

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Mr. DAVIS: Just on this point, the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys and, in future, the new department, has responsibility for carrying out surveys of a general and national character.

Mr. HARRISON: That is right.

Mr. DAVIS: And this will continue to be the case projected through the entire area embraced in the northland or coming under the administrative jurisdiction of the new Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. HARRISON: That is correct, sir.

Mr. DAVIS: In other words, the geological surveys of Canada, for example, will continue to operate on a national basis and similarly with other surveys.

Mr. HARRISON: Yes, sir.

Mr. FULTON: What about the planning for resource developments?

Mr. HARRISON: Do you mean, in the Canadian North, sir, or generally speaking?

Mr. FULTON: In the polar continental shelf.

Mr. HARRISON: The polar continental shelf was established some years ago after consultation by an advisory committee on northern development, a committee which still exists and which will be administered through the new Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The idea behind the polar continental shelf is to provide the basic information which will be required for any intelligent assessment or development of the resources, both potential and actual, in the North.

Mr. FULTON: Do I understand that the work with which this department would be concerned is primarily an information gathering service, but the planning of development programs would be in the other department?

Mr. HARRISON: I would think this would be a co-operative arrangement, but I cannot tell you at this point, sir, just what the plans are.

Mr. FULTON: In a moment I will have a question about the extent of the development to date, but before I get to that could I ask what is the composition of the committee you referred to on northern development?

Mr. HARRISON: The advisory committee on northern development. I must emphasize this committee has no jurisdiction, really, but a good many of the activities in the North are co-ordinated through this committee.

This committee has representatives on it from the present Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the Department of Transport, Public Works, Treasury Board, the Department of Defence, the Department of Fisheries, and probably others, too, that I cannot think of at the moment.

Mr. FULTON: To whom does it report?

Mr. HARRISON: It reports to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources as it is now constituted.