

Supply—Resources and Development

of Eskimos. That has been the responsibility of this branch.

Mr. Hodgson: I notice that this vote calls for a total expenditure of \$25,385 for salaries and wages. Last year the amount was \$500. Can the minister explain that increase?

Mr. Winters: It is due to the educational system under which we operate. We now have a number of schoolteachers that we did not have before. This large increase is attributable to the increase in the number of schoolteachers for Eskimos.

Mr. Hodgson: Can the minister explain the allowances of \$7,200?

Mr. Winters: That is \$1,500 for married men working in the department in the district, and \$900 for single men.

Mr. Fulton: What is the reason that the Department of Resources and Development is responsible for Eskimo affairs when another branch of another department is looking after Indian affairs? From what the minister says the two of them appear to be carrying on much the same activity in their respective spheres. Would it not be more efficient to have the Indian affairs branch deal with both Indians and Eskimos?

Mr. Winters: No; that of course is a matter that receives consideration from time to time. This department is charged with the administration of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. The predominant people up there are the Eskimos. They live under conditions different from the Indians, and a great attempt has been made to assimilate them into modern ways of life and so on. They are not the same type of wards as Indians are, and the over-all conditions are sufficiently different that it would appear to be the proper thing to do, so far as we are concerned at any rate, to have them included in the northern administration of this department.

Mr. Fulton: There is an increase in sundries under this item from \$42,000 to \$96,000, or an increase of \$54,000. What is the explanation for that?

Mr. Winters: The item of sundries totals \$96,500, made up as follows:

Film rentals, advertising teachers' positions, miscellaneous	\$ 1,500
Relief of indigent Eskimos of Quebec, \$30,000	
Relief of indigent Eskimos of Labrador	25,000
	55,000
Allowance for old age Eskimos	12,000
Investigation and removal of Eskimo families to areas where game is more plentiful	3,000
Rehabilitation of Eskimos, including those who have been victims of polio	25,000
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	\$96,500

[Mr. Winters.]

Mr. Fulton: I should like to make a suggestion. As we go through these details we see large items for sundries which, on the surface, appear to be open or general expenditures accounts. In most cases, at least in this department, there has been a complete explanation of how those are made up. I suggest that in future years the minister consider including that detail in his estimates.

Mr. Winters: I shall certainly bring it to the attention of the Minister of Finance and treasury board.

Mr. Fulton: Does the minister have no responsibility in respect of the detail in which he breaks down his estimates?

Mr. Winters: We are governed as to how they are printed by the Department of Finance and treasury board.

Mr. Drew: That is quite contrary to the information I understood we received from Mr. Bryce. I understood the explanation as to why there was not uniformity was that the minister in each department was responsible for the manner in which his estimates were presented.

Mr. Winters: Well, as I said, I do not think it is a major point, so far as I am concerned. I should be very happy to break them down. I simply said that I would bring it to the attention of my colleague and consult him on it.

Mr. Fulton: Looking through the public accounts for 1948-49, the last volume available, we find that for the department of mines and resources, as it was then known, there is a total expenditure for Northwest Territories, Arctic division, of \$110,000. Of the sundries only \$2,000 was expended. We now have a breakdown showing sundries of \$96,500. Are these new expenditures—particularly the large items of welfare which the minister detailed?

Mr. Winters: Yes, they are new expenditures.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Do the Eskimos of Labrador come under this vote?

Mr. Winters: The matter of how Eskimos in Labrador will be handled has not finally been settled. However, we have put \$25,000 in here for the relief of indigent Eskimos.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): In Labrador?

Mr. Winters: Yes, in Labrador. And at the same time we are working on a final settlement with Newfoundland as to how this should be handled.