

Mr. CONVEY: No.

Mr. PETERS: Is it not a fact that there is only one university continuing a degree course in mining now?

Mr. CONVEY: Oh, no. There is more than one. There are at least five or six. The ones that I have mentioned all have an under-graduate course, plus polytechnic. I would say there are at least seven universities that are granting degrees in mining engineering.

Mr. PETERS: And are continuing them?

Mr. CONVEY: Well, they are still continuing with them, but I must admit that in one or two cases the number of students that are enrolling into mining after their second year of engineering, which is common to all fields of engineering, is becoming less and less. On the other hand, there is an indication that the graduate schools are growing, and into these graduate schools in modern mining in the large centres, one finds today that, in addition to a mining engineer, you need the services of other professionals: electrical engineers, mechanical engineers. And in this way, McGill, for instance, is attempting to give a two year course beyond graduation which initiates these other professionals into the field of mining. Now, this might be what you have noticed, that there is a tendency to go towards that type of educational course, which is really additional to the professional degree which they have already acquired. However, there are still quite a few schools in Canada that are still giving under-graduate mining engineering courses.

Mr. O'KEEFE: Do they have some of these at Memorial University at St. John's or in Newfoundland-Labrador?

Mr. CONVEY: Yes.

Mr. PETERS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I may be wrong but the mining industry in my part of the country has been very concerned with the dropping by a number of the universities of their mining sections. I believe that the engineering profession, mining engineering, as such, is going to be non-existent in most universities. This is the first year that this has happened and will not, obviously, have much effect for two years. I think that Toronto University has no graduate degree course in mining engineering any longer. The Ontario government has gone to the extent of upgrading the mining school in Haileybury for instance, to a three year course, and it probably will go to a four year course.

Mr. CONVEY: Have they upgraded it to a degree course?

Mr. PETERS: No, it is three years now.

Mr. CONVEY: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Faulkner indicated that he wanted to ask a question. This was on matter, was it?

Mr. FAULKNER: It was supplementary to another field, but I was ruled out of order.