIK         Fortymile-Steel         Creek | •        | 39   |               | 30         |
| 11K Fortymile-Steel Creek  |          | 5    | -             | .8         |
| 11L Franklin-Chicken   | <u> </u> | 19   |               | 10         |
| 11LI. Franklin-Chicken   |          | 26   | 1.2           | 20         |
| 11M Jack Wade-Waker's Fork-Boundary  |          |      | 18            | 18         |
| 11MM Jack Wade-Mouth Walker's Fork   |          | 32   |               | 12         |
| 11N Lillywig Creek   |          | 114  |               | 114        |
| 11P** Chicken Aviation Field   |          |      |               | B          |
| 11Q** Eagle Aviation Fied  | _        | _    |               |            |
| 53 Eagle-Circle  |          |      | 160           | 160        |
| 65D Kechumstek-Tanana Crossing   |          |      | 60            | <b>6</b> 0 |
| 65E Chicken-Kechumstuk   |          |      | 28            | 28         |
| 56 Fourth of July Creek  | ÷        | 5    |               | 10         |
| 37 Woodchopper Creek   |          | _    | 8             | -8         |
| 90D** Shelter Cabins 4th Division  |          |      |               | ****       |
| Totais   | 29       | 1.41 | 358           | 59174      |

(\*\*) Entirely supported by Territorial Funds.

## DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following additions and changes should be noted:

11P-The area was enlarged to total length of 1,000 ft., width varying from 164 ft. to 286 ft.

11Q—The area was enlarged to length 1,500 ft., width varying from 230 ft. to 350 ft.

# OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The operations other than routine maintenance are summarized by sub-projects as follows:

11A-Six new culverts were installed and one 16-ft, bridge built,

11P-This landing field was enlarged to a length of 1,000 ft., the width varying from 170 ft. at the south end, 286 ft. at the center to 164 ft. at the north end. The new area was stripped, plowed and graded.

11Q---Three buildings of the abandoned military post were dismantled and removed from the area and the sites leveled. This provides additional area suitable for landing.

# BETHEL SUB-DISTRICT.

# Carl Lottsfeldt, Superintendent, Takotna.

This sub-district includes the lower Kuskokwim Valley and the Yukon-Kuskokwim portage routes. It contains no road projects. The important activities are located along the coast line or the Kuskokwim River so that summer transportation is by boat, supplemented by short trails. Winter transportation is by dog sled.

A much needed winter trail has been established extending from McGrath in the upper Kuskokwim Valley, via Aniak, Bethel, Goodnews Bay, Togiak, Dillingham and Naknek to Kanatak.

All projects in this sub-district were supported by the Alaska Road Commission exclusively, with the exception of shelter cabins which were supported by the Territory exclusively, the Bear Creek sled road and Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage, which are cooperative projects.

# SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| Sub-<br>Project<br>No Name of Sub-Project | Sied<br>Road | Trail | Total<br>Miles |
|---|--------------|-------|----------------|
|   |              |       |                |
|   |              |       |                |
| 90D** Shelter Cabins-sth Division         |              | 90    | 90             |
| 92A Bethel-Quinhagak                      | ++           |       | 44             |
| 92B Bethel-Tuluksik                       |              | 44    |                |
| 92C Akink-Russian Mission                 | . ·          | 75    | -75            |
| 92D Bennett's Cutoff                      |              | 18    | 18             |
|   |              | 120   | 120            |
|   |              | 60    | 80             |
|   |              | 53    | 53             |
| 92G Goodnews Bay-Togiak                   |              | 125   | 125            |
| 92H Togiak-Nushagak                       |              |       | 86             |
| 921 Lewis Point-Naknek                    |              | 86    |                |
| 92J Naknek-Egegik                         |              | 60    | 50             |
| 92L Crooked Creek-Aniak                   |              | 74    | 74             |
|   |              | 60    | 69             |
| 9231 Aniak-Tuluzsak                       |              | 45    | 45             |
| 92N Aklak-Canyon Creek                    |              | 32    | 33             |
| 220 Tuluksak-Foothills                    | ••••         | 53    | 53             |
| 92P Holy Cross-Kaltshak                   |              | 93    |                |
| 92Q* Upper Landing-Bear Creek             | . 26         |       | 26             |
| Totals                                    | 26           | 985   | 1,011          |

Cooperation with Territory of Alaska. Entirely supported by Territorial Funds.

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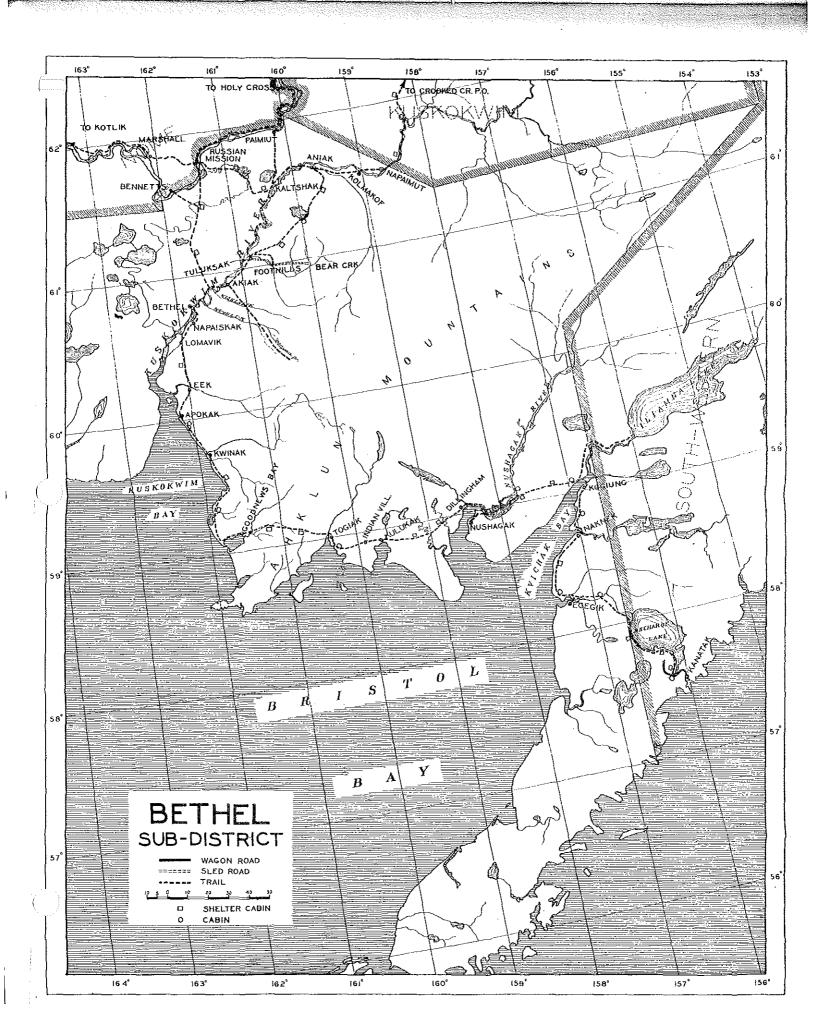
For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929.

# OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Important operations other than routine maintenance are summarized by sub-projects as follows:

90C-Shelter Cabins, 3rd Division:

| No.<br>Route Location       | Work Done               | Cost      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 921 Portage Creek, 38 miles | ft. by 14 ft, log cabin | with cor- |
| from Dillingham             | rugated iron roof built | \$600.09  |



#### 90D-Scelter Cabins, 4th Division:

|                           | Locator                        | Work Done                       | Cost              |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| $\mathbb{H}^{\mathbb{H}}$ | Etmails, 25 miles<br>Kainshex  | belowAdditional bills for cabin |                   |
| C                         | Footbills, 39 miles<br>Tubusak | from                            |                   |
|                           | Beloga Peak                    | Frame cabin 12 ft. by 14 ft. 1  | built \$00.00 ··· |
|                           |                                | Total                           | \$865.97          |

92E—A light steel rail tram was constructed over the first portage from the Yukon River. A canal 3,000 ft. long, 7 ft. wide and 3½ ft. in depth was excavated across the second portage and a steel rail tram was partially completed over the third and last portage. The work involved laying 4,300 lin. ft. of track and the excavation of 1375 ct. yes of material. Three winches were installed for raising haded cars CD steep grades from the water.

