

Supply—Resources and Development

Mr. Winters: Mr. Marr, chief of the water resources division; and Mr. Hoover, who is the department representative in the Calgary office.

Mr. Fulton: To go back to the matter of the British Columbia board which I was referring to before, under the Dominion Water Power Act, section 10, subsection 4:

The minister may enter into co-operative agreements with the authorities of any of the provinces for the making of stream measurements, the carrying on of investigations, and the collection and publication of data respecting water and power resources, and the best methods of utilizing the same.

Apart from this Fraser river basin board to which reference has been made, have any studies been carried on by this department under that section in so far as British Columbia is concerned? If so, what were the reports? Where are they available? How can one get hold of them?

Mr. Winters: Stream measurements are made of all the important streams in British Columbia. The results of the surveys are available in the department office in Vancouver. They are published from time to time.

Mr. Fulton: What I am wondering is whether they cover the same information as is now being covered by this board; because the board makes it a large task, they have to make the surveys and get the information necessary before any work can be started. I have been protesting the length of time it is taking to get this work going. That is why I am wondering how complete any previous work and surveys may have been under that section.

Mr. Winters: By and large, the measurements of streams just cover water flow and that sort of thing. This is a broader survey that is dealt with, as my hon. friend will find under the Department of Public Works vote 351, which is for the Fraser river, "50 per cent of cost of investigations to be carried out by the dominion-provincial board Fraser river basin".

Mr. Fulton: I know that. As I said earlier this afternoon, I think that the Minister of Resources and Development should take a personal interest in the matter. I find that under the Dominion Water Power Act there is provision for these joint surveys to be made with provincial authorities, and I am asking the minister to what extent those surveys were made in the past. I cannot quite understand why it has taken all this time since the Fraser river basin board was set up. All we have at the moment is merely an interim

report. I am asking the minister to what extent these joint surveys were made in the past and why it is necessary that there should be such great delay now.

Mr. Winters: This is a much broader survey. The normal surveys in the past, under the act to which my hon. friend refers, were usually confined to measurements of stream flow.

Mr. Fulton: The minister said that he will follow the matter up with the Department of Public Works, so I will not press it now except to ask him if he can give me the names and positions of the officials from his department who are members of that board.

Mr. Winters: Yes. I will get that information, Mr. Chairman, and send it to the hon. member.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Has the department any official permanently located in Newfoundland?

Mr. Winters: Yes, we have.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Will you give me the name of that official and tell me where he is located?

Mr. Winters: There is an official in Newfoundland. His name is Mr. J. E. Peters.

Mr. Browne (St. John's West): Situated in St. John's?

Mr. Winters: In St. John's, yes.

Item agreed to.

Development services branch—

361. To provide for studies and surveys of the Columbia river watershed in Canada, \$380,000.

Mr. Herridge: I was shocked this morning to hear from the Minister of Resources and Development that he was not quite certain whether the discovery of the Columbia was of national significance. I am pleased to see that from the point of view of development the minister considers it of national significance, although I cannot follow his reasoning in that respect.

Mr. Winters: No, Mr. Chairman; I said the discovery of the river was of the greatest national significance but that the historical significance was something to be determined by the national historic sites and monuments board.

Mr. Herridge: I think the minister is splitting hairs, but I am pleased to see that he considers the development of the Columbia of national significance, by this vote 361, to provide for studies and surveys of the Columbia river watershed in Canada. This item is a matter of great interest to my constituents, because the whole of my constituency lies within the Columbia river basin. They have