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PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REGARDING
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SUBSIDIZED TERM EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.)

The Territorial Government's first major job creation program, S.T.E.P., which was implemented last fall to provide short-term employment opportunities throughout the Northwest Territories, will soon be finishing for the present fiscal year. The primary objectives of the program were to reduce the number of economic social assistance recipients and to provide communities with additional manpower to carry out useful community employment activities.

I am pleased to present preliminary information regarding the effectiveness of S.T.E.P. to the Legislative Assembly. It is anticipated that by the end of the 1976-77 S.T.E.P. program in April, the Subsidized Term Employment Program will have created 4,768 man weeks of local employment throughout the Northwest Territories with \$832,000 having been allocated to community employment projects. While it is not yet possible to indicate how many people participated in the program, we estimate that up to 400 individuals will have been employed in S.T.E.P. projects for varying lengths of time.

The Regional totals for employment on S.T.E.P. are as follows:

- Fort Smith Region - 2,511 man weeks of employment created with an expenditure of \$456,265
- Inuvik Region - 874 man weeks of employment created with an expenditure of \$138,771
- Keewatin Region - 761 man weeks of employment created with an expenditure of \$126,730
- Baffin Region - 622 man weeks of employment created with an expenditure of \$110,225

IMPACT OF THE SUBSIDIZED TERM EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ON SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Total Social Assistance Payments

April to February, 1977	\$3,355,000.
April to February, 1976	4,040,000.
Reduction	685,000 or 17%

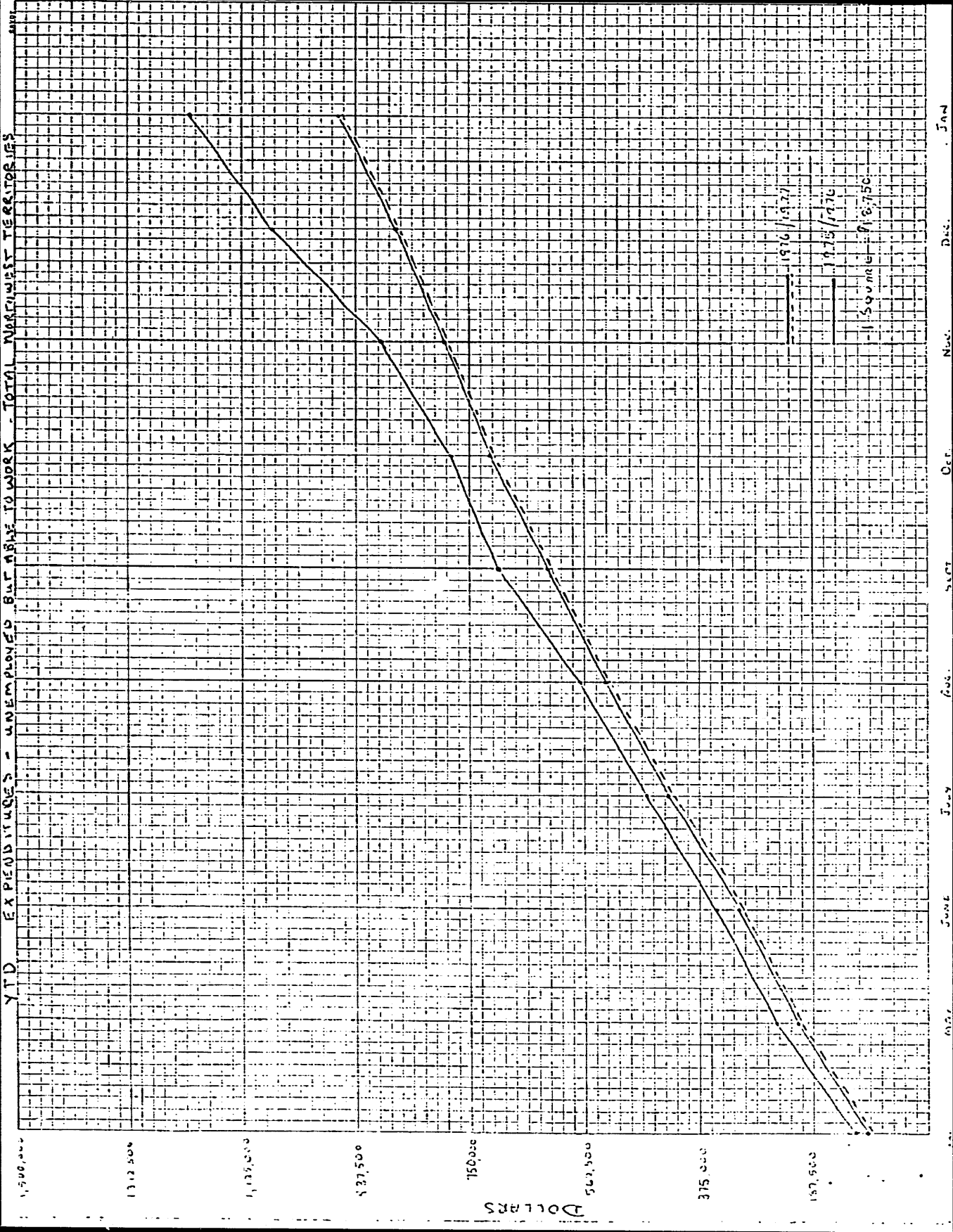
The total assistance payments have declined more sharply during the operating period of the S.T.E.P program as follows:

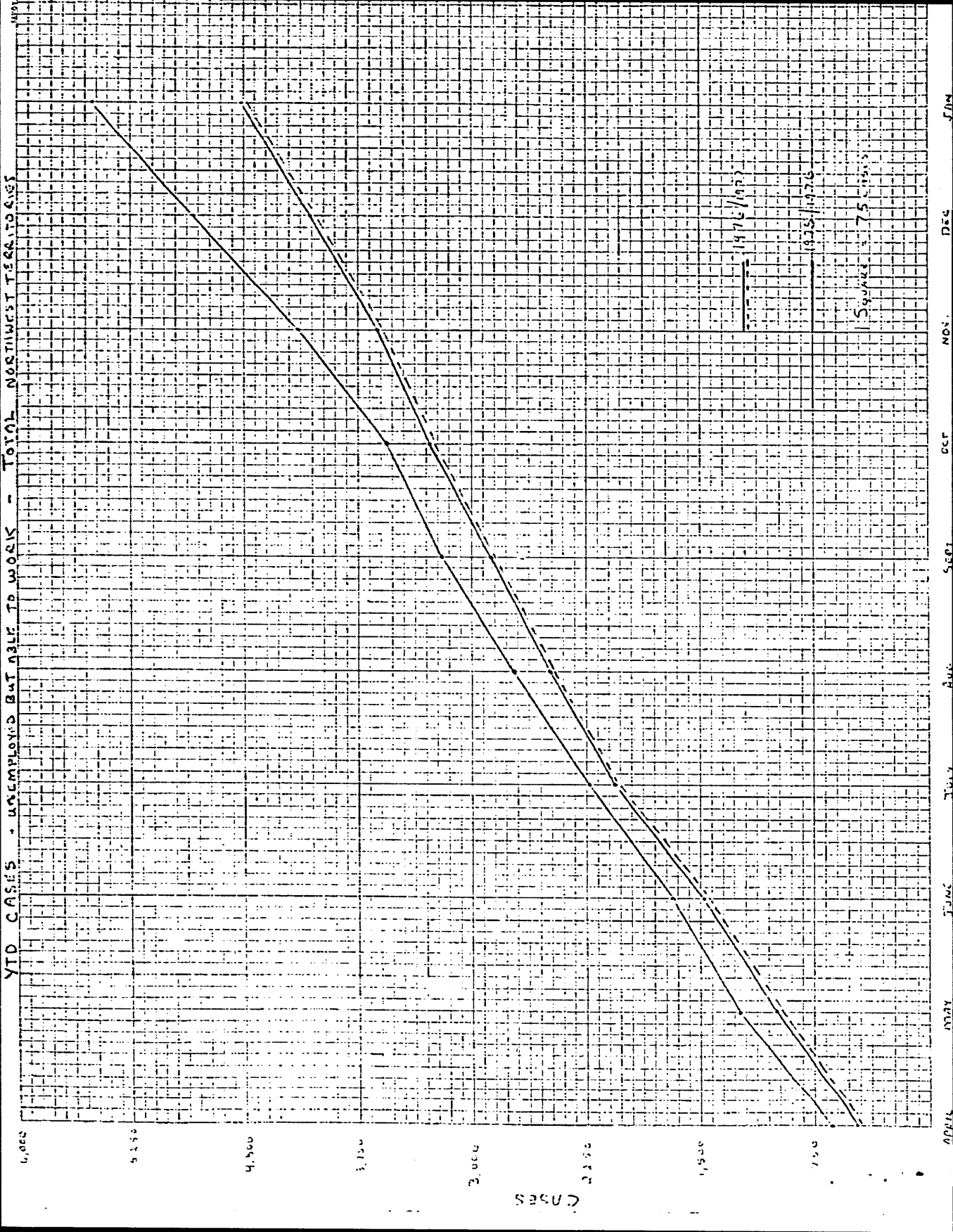
Total Social Assistance Payments

December, January, and February of this year	922,700
December, January, and February of last year	1,300,400
Reduction	377,700 or 28%

The above savings cannot be solely attributed to S.T.E.P because Social Assistance expenditures have been declining due to the general tightening up of the Social Assistance Program following the June 1, 1976 Regulation changes. However, economic assistance cases and payments have declined significantly during the S.T.E.P program as illustrated by the attached graph.