92H--The section of trail between Togiak and Kulukuk, a distance of 30 miles was mipoded with 2 inch by 2 inch material. These trippeds were placed 14 to the mile.

# VALDEZ DISTRICT.

#### T. H. Huddleston, Supt., Valdez.

This disting embraces that portion of Alaska lying between 145° and 147° west longitude and extending south from 61° 49° north ade.

The principal work within this district is the maintenance and improvement of the Richardson Highway from Valdez, which is the northermost open all-year-round port in Alaska, to Willow Creek, a instance of 92 miles. This section of the Richardson Highway passing through Keystone Canyon and across the summit of the Coast Range is probably the most scenic route in Alaska and has required the most expensive construction.

The Richardson Highway is supported by the Alaska Road Commission exclusively. Other expenditures in this district were either upon cooperative projects or exclusively Territorial projects.

## SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

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| Projeci                                      | Road     |
|--|----------|
| No. Name of Sub-Project                      | Liles    |
| 4BA Valdez-Ptannigan Drop                    | 33       |
| 422 rinzmigan Drop-Ernestine                 | 30       |
| ac Erzestize-Willow Creek                    | 30<br>29 |
| 35* Valdez-Mineral Creek                     | 8        |
| 263** Granby Poad                            | ŝ        |
| 36B** Secth Second Street, Cordova           | Ĩу,      |
| 6/4* Veister Dyke                            | A.       |
| Cotta Tolden Lintin Thats                    |          |
| 69.4** Valtez Ariation Field                 |          |
| 698** Upper Tensina Aviation Field           |          |
| 78 Valdez Depot                              | a        |
|  |          |
| Totel  | 10546    |
| (*) Cooperative with Territory of Alaska.    |          |
| (") Entirely supported by Territorial Funds. |          |
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#### DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following changes and additions should be noted:

60B—This landing iield, 250 ft. by 1,000 ft., is located along the Richardson Highway west of the Upper Tonsina Roadhouse, Mile 80 from Valdez.

#### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The important operations other than routine maintenance are summarized by sub-projects as follows: 4BA—Seven and one-half miles were regraded and widened. This involved the removal of 9,085 cu. yds. of rock. 10,796 cu, yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing on  $2^{14}$  miles of road and in fills. 162 lin. ft. of framed bent trestles (renewals) were constructed and 44 lin. ft. of trestles replaced with fills. 54 metal culverts were installed.

4BB-12,106 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing on 8% miles, completing the surfacing on this subproject. A 45-ft. truss bridge was replaced by fill requiring 1,360 cu. yds. of material. 28 lin. ft. of trestle bridges (renewals) were constructed and 16 metal culverts installed. A relocation of 750 ft. was constructed in Mile 34.

4C-38 lin. ft. of trestle bridges (renewals) were constructed and 7 metal culverts installed.

60-21,180 sq. ft. of brush fascine mattress were placed and loaded with 2,186 lin. ft. of ballast, consisting of rock rolled in wire netting, to protect the face of the dyke from scour.

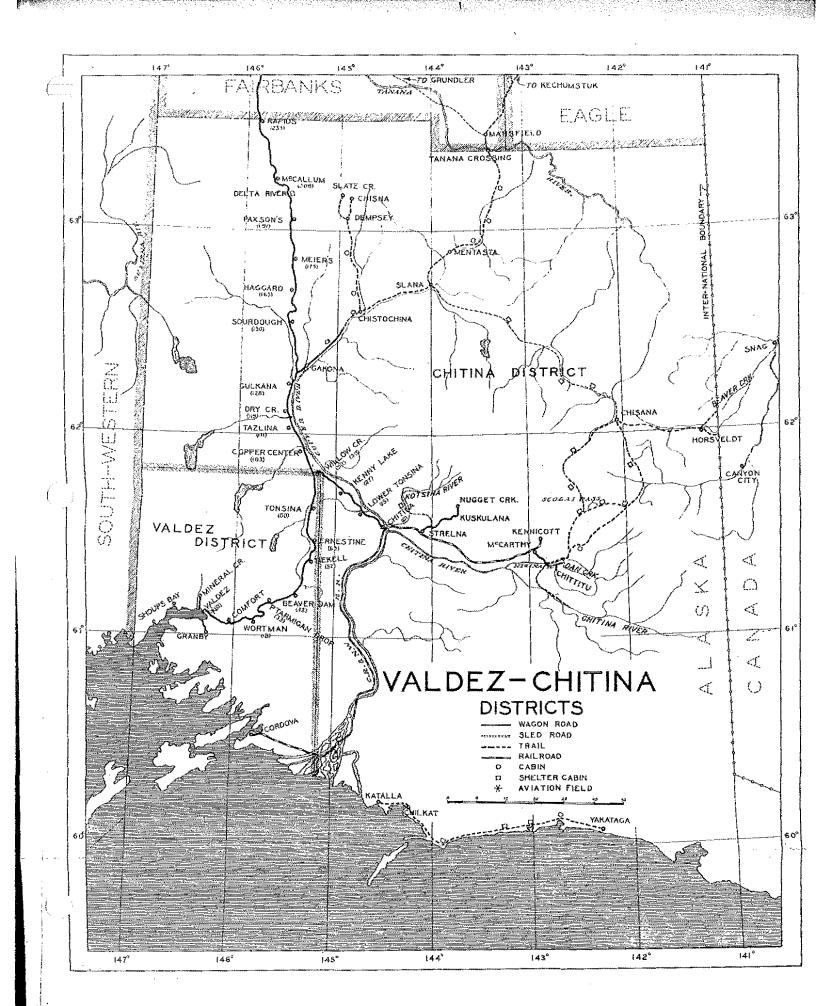
60B—The area was cleared, grubbed and leveled. 3.5 acres were cleared and grubbed, 1.950 cu. yds. of earth and 79 cu. yds. of boulders were removed. Timber was slashed back 250 ft. from each end of the field.

## CHITINA DISTRICT.

## R. J. Shepard, Superintendent, Chitina, Frank Shipp, Asst. Superintendent, Chitina, Wm. J. Niemi, Asst. Engineer, Chitina.

This district includes that part of Alaska lying between the 141st and 147th meridians, west longitude, and south 63° 30' north latitude, with the exception of the area west of  $145^{\circ}$  10' west longitude and south of 61° 49' north latitude which comprises the Valdez district.

The most important projects within the district are the Richardson Highway extending from Chitina on the Copper River and Northwestern Railway up the Copper and Gulkana River Valleys and then across



the Alaska Range through Isabelle Pass to Rapids on the Delta River, and the Gulkana-Chisana route now under construction.

The Richardson Highway and all other projects in this district are supported by the Alaska Road Commission exclusively with the exception of the McCarthy-Dan Creek Road, the Kotsina and Nizina-Chiting River trails which are supported by the Maska Road Commission and the Territory jointly, and the Streina-Kuskulana Road, the Chitina Native School Road, Atlation Fields and Shelter Cabins which are supported by the Territory exclusively.

# SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

Sub-

| Project                              |                              |            | Total              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| No. Name of Sub-Projects             | $\mathbf{F}_{c-2}\mathbf{d}$ | Trall      | Miles              |
| 6D Chitina Depot                     | _                            | ••         |                    |
| 6E** Chitina-Native School           | 1                            | ·+         | . 1                |
| 6F** Lower Tonsing Aviation Field    |                              |            |                    |
| 6G** ('opper Center Aviation Field   |                              |            |                    |
| 6B Chitina-Tonsina                   | 15                           | <b>—</b> • | 15                 |
| 6A Tonsina-Willow Creek              | 24                           |            | 24                 |
| 4D Willow Creek-Gulkana              | さら                           |            | 36                 |
| 4E Gulkana-Sourdough                 | <u>, 1</u>                   |            | $21\frac{1}{2}$    |
| 4F Sourdough-Mile 168                | 19                           |            | 18                 |
| 4G Mile 163-Delta River              | 25                           |            | 38                 |
| 4H1 Delta River-Rapids               | 25                           |            | 2554               |
|                                      |                              |            | Ad any             |
| 54 Nizina-Chisana                    |                              | 78         | 78                 |
| 54 Nizine-Chisana Aviation Field     |                              |            | <b></b>            |
| ATRA NEORSIE AVIEDON FIELD           |                              |            |                    |
| 56A Katalla-Yakataga                 |                              | 60         | 60                 |
| 57. McCartiny - Dan Creek            | 27                           |            | 29                 |
| 57A Nizina River Bridge              |                              |            |                    |
| 57B* Nizinia-Chitina River           |                              | 25         | 25                 |
| 57B* Nizinia-Chitina River           | 14                           | A          | _6 <sup>1</sup> /2 |
| 57D ('hittitu Branch                 | \$                           |            | 6                  |
| ME Green Butte Road                  | 15                           |            | . 1 <b>5</b>       |
| JF** McCerthy Avlation Field         |                              |            |                    |
| 61** Streina-Kuskulana               | 12.2                         |            | 1214               |
| 61A* Equsina Trail                   |                              | - 20       | 39                 |
| 61B** Nugget Creek Extension         | ċ                            |            | 6                  |
| 61E Fernan Trait                     |                              | 10         | 19                 |
| 61F Bremner Trail                    |                              | 30         | 30                 |
| - 55A Colkana-Chistochina            | \$5                          | 5          | 40                 |
| 65B Chistochina-Slate Creek          |                              | 40         | 40                 |
| 65C ('nistochina-Tanana Crossing     |                              | 140        | 140                |
| 46G Slana-Chisana                    |                              | 51         | 97                 |
| SiC** Shelter Cabins, 3rd Division   | _                            | —          |                    |
| Totals                               | 274                          | 515        | 789                |
| (*) Converting with Townson of Mashe | -                            | ~          |                    |

(\*) Cooperative with Territory of Alaska. (\*\*) Entirely supported by Territorial Funds.

#### DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following changes and additions should be noted:

54A-This landing field, 150 ft. by 1,000 ft., is located just north of the village of Chisana.

54B-This landing field, 200 ft. by 900 ft., is located on the west side of the Nabesna River opposite the mouth of Jack River.

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57D-Length of this road extended to 6 miles.

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61F—This trail extended. Total length 30 miles.

65A-This road is under construction. Length of usable road is 35 miles, trail 5 miles.

#### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The important operations other than routine maintenance are summarized by sub-projects as follows:

4D-The Gulkana River bridge was renewed. The work involved the erection of three 100-ft. timber spans on creosoted pile foundations inclosed with rock filled cribs, and 188 lin. ft. of pile trestle approach.

4G-10 miles of road were regraded and widened, 25,184 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing on 16½ miles and 78 metal culverts were installed.

 $4H1-5\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road were regraded to standard width in heavy sidehill work. 2,294 cu. yds. of gravel surfacing were placed and 16 metal culverts installed.

6F-Additional leveling was performed.

54—A cable crossing for foot travelers was erected over the Chitistone River.

54A—The area was cleared of large stones and leveled. Proper markers were placed.

54B-The area was cleared of small brush and large stones and partially leveled. Proper markers were placed.

57D—Three-fourths mile was cleared and stripped preparatory to grading and one mile partially constructed was regraded and widened.

61F—One-half mile of trail was graded 4-ft. wide leading up from the Chitina River and 13 miles of new trail were cut.

65A—Three-fourths of a mile of relocation was constructed in Mile 2 involving the removal of 8,103 cu. yds. of material. Between Miles 6 and 16, 5¼ miles of road were regraded and widened to 32 ft. and 4¼ miles were constructed on relocations. Clearing and grubbing were completed to Mile 37 and the road partially graded. Heavy sidehill construction in Miles  $26\frac{1}{2}$  to 29 was partially completed. The bridge over the Chistochina River was constructed consisting of five 60-ft. spans and 1,748 lin. ft. of pile trestle, all of native timber procured near the site except chords and floorbeams for the spans. 41 metal culverts were installed.

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65C—A definite road location was made over 18½ miles and 3 miles were cleared and grubbed preparatory to grading. Caches of supplies were placed in preparation of this season's work.

# FAIRBANKS DISTRICT.

# Frank Nash, Superintendent, Fairbanks, C. E. Burglin, Junior Engineer, Fairbanks,

This district embraces that portion of the Territory between the 144th and 148th meridian and between the Yukon River on the north and the Alaska Range on the south; also that territory north of the Yukun River from the 144th to the 150th meridian.

The most important projects within this district are the Richardson Eighway from Rapids to Fairbanks and the road to Circle, recentby named the Steese Highway. The maintenance and improvement of the local road system around Fairbanks serving the mines and farms is also of extreme importance. A number of minor projects serve isolated mining communities.

The Richardson and Steese Highways are supported exclusively the Alaska Road Commission; shelter cabins and avlation fields a insidely by the Territory. Of the remaining projects in this district, the through routes are supported by the Alaska Road Commission less important projects by the Alaska Road Commission and the Territory jointly, and the purely local projects by the Territory eminsively.

#### SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

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| 5 <u>-</u> 0   |  |            |          |              |
|--|--|------------|----------|--------------|
| Freezer  |  | Sled       |          | Total        |
| Na Name of Sub-Project   | Road                                     |            | Trail    |              |
| 444** Eichardson-Democrat Creek  | 3  | 3          |          | ţ            |
| 471     Papids-Orunoler       471     Papids-Orunoler       47     Prindler-Richardson       47     Leitzerkarsalohakez       474     Laite Harding Road   | .45                                      |            |          | ÷3           |
| 41 Grundler-Richardson   | 2:11                                     |            |          | 5)1.         |
| 43 Eichardson-Salehaket  | 30                                       | <u> </u>   |          | シー           |
| 45A Lake Harding Road  | 1%                                       |            |          | 14           |
| 4A Suchashi-Fairoanks  | - 40                                     |            | ·        | ( <b>1</b> ) |
| 454 Salcha Bridge  |  |            | _        | <u> </u>     |
| A Smant-Datanika   | 514                                      |            |          | 0.1<br>42/   |
| A. STIMINI- ORIANIXA       NAA** Charry Creek       D*** Tar-Ohee       D*** Torne-Spaukling Mide       D*** Summit-Pairbanks Creek       D*** Summit-Fish Creek       D*** Codege Spur       D*** Codege Spur   | 252                                      |            | -        | 24           |
| 37 Frz-Obse  | 13                                       |            | *        | 13           |
| TBA** Tome-Sceuding Mide   | 1%                                       |            |          | 1%           |
| N <sup>**</sup> Summit-Fairbanks Creek   | 13                                       |            | ÷        | 13           |
| TCA** Summit-Fish Creek  | <u>54</u>                                |            |          | 81 <u>4</u>  |
| De Ester Creek   | 91,2                                     |            |          | 34           |
| DA** Codege_Spur   | 91 <u>-</u><br>1 <u>-</u><br>21 <u>-</u> | , <u>-</u> |          | 15           |
| DB** Ester Lome  | 214                                      |            |          | 214          |
| TCC== St. Patricks-Happy   | 5 1                                      |            |          | 3.2          |
| IDD** Exter-Regier .   | 1 <u>0</u>                               |            | _        | 1 2          |
| DA" Lottege Spur   | . 13                                     |            | <b>⊷</b> | 13           |
| GA** Laselle_Road  | 24                                       |            |          | 214          |
| E Elorado  | 6  |            |          | δ            |
| 4 Gimore-Summit  | 7  | 9.÷        |          |              |
| 2 Pairbarics+Chena hot Springs   |  | 64         |          | <u>64</u>    |
| .A. Clena River Branch   | _  | 35         |          | 15           |
|  | —  |            | —        |              |
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|            | •   |                  |       |          |                  |
|------------|---|------------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| 7K*        | Olnes-Livengood                                   |                  |       | 54       | 54               |
| 7N**       | Farmers-Birch Hall                                | 834              |       |          | 834              |
|            | * Isabelie Creek                                  | 11               |       |          | 1%               |
|            | * Ballaine-Rickert                                | ī.               |       |          | 1                |
| TR         | Goldstream-O'Conror Creek                         | -                | 6     |          | - 6              |
|            |   |                  | •     |          |                  |
| 7T**       | Grachi Bridge<br>Farmers-Chena Slough             | 5                | 2     |          | 7                |
| ŤŶ         | Wireless Road                                     | Ľ4               |       |          | 14.              |
| 7X**       | Wireless Road<br>Chena Hot Springs Aviation Field | . –              |       | ****     | / <del>*</del> - |
| 72         | Fairbanks Aviation Field                          |                  |       |          | -                |
| 72         | Fairbanks Aviation Field Road                     |                  |       |          |                  |
| 15         | Ginola Millan Hanto                               | 47 <sup>13</sup> |       | <b>-</b> | 47 72            |
| 15<br>15A* | Circle-Miller House                               | -<br>844         |       |          | -<br>815         |
| 15C**      | Circle Hot Springs Aviation Field                 |                  | +     |          | 072              |
|            |   |                  | 10    |          | ïō               |
| 15D        | Leech Cutoff                                      | ·····            |       | <u>-</u> | <i>т</i> и       |
| 15E**      | Miller House Spur                                 | 87               |       | •··      |                  |
| 16         | Chatanika-Miller House                            | ទ័               |       | ****     | 87               |
| 16.1**     | U. S. Creek Branch                                | 7<br>1           |       |          | 1                |
| 16B**      | Eagle Creek Spur                                  |                  |       |          |                  |
| 16C        | Chatanika-Miller House                            |                  | 87    |          | 87               |
| 23A*       | Snowshoe-Beaver                                   |                  | ·     | 117      | 117              |
| 23B        | Beaver-Caro                                       | 75               |       | ****     | 75               |
| 23C        | Big Creek Trail                                   |                  | 24    | '        | 24               |
| 23D        | Caro-Flat Creek                                   |                  | 45    |          | 45               |
| 23E        | Caro-Coldfoot                                     |                  | 23    | 55       | 78               |
| 23F**      | Chandalar Aviation Field                          | A-4 -            |       |          | ***?             |
| 31 .       | Caribou Creek                                     |                  | 50    |          | 50               |
| 53A        | Circle-Ft. Yukon                                  | ···· ·           |       | 67       | 67               |
| 53B**      | Fort Yukon Aviation Field<br>Fairbanks Bridge     |                  |       |          |                  |
| 69         | Fairbanks Bridge                                  |                  |       |          | ****             |
| 59A        | Fuirbanks Depor                                   | ·                | ·     |          |                  |
| 65F        | Grundler-Tanana Crossing                          |                  | 30    | 94       | 124              |
| 85H**      |   |                  |       |          |                  |
| 90D*4      | Shelter Cabins                                    |                  |       |          |                  |
|            |   |                  |       |          | · ····           |
|            | Totals  | 477              | 380 🧏 | 387      | 1.2441/2         |
|            |   |                  | v /2  |          |                  |

