

been agitation for the franchise over several years from the eastern Arctic. Do you think that this has altered your attitude on the proposed division? I mean by this, it has been suggested from time to time that since the residents of the east received the federal franchise, they should have been consulted through the territorial branch on this subject before this division went ahead. Has that changed your opinion at all?

Mr. GALL: No, because at that time I think I mentioned in council that the vote could be given to them at the commencement, and that was one of the important things. I think it was taken out of our hands entirely when the federal people gave them the vote.

Mr. DINSDALE: I mean they have not been represented in the territory as elected members.

Mr. GALL: No.

Mr. DINSDALE: You say that they should have this?

Mr. GALL: This was one of the proposals, and at that time we considered at first we would go ahead territorialwise, but they did not have a vote federally then. We thought we would go ahead with the territorial vote and in the first year try to bring them into our voting system.

Mr. RHEAUME: On this very point, Mr. Chairman, I would ask Mr. Gall if he would be in favour of the retention of the Northwest Territories council under the existing legislation, with the exception that residents of the eastern Arctic be given territorial franchise and councillors on the existing council as a first step, prior to division? Do you see that as the sensible evolution?

Mr. GALL: This has to follow.

Mr. RHEAUME: In other words, do you see it necessary to divide before you give the people in the eastern Arctic the right to vote?

Mr. GALL: This is the point.

Mr. TURNER: Do I gather from what you have said that, aside from the fact that you think a division is premature, if you were to be outvoted on that matter—as I gather you were—the other terms of the bill are generally satisfactory to you, on the basis that it is going to be passed?

Mr. GALL: It is a duplication, sir. I know I have been advised by my friends in council that there will be no more expense involved, but as a man who runs a business I cannot follow this. I think the expense would be doubled.

Mr. RHEAUME: At the time this question was under consideration, was the territorial council presented with any detailed reports, not only of the increased territorial cost but of the increased federal costs as a basis for your deliberations? Did you have documents showing what the increased costs would be, both territorially and federally, or was it just federally?

Mr. GALL: No, there were no documents at the time. There were documents to show what the situation would be if this division went through. We have the different splits showing the situation as it would be if this were to be passed.

Mr. GREGOIRE: As the time for adjournment has arrived I would like to propose that this committee invite the ministers of national resources from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, or their representatives, to appear before this committee to give their opinions on the question of the frontiers of Ontario and the province of Quebec.

Mr. GREGOIRE: I so move.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you a seconder, Mr. Gregoire?

Mr. GREGOIRE: Yes, Mr. Asselin.