Attachment





YTD CASES - UNEMPLOYED BUT ABLE TO WORK - TOTAL NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CASES

APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN

BAFFIN REGION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF PROJECT</u>	<u>MAN WEEKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOTTED</u>
Frobisher Bay Jewellery Project	Jewellery	24	2,976
Frobisher Bay Municipality	Day Care	64	11,604
Frobisher Bay Curling Club	Renovations	69.9	11,666
Cape Dorset	Watchman, Day Care Workers, etc.	16 4	30,000
Clyde River Co-Op	Improvements	16	2,899
Clyde River Sett.	Repair Recreation Centre	56	10,322
Clyde River Alcohol Advisory Board	Community Hall Supervisor	28	4,632
Clyde River Newspaper	Newspaper	18	2,922
Broughton Island	Repair Warehouse	182	33,204
	Move Co-op Warehouse		
	Insulate		
	Repair Houses		
	etc.		

INUVIK REGION

LOCATION	TYPE OF PROJECT	MAN WEEKS	AMOUNT ALLOTTED
Ft. McPherson Comm. Assoc.	Construction	64	11,648
Ft. McPherson Sett. Council	Renovation	24	4,368
Ft. McPherson Band Council	Cabin Const.	16	2,912
Aklavik Hamlet	Labour Pool	99	18,018
Ft. Norman Sett. Council	Labour Pool	132	22,024
Inuvik Ski Club	Maintenance	22	4,004
Arctic Red R. Band Council	Cabin Const.	20	3,880
Ft. Good Hope Sett. Council	Bldg. Renovation	16	2,912
Tuk Hamlet	Ice House Const.	26	4,680
Inuvik Inuit Society	Communication	95	17,290
Ft. Franklin Gr. Bear Co-op Assoc.	Logging	106	4,028
Aklavik Band Council	Renovation Bldg.	32	5,824
Ft. Franklin Hamlet	Logging	96	17,472
Yk. Denehousing	Winter warmth housing	126	19,711

FORT SMITH REGION

LOCATION	TYPE OF PROJECT	MAN WEEKS	AMOUNT ALLOTTED
Town of Fort Smith	Drainage-Brushing, etc.	226	41,303
Ft. Smith Housing Authority	Repairs to Northern Rental Homes	39	7,752
Snowdrift School Committee	School Lunch Program	24	4,368
City of Yellowknife	Snow and Ice Removal from street, Skating Path	78	12,012
Rae/Edzo Band Council	Demolish Faraud Hosp.	180	29,320
Hamlet of Rae/Edzo	Renovate Community Hall, Bushing Road, Renovating and Painting Public Buildings, Construct Foot Bridge and Docks, Provide firewood for aged	421	76,622
Hay River Indian Band Council	Harvest timber Prepare logs for House Const.	360	65,520
Ft. Providence Sett. and Band Council	Demolish Old Mission	192	34,769
Lac La Martre	Clear road to timber stand - harvest logs for docks, etc.	180	33,827
Ft. Liard	Build Community Hall	61	11,100
Coppermine	Upgrade public buildings, Janitor service to public buildings, Curfew officer	270	51,300
Gjoa Haven Community Welfare Committee	Repair Houses	136	26,792
Gjoa Haven Community Homemaker Service	Provide assistance to disabled persons	34	5,522
Gjoa Haven Welfare Committee	Night patrol	34	5,362
Spence Bay Sett. Council	Night patrol, etc.	30	5,056
Spence Bay Sett. Council	House Repairs	150	28,200
Pelly Bay Hamlet Council	Community Improvements	96	17,440

KEEWATIN REGION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF PROJECT</u>	<u>MAN WEEKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOTTED</u>
Baker Lake Hous. Assoc.	Home Improvement, Repairs to houses, etc.	206	30,000
Baker Lake Res. Assoc.	"	40	7,280
Repulse Bay Hous. Assoc.	"	88	14,000
Whale Cove Hous. Assoc.	"	107	22,920
Coral Harbour Hous. Assoc.	"	162	22,500
Chesterfield In. Hous. Assoc.	"	36	5,030
Eskimo Point Hous. Assoc.	"	122	25,000