(\*) Cooperative with Territory of Alaska. (\*\*) Entirely supported by Territorial Funds.

#### DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following changes and additions should be noted:

7Y-This landing field has been enlarged by the addition of an area 1500 ft. square for use by lighter-than-air craft.

7Z—This road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in length, leads from the city limits of Fairbanks along the east side of the enlarged airport.

16A—This road branches from the Steese Highway at Mile 57.4 from Falrbanks, follows up the left limit of U. S. Creek, over the divide and down to Nome Creek, serving the Nome Creek Dredging Co. The road is 7 miles in length.

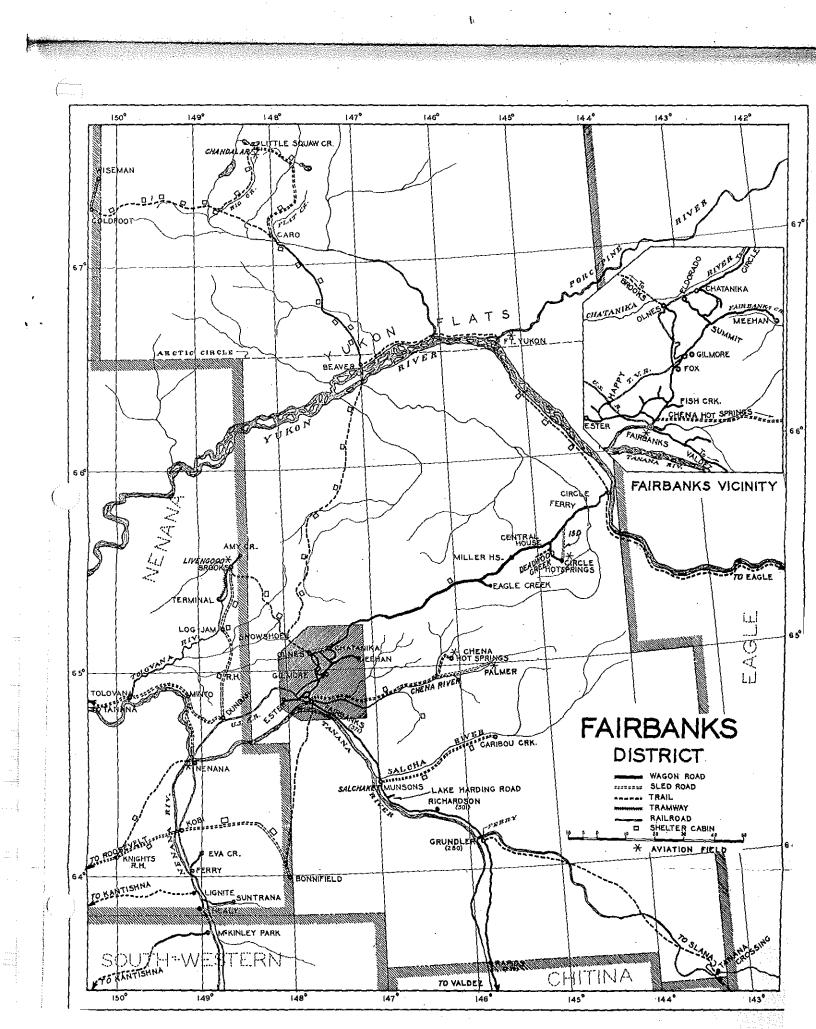
53B-An additional runway, 150 ft. by 600 ft., on the south side of the original runway was provided.

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65H—This landing field, 300 ft. by 800 ft., is located on the left. limit of the Tanana River opposite the village of Tanana Crossing.

#### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The important operations, other than routine maintenance, are summarized by routes as follows:



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4H2—4.7 miles were regraded and widened. Elimination of sharp curves required the excavation of 5,525 cu. rds. of material. 9 metal culverts were installed and 32 lin. ft. of framed trestle bridges built.

4K-Resurfacing of 412 miles, requiring 2.289 cu. yds. of gravel was performed, 20 metal culverts were installed and 61 lin. ft. (renewal) of framed trestle bridges were constructed.

76 - A 120-ft, steel span, 16 ft, wide on creosoled pile foundations and 42 lin, ft, of pile driven approach trestle were erected over Noyes slough near Fairbanks, replacing the original bridge damaged by high water. 45 lin, ft, of framed trestle bridges were renewed,

#### 7T-The grading was extended 1 mile.

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7T—An area 1,500 ft. square was cleared adjoining the former aviation field on the south. A runway 40 it. Wide on a 547 ft. radius was skripped. Eight concrete auchors and a concrete base were constructed in readiness for the erection of a mooring mast. Funds for the work were provided by the Territory of Alaska, the Aero Arctic Society and the chizens of Fairbanks. Use of equipment and labor was contributed by the Fairbanks Exploration Company.

72-One-half mile of road was graded and 208 cu. yds, of gravel placed as surfacing.

15-19<sup>1</sup>; miles were regraded to standard and surfaced. 26,448 c2. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing and 13,400 cu, yds. were overcast in widening. 117 metal culverts were installed and 108 lin. 51 of mestle oridges were constructed.

15A-7. miles were grubbed and graded to width of 30 ft. between - ditches. 2,209 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing, 1,640 lin. it. of corduror were placed and 41 metal culverts installed. 92 lin. ft. of irame bent trestle bridges were constructed.

16-162 miles of road were widened 4 ft. and 81 metal culverts were installed.

15A—The route was cleared, grubbed and 5 miles graded. 4,176 lin fL of cordinov were laid and covered with material from the ditches. 17 metal culverts were installed. The Nome Creek Dredging Co. contiliouted a part of the funds for the work.

