

is gold and other minerals in the area. The Pine Point mine is being developed, but it is not in production yet.

At the present time we must rely on small groups of people to support our position in the north. Our industry is not growing with our present advance in education, more and more young men and women are becoming involved in the dollar economy. This situation causes much more worry than the political situation.

Mr. Chairman, I should like to refer to this bill at this time. I think we are all agreed that our commissioner should be a resident of the Northwest Territories. We believe that the other elected members should definitely be residents, as well as those commissioners who sit on our committees. If I had any say in this regard I would insist that the commissioner be a resident. I should not like to be a part of a council which, after discussion and deliberation, came to a decision which was turned down in short order by an individual who had not been part of the discussions and deliberations.

I feel that the territory is now sufficiently advanced that residents could be elected to the territory. There are many able men who are residents of this area. These men will not stand for election at the present time because of the positions they now hold. However, as appointed members I believe they would lend their talents. This would be an advantage to the territory because these individuals have a territorial point of view at heart.

Mr. Chairman, I should like at this point to make reference to suggestions put forward by my colleagues. I do not speak for all the citizens in my constituency, but until we have greater industrial development and a larger number of employed people the territory should not be divided. Perhaps I do not have sufficient knowledge to decide whether or not such a division would be good or bad, or whether it is necessary at this time, but it is my opinion that we must have a greater industrial development with a larger number of wage earners before such a division can economically take place. I do not know whether two governments can live cheaper than one.

Mr. Chairman, at this time I should like to answer any questions that these gentlemen may ask.

In answer to the question asked by the gentleman from Quebec, I should like to state that I am familiar with that area to which you have referred and the circumstances there, and it is my feeling that the Northwest Territories act should remain as it now exists, and the islands should belong to the Northwest Territories.

Mr. GREGOIRE: I was not referring to all the islands, but only those within a three mile limit. Would there be a revolution in the Northwest Territories if my suggestion were adopted?

I would like to ask you this question: would there be a revolution in the Northwest Territories if this three-mile limit were observed?

Mr. GALL: Possibly there would not be a revolution but there would be quite a discussion from this hard core about which I talked because I do not think we wish to concede at present.

Mr. GREGOIRE: I have just one more question: do you think it is normal that all the shore of the province of Quebec between high and low tide should be a part of the Northwest Territories?

Mr. GALL: This is a problem, because I know that there are quite a few navigational difficulties there. I will say what my colleagues say in the law courts: someone else can decide what is high and low water. It is not within my knowledge to answer that question.

Mr. GREGOIRE: There will not be a revolution then, will there?

Mr. GALL: They might possibly shoot me.