

Mr. HARRISON: The District of Franklin includes all the Arctic Islands and the Boothia Peninsula, which is a very narrow peninsula which extends north from the Northwest Territories.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions on Vote No. 85?

Mr. AIKEN: Yes, I have been waiting to ask one question just to clear up a matter.

Vote No. 85, is called the Polar Continental Shelf Project. Is the project purely an information gathering project; is that what we can understand from it at its present stage?

Mr. HARRISON: All parts of our department gather information and put that information into usable form with the appropriate interpretations on it. The polar continental shelf project follows this procedure. It is largely a co-ordinated project; many of the reports and maps come out under the aegis of a different part of the department. It is data gathering but it is also data interpretation as well, different aspects of it.

Mr. AIKEN: Well, this may not be a fair question, but I would like it answered if possible.

With the proposed re-organization of the department and the technical surveys end of it being part of a larger department of energy and resources, do you expect the duties to change more toward policy making than information gathering along the lines we are talking about, the continental shelf to be exact.

Mr. HARRISON: Not this particular project. This is a technical group. The department policies as developed regarding the polar area, and it is part of the new Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is a general policy of the government toward development in the North and will have a great effect on the kind of work, the detail of work, that the technical parts of the department undertake, but it will not change the kind of work the technical parts undertake.

Mr. AIKEN: This particular project and similar projects will remain as information gathering projects and research projects rather than policy making projects.

Mr. HARRISON: Yes. So far as these groups are concerned I presume the department will make use of the data and interpretations provided in order to develop policy.

Mr. AIKEN: This may, of course, be done in another area of the new department?

Mr. HARRISON: Yes.

Mr. FULTON: When was the continental shelf project set up as a separate project, Dr. Harrison?

Mr. HARRISON: In 1957. I would like to say, sir, in amplification, that I referred to the advisory committee on northern development; it is actually an advisory committee on northern research.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions on Vote No. 85?

Shall Vote 85 carry?