

Winter Games Set For Yellowknife

The Directors of the Arctic Winter Games Corporation met in Yellowknife on September 28th and 29th to talk with department heads and confirm dates of the Games.

Directors Bill Barrett and Louie Strutz of Alaska, Ken McKinnon and John Thorsen from the Yukon and Malcolm Fraser and Smokey Heal of the Northwest Territories were present.

The Directors, because only three areas are participating, felt the dates of the Games were too long and these were cut to March 10th - 14th, 1970.

There will be thirteen sports plus a number of Indian and Eskimo Hand Games. The sports include Hockey, Curling, Figure Skating, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Snowshoeing, Skiing, Boxing, Snowmobile, Dog Team Racing and Shooting.

Most of these sports are in the open category and the teams will be made up mainly of junior age group.

Entertainment during the Games was discussed and it was felt that this could come from the three participating areas.

Eskimo dancers from Alaska will be in attendance plus the Drum Dancers from the Delta area of the Northwest Territories.

Theatre groups will participate as well as orchestras and local bands. It is understood that Eskimo carvers will also be in attendance during the Games.

Huge ice sculptures will be displayed in prominent places throughout the town and it is hoped that all the townspeople will take part in this.

The beauty pageant will be held to pick the most beautiful girl from the three participating areas.

The next meeting of the Directors will be held in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. No definite date was set for the meeting.