

Mr. NIELSEN: Could Mr. Gall comment on a particular aspect, which is of considerable concern to me which will result if the bills are adopted by parliament, and that is, upon the splitting of the territories there will naturally have to be a duplication in the federal and in the territorial civil services as the latter develops. There will have to be two forestry departments, two departments of education; there will have to be two departments of health, two departments of welfare, two liquor administrations set up and there will have to be virtually two departments of everything. I wonder if Mr. Gall could say whether this pyramiding of the civil service by reason of the splitting of the territories is necessary for the efficient administration of the territories as they now stand as a whole?

Mr. GALL: No, sir, I did not make that proposal, nor do I say now it would require duplication. I still think our territories can be run from the Slave lake where our industry is at present situated. It can be administered from there. Let the territorial offices be moved from Ottawa to this suitable location. Of course, coming from Yellowknife I would say Yellowknife should be the location; but this is my view.

Mr. NIELSEN: You feel the capital should be in Yellowknife?

Mr. GALL: This gives you a wrong concept.

Mr. TURNER: Could you describe your constituency on the map?

Mr. GALL: My present constituency, because I do not think I will have another one. Yellowknife is situated here on this map. My constituency runs right up to Coppermine. It takes in the Bathurst Inlet plus Rae and Lac La Martre.

Mr. RHEAUME: Mr. Gall, I take it then that your minimum requirement is we have a resident commissioner in the Northwest Territories immediately, and I understand there is general agreement. You feel a resident commissioner within the Northwest Territories could administer the Northwest Territories—

Mr. GALL: Yes.

Mr. RHEAUME: —from some point within the Northwest Territories just as well as he could if it were divided off and there was a resident commissioner for one side, plus a new commissioner, presumably in Ottawa, which is what the bill suggests.

Mr. GALL: That is correct.

Mr. TURNER: May I ask Mr. Gall a question? I understand your view to be that you feel the bill is premature because the territories are not exactly ready for it.

Mr. GALL: That is correct.

Mr. TURNER: From the point of view of self government in the territories, do you feel that perhaps the division along the lines contemplated by the two bills would allow the western Arctic and Mackenzie to develop more quickly than it is now?

Mr. GALL: This entirely depends on whether you can tell me whether or not we are going to develop up in the pre-Cambrian and around Baker lake. If you could tell me there is no possibility of mines there for the next 20 years, I would agree; but I know and you know that you cannot say this. There might be huge mines in there. Therefore I think it is wrongly split now.

Mr. TURNER: You say you did not represent the entire views even in your own community?

Mr. GALL: Yes.

Mr. TURNER: What type of people share your view; what part of the community?