53B—A new runway, 150 ft. by 600 ft., was cleared, grubbed and leveled. All tall timber around the boundaries of the field was cut.

65H-The area was cleared, grubbed and leveled.

90D-Shelter Cabins, 4th Division.

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| No.<br>Route                                 | Location Work Bone  | Cost   |
|--|---|--|
| 7JA  | Moodys. ½ mile from<br>North ForkNew stove\$                  | 18.00  |
| 7 JA   | 11 miles from North<br>ForkNew stove                          | 18.00  |
| 16   | 82½ miles from Fair-<br>banks18 if by 24 ft log cabin erected | 300.00   |
| 23B<br>23B<br>23B<br>23B<br>23D<br>53<br>53A | 14 miles from BeaverRepairs                                   | $\begin{array}{c} 30.00\\ 50.00\\ 40.00\\ 250.00\\ 250.00\\ 258.32\\ 317.50 \end{array}$ |

Total \_\_\_\_\_\$1,318.82

# NENANA SUB-DISTRICT.

#### Frank Nash, Supt., Fairbanks.

This sub-district is a part of the Fairbanks district and is under the supervision of that office. It is roughly described as extending south from the Arctic Ocean between 150° 11' and 157° west longitude as far as the Arctic Circle, thence south between 148° 30' and 158° 41' west longitude to the northern boundary of Mt. McKinley National Park. It is more accurately shown on the accompanying map. It includes the important mining districts of the Kantishna, Koyukuk, Livengood, Hot Springs and Bonnifield.

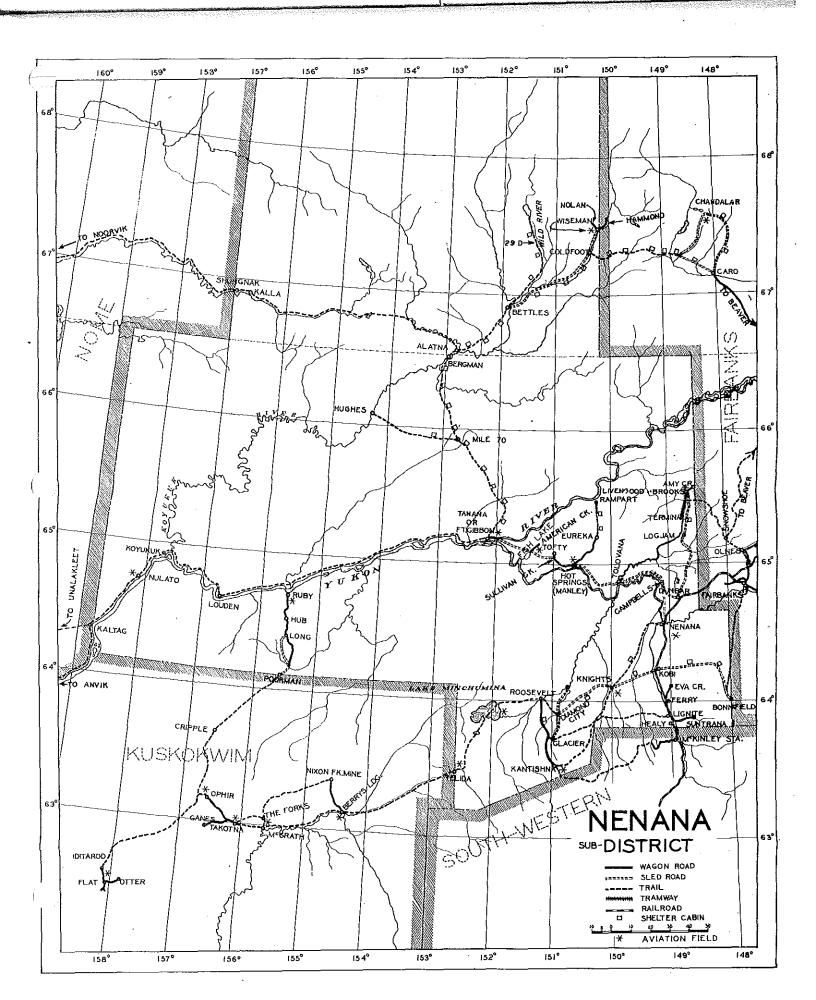
This area is well served so far as summer transportation is concerned by a number of navigable rivers, the most important of which are the Yukon, Tanana, Koyukuk, Tolovana and Kantishna. These rivers and The Alaska Railroad have made the construction of long roads unnecessary. A number of short roads have been built connecting important mining centers with navigable water or the railroad.

The district has an extensive system of winter sled roads and trails, the most important of which are the route from Dunbar through Fort Gibbon to Kaltag which carries the winter traffic to the Seward Peninsula and the route from Kobi through Roosevelt to Telida and McGrath which carries the winter traffic to the Kuskokwim district.

Shelter cabins, aviation fields, telephone lines, and a few local road projects are supported exclusively by the Territory. Of the remaining projects in this district, the through routes are supported by the Alaska Road Commission and less important projects by the Alaska Road Commission and the Territory jointly.

#### SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| Project                       |      | Sled  |       | Total        |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|--------------|
| No. Name of Sub-Project       | Road | Road  | Trail | Miles        |
| 5A Dunbar-Tanana              | 2    | 111   |       | 113          |
| 5B Nenana-Campbells           |      | 301/4 |       | 30 %.<br>4 % |
| 5C** Fish Lake-American Creek | 434  | ****  |       | 4%           |



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| 5D** American Creek Aviation Field         |         |              |            |       |
|--|---------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 45** Tasana Aviation Field                 |         | _            |            | 4414  |
|  |         |              | 277        | 212   |
| 5F Illinois Creek-Moran Creek              |         |              | 21         | 24    |
| # Rampart-Fureka                           |         | 23           |            | 271/2 |
| 17 Tanana-Katlag                           |         |              | 257        | 257   |
| 1.C** Nulato Aviation Field                |         |              |            |       |
| 37D** Tanana-Koyukuk Station Telephone     |         |              |            |       |
| Time                                       |         |              |            |       |
|  |         |              |            | ***   |
| Line                                       | 10      | _            |            | 10    |
| 19 Tanana-Bettles                          |         |              | 156        | 156   |
| 29A Bettles-Coldfoot                       |         | 52           |            | 5214  |
| 19C Mile 70-Hughes                         |         | <b>V-</b> .2 | 60         | 60 72 |
| 29D Wild River Trail                       |         |              |            |       |
| 29E Bettles River Aviation Field           |         |              | 57         | 57 -  |
|  |         | _            | <b>-</b>   | 4     |
| 364 Hot Springs Landing-Eureka             | 24      | -            |            | 24    |
| StA Hot Springs-Totty                      |         | 15           |            | 16    |
| 312** Manley Hot Springs Aviation Field    |         |              |            |       |
|  | 2824    |              |            | 281%  |
| SEA Ruby-Long<br>SEE Long-Poorman (summer) | 23.     |              |            |       |
| SSE Long-Poorman (summer)                  | 20      |              |            | 20    |
| SEE Long-Poorman (winter                   |         | 23           |            | 29    |
| SSK** Ruby Aviation Field                  |         | _            |            |       |
| 35L- Ruby Aviation Field Road              | 134     |              |            | 113   |
| 46 Kobi-Eureka                             |         | 95           |            | 95    |
| 46A Roosevelt-Kantishna                    | 6       | 23           |            |       |
|  | 0       |              |            | 34    |
| 41B Lignite-Kantishna                      |         | -            | <b>Ş</b> 5 | 85    |
| 46C Nenana-Knight's Roadhouse              |         |              | 41         | 41    |
| 46D Diamond-Telida                         |         |              | 93         | 83    |
| 457* Nenana Cemetery Road                  | 214     |              |            | 214   |
| 45G Kobl-Bonaified                         | ₩,±     | 45           |            | 45    |
| 46H** Lake Minchuming Aviation Field       |         | _            |            | 13    |
|  | —       |              |            |       |
| 46J** Kantishna Avlation Field             |         |              | <u> </u>   | 4     |
| 46E Telida Aviation Field                  |         |              |            |       |
| (FM** Nenana Aviation Field                |         |              |            |       |
| 47 Coldfoot-Wiseman                        |         | 11           |            | 11    |
| 47.A" Wiseman Aviation Field               |         |              |            |       |
| 47B Nolan Branch                           |         | · · · .      |            | 6.14  |
|  | 434     | <b>7</b> 4   | <b>⊷</b> → | 5%    |
| 47C Wiseman-Hammond                        | 6       |              |            | 6     |
| 55* Dunbar-Brooks                          |         | <u>50</u>    |            | 60    |
| 53B** Brooks-Livengood Creek               | $6^{1}$ |              |            | 614   |
| 55BA**Amy Creek Branch                     | ĭ       |              |            | . 1″  |
| STC Brooks Tram                            |         |              |            | 13    |
|  |         | -            |            |       |
| SED" Brooks Avlation Field Road            | 114     | _            |            | 11/4  |
| SEET Livengood Aviation Field              |         |              |            |       |
| 55 Ferry-Eva Creek                         | 11      |              |            | 1114  |
| 27AP Healy Aviation Field                  |         |              |            |       |
| 90D=* Shelter Cabins                       |         | •            | —          | *     |
|  | ••      | -            |            |       |
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#### DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following changes and additions should be noted:

