

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. Harrison, you indicated you wanted to say something on this matter.

Mr. HARRISON: Just briefly, regarding this matter of trained people in hydrology, I should have mentioned earlier the universities and the technical institutes now are becoming very concerned about the proper supply of hydrologists, and there is a concerted effort afoot now to develop this capability in Canadian universities, the University of Waterloo, University of Guelph, University of Saskatchewan; all of these are initiating course in hydrology and hydro electric engineering, and probably they will be giving graduate courses shortly in these as well as the various technical institutes.

The CHAIRMAN: The next person on my list is Mr. Peters.

Mr. PETERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to refer to one remark that was made in answer to a question of Mr. Fulton. In my opinion, since I have been here there has been no reduction in the estimates so far as the House is concerned. Therefore, the responsibility for the money that has been available for the department rests with this department rather than with the members of Parliament or with the acceptance of the country. I think it should be fairly clear that if the department asks for it, they have in my experience always received it, so that the responsibility, as far as the House is concerned, is theirs, not ours.

Mr. FULTON: I do not think we want to be unfair. There is an organization called Treasury Board which is answerable over-all to the cabinet and I think we should at least make that comment. I do not think the department as such—

Mr. PETERS: The remark was made that they always had to be careful of the House as such. I think that is really not true. I would like to ask what action has been taken on the report and recommendations made by the special committee of last year that made a study of the great lakes.

Mr. CAMERON: I think that as a part of the recommendations, at least a partial answer to the recommendations of that committee was the reorganization of the departments. I think one of the criticisms of the committee last year was the multiplicity of departments dealing with water matters, and subsequent to the committee's report, the government did come forward with a reorganization proposal under which, at least as far as I am concerned, I was shifted from one department to another in an effort to amalgamate and co-ordinate water studies that are being made. The study of the great lakes problem itself, of course, is proceeding under the International Joint Commission on the Canadian side with complete co-ordination of the various water interests and water agencies that are involved.

Mr. PETERS: Has there been any attempt to bring in the meteorological section, where one of the weaknesses was found to be the lack of information in terms of water resource as to rainfall, evaporation and long term forecasting?

Mr. CAMERON: Well, there is complete co-ordination at the official level and between the "met." service and the other water agencies. I am not aware whether any effort was made to bring the "met." service in to one of the other departments.