

where the kind of training could be given that will fit the people of the north for the trades that will increasingly be required as the north develops and grows. The school at Inuvik will later provide such training and later still another school of the same kind will be opened at Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island. These are the tools that will ensure that the bounty of the north is not drawn off to help people elsewhere but goes to assist those who have the first claim upon its wealth—the Indians, the Eskimos, and the other original settlers of the area.

On September 17 I left Yellowknife and landed in Edmonton. It was only nine days since I had left, but in those nine days I gained a completely new idea of the character and the possibilities of the Canadian north. It is an area more Canadians should get to know for in it, beyond any doubt, lies much of the future of this country.

The CHAIRMAN: May we have a motion to have this report printed in the minutes ?

Moved by Mr. MacInnis, seconded by Mr. Kindt.

Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: We will now view the films. In the meantime we will have a booklet distributed to the members of the committee so far as they are available. It is a complimentary booklet on the Yukon from the United Keno Hill Mine, which you will find very, very interesting reading.

(At this point two films were shown entitled "The Northern Giant", and "Down North", respectively.)

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I hope these pictures will prove of some assistance to you.

Mr. Kindt, I am told that the drilling is 8,000 feet and more. You asked about it a few minutes ago.

Now, gentlemen we are on Item 186, which to be found at page 40 of the estimates for 1959-60 of the main estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

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I shall now, with your permission, ask the minister, who is with us this morning, to make his statement.

Hon. PAUL COMTOIS (*Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys*): Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we have been given a very vivid narrative of our chairman's visit to our northern Canada. We have been shown two pictures as companion films.

I might say that you are very lucky, Mr. Chairman, but you certainly deserved such an opportunity.

I like to think that my department is playing no small part in assisting in the development of this most promising part of our country, as you will judge from the statement I have prepared for this occasion. I am pleased again to be before your Committee.

Your report following our appearance last year was most heartening indeed. You agreed on the importance of my department's activities and even suggested that they should be expanded to meet our country's growing needs.

Again I welcome the opportunity of presenting to you our plans and related expenditures for the coming fiscal year and of inviting questions and discussion in reference to our work.

Last year I stated that we would endeavour to have the annual report of my department for the calendar year 1958 available to the members of your