

Mr. NIELSEN: You have answered half of the question. I have also asked if you, yourself, think that this mapping program has been falling behind or, to put it another way, do you think it should be accelerated? Do you think we are doing what we should in this mapping program?

Dr. BOYER: It is a matter of degree. I think we should do more, but I think we are meeting the immediate needs. But we certainly could accelerate the development of Canada in coming years if more surveys were done.

Mr. MCGREGOR: Have they increased or decreased the number of employees in the last two years?

Dr. BOYER: There is a pattern of increase right through the years, if you will look back five or ten years in the records of the department.

Mr. MCGREGOR: I am asking for the last two years. Have you increased or decreased?

Dr. BOYER: Increased.

Mr. DUMAS: I would like to ask this question; I see here in the details that you have decreased the number of employees for 1959-60 from 648 to 614, in the geological surveys branch.

Mr. NIELSEN: Where do you get that information?

Dr. HARRISON: Mr. Dumas, you will recall that last year the geological surveys branch had a supplementary increase of seasonal staff. That is the explanation for it.

Mr. DUMAS: The reason I put the direct question is to show that it is not so much a matter of increasing the staff. It is a matter of getting some specialized technicians who perhaps could produce more. That is the point. You may have a decrease in the number of employees, this year to the extent of 34 persons but still you have an efficient staff just the same.

Mr. COATES: Could we have the figures for this year's employment, also for last year and five years ago? You do not have to give that information today, if it is not available.

The CHAIRMAN: It could be placed on the record.

Dr. HARRISON: Is that for the branch or for the department?

Mr. COATES: The whole; you might break it down into branches.

The CHAIRMAN: For the several branches, all right. That will be the information for last year, this year and five years ago.

Mr. SIMPSON: I have one further question about the mapping of northern Manitoba. In the three different areas there seem to be three specific forms of mapping. You say, for instance, in relation to the Kettle Rapids area that there is one person will start a four-mile map. Then, in the northern Indian Lake area you say that other systematic geological mapping will take place; and then when you come to the Chisel Lake area you say that detailed mapping will commence.

What would be the three variations of this?

Dr. HARRISON: In the first two it is not significant. It is just a matter of terminology, I suppose, trying to avoid repetitious statements. Incidentally, I believe you are referring to the 1958 program, there. The third project at Chisel Lake is a detailed study made in the vicinity of known ore bodies. It was begun in 1957 and continued in 1958. I am not sure, but I believe it was completed last year.

Mr. SIMPSON: It is complete now, then, is it?

Dr. HARRISON: I can tell you that in a moment. No, it is continuing again this year, for 1959.

Mr. SIMPSON: That is in the Chisel lake area?