

Mr. COATES: Could I ask you when the pressure occurred last year? Was it around this time of the year?

Dr. BOYER: Yes.

Mr. COMTOIS: I think it was in March. In the mines branch for 1955-56 we had 592; 1958-59, 627 and for 1959-60, 647.

In the surveys and mapping branch for 1955-56, 1,882; 1958-59, 1,920 and for 1959-60, 2,008.

With regard to the dominion observatories for 1955-56 the figure was 132; 1958-59, 139; and for 1959-60, 153.

In the geographical branch for 1955-56, the figure was 99; 1958-59, 92 and for 1959-60, 93.

The figures for departmental administration, including mines and resources are: 1955-56, 148; 1958-59, 201; 1959-60, 213.

That is the breakdown of the main figures. The remainder of the departmental totals that I have given are made up by staff required for the polar basin project.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions, gentlemen?

Mr. DUMAS: I wonder if the minister would have the number of students employed during the period 1957-58.

Mr. COMTOIS: Yes, we could give you that.

Mr. DUMAS: In all branches.

Mr. COMTOIS: Yes. I could give you a breakdown. Do you mean any kind of students?

Mr. DUMAS: Well, yes. Say, university students.

Mr. COMTOIS: University students.

Mr. DUMAS: Yes.

Mr. COMTOIS: In 1957-58 we had about 600 students. I mentioned 1,200, but this includes—

Mr. DUMAS: Yes, I understand you had some labour-rate employees.

Mr. COMTOIS: Yes, and some summer seasonal employees.

Mr. DUMAS: That is in 1957-58?

Mr. COMTOIS: Yes.

Mr. DUMAS: And in 1958-59?

Mr. COMTOIS: About the same as 1957-58. Well, I should mention again that the figure of 1,200 also includes some members of the ship's crew who were engaged in connection with the hydrographic survey.

Mr. DUMAS: Who worked only during the summer?

Mr. COMTOIS: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, are we through with item 186?

Mr. DUMAS: No, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister could give the committee an idea of the progress made in the construction of new buildings.

Mr. COMTOIS: Perhaps Dr. van Steenburgh could give you that information.

Dr. W. E. VAN STEENBURGH (*Director-General of Scientific Services*): As the committee probably knows, we are in the process of a building program on Booth street. In the early part of this year—I believe it was in January—the Mines Branch occupied part of the new building.

Mr. DUMAS: The Mines Branch?

Dr. VAN STEENBURGH: Yes. The remainder of the building probably will be occupied some time between now and June of this year. Last month the administrative building was occupied by the Administration Branch of the