5E-This field was enlarged to approximately 300 ft. by 1,100 ft.

17C-This field was enlarged to 325 ft. by 1,100 ft.

30B-This field was enlarged to 350 ft. by 1,150 ft.

33E—Usuable length of this road was extended 1 mile. Total length Long - Pointer 20 miles. (Summer Trail)

### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The important operations, other than routine maintenance, are summarized by sub-projects as follows:

5E-The field was enlarged. 7.1 acres were cleared, stripped and leveled. 500 lin. it. of drainage ditches were constructed.

11C-The field was enlarged. 3.8 acres were cleared, grubbed and leveled. The original area was leveled.

17D-288 tripods and 96 poles were erected. 24 miles of new line (renewal) were constructed.

29A---8 miles of relocations were constructed consisting of clearing, grubbing and short sections of grading on hillsides.

38A--1,136 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing on 21/2 miles.

Ruby Lory 38A-1,136 cu. yds. of gravel 23 metal culverts were installed. Lorng-foorm completed over 51/2 miles and 9 (Surred) ready for covering. 49 metal cu 38E-1 mile of new road was graded. Clearing and grubbing were completed over 51% miles and 9,490 lln. ft. of corduroy were placed ready for covering. 49 metal culverts were installed and 51 lin. ft. of bridges constructed. In addition to the above new work, 8 miles were regraded and ditched.

> 47-9 native timber stringer bridges (renewals) totaling 350 lin. ft. were constructed.

> 63C-7.047 lin. ft. of new track (renewal) and 430 lin. ft. of trestle were constructed.

90D-Shelter Cabins, 4th Division.

| No.   |                      |                    |              |
|-------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Route | E.ocation            | Work Don           |              |
| 29    | 12 miles from Tanan: | aStove installed   | \$ 18.79 .   |
| 29    |                      |                    | 19.00        |
| 29    | 96 miles from Tanan: | aStove Installed   | 19.00        |
| 29 A  | North Fork, 23 miles | 5                  | •            |
|       | from Bettles         | 12 ft. by 14 ft.   | cabin built  |
| 46C   | 30 miles from Nenai  | aRepairs and sto   | və installed |
| 46E   | 52 miles from Diamon | id. Repairs        |              |
| 46E   | 93 miles from Diamo  | id_Stove installed | 19.36        |
|       |                      | Total              | \$426.15     |

## SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT.

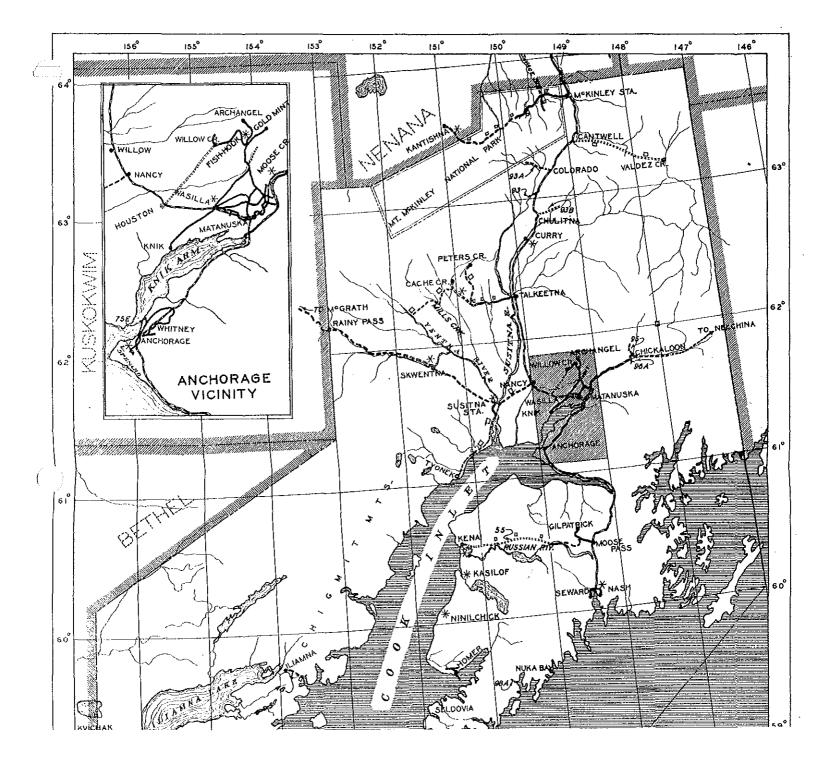
M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### Anton Eide, Assistant Superintendent, Seward, Alaska. Fred J. Spach, Asst. Engineer, Anchorage, Alaska,

H. E. D. Wallace, Assi. Engineer, Mt. McKinley Park, Alaska.

This district includes the Kenai Peninsula, the northern part of the Alaska Peninsula, Kodlak Island, and all the territory tributary to The Alaska Railroad as far north as the northern boundary of Mt. McKinley National Park

The Alaska Railroad, the Yentna River, Cook Inlet and other arms of the Gulf of Alaska provide through transportation for this



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region so that only short roads are required. A very excellent system of roads serving the farms and mines of that vicinity is centered about Wasilla while a good, though less extensive system, centers about Anchorage.

Ar especial effort has been made within this district to furnish adequate roads, sled roads or trails to all points of development in order that traffic may be developed for The Alaska Railroad.

The most important road within the district is that now being constructed in cooperation with the National Park Service in Mt. McKirley National Park.

Shelter cabins and aviation fields are supported exclusively by the Territory. Of the remaining projects in this district, the through routes are supported by the Alaska Road Commission, less important projects by the Alaska Road Commission and the Territory jointly, and the purely local projects by the Territory exclusively.

#### SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| 330-                             |                |         |        |          |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------|
| Devision of                      |                | Sled    |        | Total    |
| Name of Sub-Project              |                | Road    | Trail  | Miles    |
| Sward-Nash                       | 212            | *****   | +      | 21-2     |
| 102* Lowell Creek Flood Control  |                |         |        |          |
| This set and litighton that      |                | ****    |        |          |
| 23 Staitna-Rainy Pass            |                | •       | 127    | 127      |
| NE Nancy-Susitna                 |                |         | 22     | 22       |
| 203 Susima-Tyonek                |                |         | 46     | 46       |
| 2)X** Susitna Aviation Field     |                | ****    |        |          |
| 5A Archangel Extension           | 515            |         |        | 514      |
| SAA Sherry Branch                | 0/2            |         | ī      | ĩ        |
| SB* Palmer-Fishbook              | 81.5           |         | -      | 814      |
| SC** Palmer-Matanuska River      | 11,            | ****    |        | 14       |
| 10 Willow Creek Extension        | 134            | ****    |        | 134      |
| MDA* Gild Chord Branch           | 2              | ****    |        | 2        |
| SE Wasilla-Fishheok              | 16             | ****    |        | 16       |
| SP Wasilla-Knik                  | 1444           |         |        | 1414     |
| 163** Pamer-Springer             | 3              |         |        | 3        |
| Wasilla-Finger Lake-Palmer       | 12             |         |        | 12       |
| 151** Mose-Palmer                |                |         |        | 3        |
| illi* Wasilla-Matanuska          | 7.84           | •       | -      | 34       |
| SA* Matanuska Trunk Road         | 174            | ••••    | -      | 8        |
| 51** Pahrer-Matanuska            | ŝ14            | ****    |        | 64       |
| ISN Houston-Willow Creek         | 974            | 30      | •      |          |
|                                  | ····           |         |        | 20       |
|                                  | 4 4            | • • • • |        | 414      |
| SE** Edund Road                  | 34             |         |        |          |
|                                  | $7\frac{1}{2}$ |         |        | 72       |
| 55 Moose Creek Trail             | 134            | ••-•    | 12     | 12       |
| ST* Werner Connection            | 1,4            | ****    | •      | 14       |
| SU** Moose Creek Aviation Field  |                | ****    |        |          |
| 5V** Fishhook Aviation Field     | ****           | ****    |        |          |
| 15W** Wasilla Aviation Field     | *****          |         | ••     | <b>⊷</b> |
| MX** Wasilla Aviation Field Road | 34             |         | •      | 34       |
| 45D McKipley Park Road           | 431/2          | •       | 43 1/2 | 87       |
| 43 Ilianna Bay-Iliamna Lake      |                |         | 12     | 12       |
| 1 Talkeetna-Cache Creek          | 231/2          | 18      |        | 표당       |
| 51A Cache Creek Trail            |                | ••••    | 16     | 16       |
| 51B Peters Creek Trail           |                |         | 14-4   | 14 %     |
| 51C Yezzna-Mills Creek           |                |         | 19     | 19       |
| 51D MI+ 32-Spruce Creek          |                | 7½      |        | 714      |
| tiE Mills Creek-Cache Creek      | ••••           |         | 35     | 35       |
| 11F** Cache Creek Aviation Field |                |         |        |          |
| 15 Kerai-Russian River           |                | 60      |        | 60       |
|                                  | ****           | **      |        |          |

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| 75*        | Kenai Aviation Field                                     | 1944  | **** | <br>*  | 1912    |
|------------|--|-------|------|--------|---------|
|            | Anchorage-Lake Shepard                                   | 4     |      |        | 4       |
|            | Chester Creek Boat Landing                               | 1     | **** |        | 1       |
| 75D        | Anchorage Depot  |       | B B  |        | -       |
| 75E*       | McDonald Branch  | 11/4  |      |        | 14      |
| 75H**      |  |       | +    | -      |         |
| 751**      | Oilweil Road   | 214   | **** |        | 21/2    |
| 75J**      | Anchorage Aviation Field                                 |       | •    |        | ****    |
| 76         | Cantwell-Valdez Creek                                    |       | 65   | +      | 55      |
| $76A^{**}$ | Valdez Creek Aviation Field                              |       | 8.q  |        |         |
| 79         | Seward Depot   | ***** | **** |        |         |
| 90C**      | Shelter Cabins, 3rd Division                             |       | **** |        |         |
| 90D**      | Shelter Cabins, 4th Division                             | _     |      |        |         |
| 92K        | Egegik-Kanatak   |       |      | 85     | 85      |
| 93         | Chulitra Trail   |       |      | 3      | 3       |
| 93A*       | Bull River Trail   | •     |      | 12     | 12      |
| 93B*       | Indian River   |       | 9    |        | -9      |
| 93C**      | Curry Aviation Field                                     |       |      |        |         |
| 93D        | Chulitna Tram  | ·     |      |        |         |
| 94         | Kodiak, Abberts  | 5     |      |        | 5       |
| 95         | Chulitna Tram<br>Kodiak-Abberts<br>Kanatak-Becharof Lake | 834   |      |        | 8%      |
| 95B        | Larsen Bay-Karluk River                                  | v.,   | 3    |        | 3       |
| 96<br>96   | Chickaloon-King River                                    |       | 61/2 |        | 61/2    |
| 96A        | Chickaloon Cable   |       | 072  |        |         |
| 96B        | Chickaloon-Nelchina                                      |       |      | 51     | 51      |
| 90D<br>98* |  |       |      | 97     | 134     |
|            | Homer Spit   |       |      | 11/4   |         |
| 98A*       | Nuka Bay Trail   |       |      | 171    | 14      |
|            | Ninilchik Aviation Field                                 | ••    |      |        |         |
|            | Kasilof Aviation Field                                   | 2     | **** |        |         |
| 32D++      | Kasilof Road   | 4     |      |        | 2       |
|            | Totals   | 248   | 189  | 5001/2 | 937 1/2 |

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# DESCRIPTION.

For detailed description see Part II Annual Report for 1929. The following changes and additions should be noted:

10D—This landing field has been relocated north of the Radio Station Road and one mile from Seward. The field consists of two runways, the north-south runway being 200 ft. by 1,400 ft. and the east-west runway 200 ft. by 1,200 ft

35DA—This road branches from the Willow Creek Extension, Route 35D, at Mile 3.4. It follows the left limit of Gold Chord Creek for one-half mile, thence crossing to the right limit it follows to the head of the creek. It serves three mines, only one of which is now producing.

46D-This road extended to a total length of 43½ miles.

51E-Correct length is 35 miles.

75J—This landing field is located south of the Oilwell Road, onehalf mile east of the Anchorage townsite. It consists of two runways, the north-south leg being 400 ft. by 2,260 ft. and the east-west leg, 400 ft. by 1,600 ft. 76A-This landing field is located on the bench on the right limit

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of Valdez Creek opposite discovery claim. The field will consist of one 200 ft, by 1,200 ft, runway.

930-This cable passenger tram is located over the Chulima River 20 miles from the railroad

96B-Trail extended to 51 miles in length.

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98D—This road as projected will extend from the cannery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, up the right limit of the river for a distance of 7 miles, serving a group of fur farmers. 2 miles have been sufficiently improved to allow the passage of wagons.

#### OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

The important operations, other than routine maintenance, are summarized by sub-projects as follows:

10D—Both runways were cleared, grubbed and smipped preparatory to leveling. The city of Seward contributed 31,500 toward the cost of the work.

35D-Construction of the relocation, begun has year, was comploted. The work included % mile sidehill grading partly in rook. 1,024 cu. yds. gravel surfacing placed on 1% miles. 13 metal culverts installed and one 14-fit span bridge constructed.

35DA--Construction of this new road was completed. The work included 2 miles grading, 20% solid rock, 1,407 cu. (ds. gravel surfacing placed on  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 11 metal and 1 timber culver: installed.

35E-11 miles were regraded and widened 12 fz. 786 cu. yds. gravel placed as surfacing over 1 mile and 14 metal cuiverts installed.

35K-112 miles were regraded and widened 19 in. 377 on just gravel surfacing placed on 4 mile road and 2 metal culverts installed

351.--1,130 lin. ft. of brush corduroy were laid 18 ft. wide and 875 cu. yds, of gravel surfacing placed on % mile of read on the flats near Matanuska.

350-2,431 cu. yds. of gravel surfacing were placed on 2 miles of road and 2 metal and 1 rock culvert installed.

46D-This project is cooperative with the National Park Service, that Service providing the larger part of the funds for its construction.

During the past season new construction was advanced from Sable Pass, Mile 38½, to East Fork, Mile 43½. L3 miles, previously on a temporary location, were graded between Miles 29 and 31. Preliminary preparation such as ditching and stripping wet sections was advanced to Mile 53.  $\frac{34}{2}$  mile of heavy rock sidehill grade in Mile 44

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was opened up. 136 metal culverts were installed, 7,406 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing between the railroad and Mile 27 and 13,402 cu. yds. between Miles 29 and  $43\frac{1}{2}$ .

403 lin. ft. of standard pile driven trestle and 86 lin. ft. of frame bent trestle were constructed.

One 14 ft. by 15 it. cabin and two combination garages and caches. 20 ft. by 45 ft. were constructed for storage of supplies. A new warehouse, 20 ft. by 30 ft. and oll shed 15 ft. by 34 ft. were erected at the railroad. The buildings formerly located west of the railroad were moved to the east side at the request of The Alaska Railroad and the old warshouse converted into a garage.

Necessary maintenance of the road, coach road and trails was performed.

