

Mr. GALL: I would say, if I may use the expression, the more intelligent type.

Mr. TURNER: Does the mining community share your view?

Mr. GALL: Yes, some of them; some of them do not. When the commissioner put this out two or three years ago, it was advertised in our local paper. I will admit it might have been sort of blurred, but I went to people whose views I considered would be of help to our commissioner then. I asked all of them, and there was only one. Today these people are raising their voices. It is always thus when the pot begins to boil.

Mr. NIELSEN: Was the editor of your local paper for or against this proposal when it first came out in 1960?

Mr. GALL: You can go back to his articles. He was against it at that time.

Mr. NIELSEN: That is Mr. Horton?

Mr. GALL: Yes.

Mr. WATSON (*Chateauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie*): Do you feel that the division of the territories will result in cutting some red tape, or will it increase the red tape?

Mr. GALL: Well, sir, I think this would cut it in two, provided the commissioner of the territory is there; if he is not, it means he is still going back and forth to Ottawa. I am sorry I cannot answer your question. At the present time the individual comes here and then is sent back. This is the situation at the present time.

Mr. LONEY: Mr. Chairman, the members of this committee may or may not know that Mr. Gall has had fairly extensive experience in the central Arctic and the Hudson bay district over a period of many years. Keeping that fact in mind, I should like to ask the following question. Under the proposed division, as shown on the map, the people of Cambridge bay would be given a territorial franchise. At the present time they do not have the right to vote. Under the new proposal they would be given this right. The people at Spence bay would not have this right to vote. Does the suggested boundary as it appears on the map make any sense from your point of view, keeping in mind the people at Cambridge bay, Pelly bay, and Spence bay? Is this proposed boundary a meaningful one?

Mr. GALL: I do not understand the reason for the present boundary proposal. When the boundary proposal was being discussed by council the suggested boundary appeared to follow a path set by a drunken moose. In view of this fact we came to the conclusion that a straight line should be followed.

The people of Spence bay have developed a culture which has been influenced by both the east and west.

Mr. TURNER: Is there a natural division between Spence bay and Cambridge bay?

Mr. GALL: I would not say there is a natural division.

Mr. TURNER: Would you suggest there is a natural division in a cultural and trade sense?

Mr. GALL: I would not suggest there is a natural boundary in a cultural way. Many individuals from Cambridge bay have gone across to Spence bay. Many of the individuals at Spence bay have come from Cape Dorset or from as far away as the other side of Hudson bay.

Mr. TURNER: One could not make a division which would satisfy everyone. Is your proposal a compromise?