Expenditures to date are classified as follows:

| Office building\$ 1,777.66            |
|---------------------------------------|
| Warehouse and garage. Headquarters    |
| Cabins and caches 6,791.22            |
| Trail tents 732.50                    |
| Trail construction 10,099.55          |
|                                       |
|                                       |
| Road construction                     |
| Road maint-rence 42,024.76            |
| Supplies and materials on hand        |
|                                       |
| Total\$458,114.82                     |
| Fiscal year 1322                      |
| 11202528.99                           |
| 1921 4,961.74                         |
| 1925                                  |
| 1926                                  |
| 17,033,02                             |
|                                       |
| 1925 61,590.89                        |
| 1929                                  |
| 1920 169,821,31                       |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Total5453,114.82                      |
| National Park Service                 |
| Territory of Alaska732.50             |
| Alaska Road Commission 24,839.82      |
| Contributed 700.25                    |
| Control                               |
| Total                                 |
|                                       |

For the current working season (f. y. 1931) \$160,000 of Park Road funds have been allotted.

48-1 mile was widened from 6 to 10 ft. requiring the removal of 2,468 cu. yds, solid rock, 800 cu. yds. loose rock and 560 cu. yds. common excavation.

51-2,047 cu. yds. of gravel were placed as surfacing on 2.3 miles and 750 lin. ft. of corduroy 14 ft. wide laid.

753—This landing field was cleared, plowed and leveled. The city of Anchorage furnished the ground and contributed \$1,800 toward the cost of construction.

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76A-A portion of the field was plowed preparatory to leveling.

90C-Shelter Cabins, 3rd Division:

The following work was accomplished:

| Route | Locat           | ion        |            |      |               | Work             | Done              | •      |        |         | Cost               |
|-------|-----------------|------------|------------|------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------------|
| 51C   | Mouth           | of         | Clearw     | ater | Corru         | gated            | fron              | roof   | and    | lumber  |                    |
| 92K   | Rapids<br>Kar   | 64<br>ata! | miles<br>k | from | fi:<br>12 ft. | oor ins<br>by 14 | italled<br>ft. lu | mber   | cabin  | erected | $325.00 \\ 493.59$ |
| 96B   | 26 mile<br>aloo | ទៅ<br>ជា   | rom · Cł   | ick- | .12 ft.       | by 14            | ft. l             | og cab | vin er | ected   | 550.00             |
|       |                 |            |            |      |               | T                | otal .            |        |        |         | 1,368.59           |

93D-A cable passenger tram of 200 ft. span was erected,

94—Narrow sections were widened requiring the removal of 731 cu. yds. solid rock and 1,206 cu. yds. common excavation. 755 cu. yds. surfacing were placed and 9 metal culverts installed.

96B—The trail was extended 15 miles. ½ mile sidehill grading was performed and one 100-ft, span cable tram for passengers was erected over Hicks Creek.

98-21 metal culverts were installed.

93D—The route was cleared and grubbed to Mile 2.4. 695 lin. ft. of corduroy 16 ft. wide were laid and 0.6 mile hand graded.

# KUSKOKWIM DISTRICT.

#### Carl Lottsfeldt, Superintendent, Takotna,

This district embraces the upper valley of the Kuskokwim River and extends west as far as the Yukon River, thus including the valleyof the Iditarod and Innoko Rivers. The chief mining operation c.c.centered about Iditarod, Takotna, and Ophir.

This district comprises one of the most inaccessible pa-Alaska. Freight for Takotna and vicinity is sent by ship from Soto Bethel and thence by river hoat up the Kuskokwim River. Freiffich for Iditarod and vicinity is sent by ship from Seattle to Seward, thence by rail to Nenana and by river hoats, owned and operated by Th-Alaska Railroad, to Holy Cross. There it is transferred to smalle boats and sent up the Innoko and Iditarod Rivers. Summer mail is sent by this route. During the summer people go in by the last described route, or leave the government hoat at Ruby and walk overland via Long and Poorman. During the winter mail and people enter and leave this district over the winter trail via McGrath, Telida Diamond, Knights, and Kobi or Nenana. The limited activities with r the district together with its remoteness and the great expense of road construction have prevented the construction of any through wager or auomobile routes.

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Shelter cabins, aviation fields, the Ganes Creek and Little Creek Roads are supported exclusively by the Territory, the Iditarod-Flat and Ophir-Takotna Roads by the Territory and Alaska Road Commission jointly, and the remaining projects exclusively by the Alaska Road Commission.

# SUMMARY OF SUB-PROJECTS.

| Sub-  |             |              |         |                |
|---|-------------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| Project<br>No. Name of Sub-Project                      | Road        | Sled<br>Road | Trail   | Total<br>Miles |
| 26C Rainy Pass-Big River                                | _           |              | 110     | 110            |
| 20DA Takotna-Ohpir                                      | +           | 20           |         | 20             |
| 20DB Ophir-Dishkaket                                    |             | A            | 55      | 55             |
|   | —           |              | 95      | 95             |
| 32AA Takotna-Flat (via Moore Creek)<br>32AB Moore Creek |             | ****         | 93      | 93             |
| 32AC Candle Creek-Takotna                               |             | •            | 7<br>12 | 7<br>12        |
| 32B* Iditarod-Flat                                      | 8           |              |         | 8              |
| 32C Ophir-Iditarod                                      |             |              | 76      | 76             |
| 32D Flat-Crooked Creek (Winter)                         |             |              | 54      | 54             |
| 32DD Flat-Georgetown (Summer)                           |             |              | 65      | 65             |
| 32E** Takoma Aviation Field                             |             | ****         |         |                |
| 32F Takotna Depot                                       |             | ••••         | ·       |                |
| 33C Flat City-Flat Creek                                |             | ****         |         | 5              |
| 33D Head Flat Creek-Willow Creek                        | 41/2        |              |         | 4%             |
| 33E Willow Creek-Chicken Creek                          | . 3         | ••••         |         | 3              |
|   | 3           | ****         | -       | 3              |
| 33G Candle Landing-Candle Creek                         | 9           |              |         | 9              |
| 24A Flat-Holy Cross-Anvik                               |             | ****         | 103     | 103            |
| 34B Iditarod-Shageluk-Anvik                             |             |              | 173     | 203            |
| 38B Poorman-Cripple                                     |             | ****         | 47      | 47             |
| 35C Ophir-Cripple (Winter)                              | _           |              | 47      | 47             |
| \$\$D* Ophir-Takotna                                    | 22          |              |         | 22             |
| 35DA**Little Creek Road                                 | -3          |              |         | - 3            |
| 35F Poorman-Ophir                                       |             | ****         | 125     | 125            |
| 35G Takotna-Takotna Landing                             | 15          |              |         | 11/2           |
| 38H** Ganes Creek Road                                  | 15%         | ••••         | +       | 15 %           |
| 38M** Ophir Aviation Field                              | *****       | ****         |         |                |
| 61A Cripple-Cripple Mt. (Summer)                        | . —         | 277          | 12      | 12             |
| 5%A McGrath-Takotna (Summer)                            | <u> </u>    | 20           | -       | 20             |
| 86AA McGrath-Takotna (Winter)                           | ·•          | 17           | .5      | 5              |
| δθB McGrath-Telida                                      | _           | 11           | 92      | 17<br>92       |
| Soc McGrath-Candle Creek                                | •+<br>••••• | iï           |         | 11             |
| 59D Nixon Fork-Nixon Mine                               |             |              | 37      | 37             |
| SE Takotna-Twin Peaks                                   | _           |              | 12      | 12 .           |
| 80F Medira-Nixon Mine                                   | 12          |              |         | 12             |
| 80G Nixon Fork-Takotna (Summer)                         |             |              | 151/2   |                |
| 80GG Nixon Fork-Takotna (Winter)                        | *****       | 141/2        |         | 141/2          |
| 30H** McGrath Aviation Field                            |             | ••••         |         | ****           |
| \$0J** Medira Aviation Field                            | _           |              | ++      |                |
| 90D** Shelter Cabins                                    |             |              |         |                |
| Totals  | 86 14       | 821/2        | 1,14714 | 1,316%         |

Totals \_\_\_\_\_ 0

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38H—This road was extended up Ganes Creek to total length of 1534 miles.