

Northwest Territories

Mr. Green, the present general manager of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting company, in his history of the development and organization, points out that they had 300 tons of ore shipped to Denver, Colorado, not to Arizona or Utah, as the hon. member for Churchill mentioned, and not to a university but to a subsidiary of their own corporation. The Whitney interests had come into the picture, and they shipped 300 tons down there. It was Mr. S. P. Lowe who carried on the experimental work in Denver. The research work does not indicate that any Professor Coolbaugh took part in it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Will the hon. member tell me how he relates his remarks to the bill before the house?

Mr. Nicholson: I was going to conclude shortly.

Mr. Speaker: Order. If the remarks of the hon. member are not in order he cannot continue, even though he is about to conclude.

Mr. Nicholson: This point came up on second reading of the bill. The hon. member for Churchill contradicted a statement that I made in my speech on second reading of the bill. On third reading of the bill I think I am in order in stating my reasons for having made the statement on second reading, and I shall conclude very shortly.

Again, at the request of Mr. R. E. Phelan, who is now general manager of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company, a request came to the mines branch for a flotation engineer. Mr. A. K. Anderson was sent to the mine late in December, 1930, and in appreciation of the work Mr. Anderson did Mr. Phelan wrote the director of mines branch as follows:

We all thought very highly of Mr. Anderson and he has brought out two things which may be very important, one is the use of sodium sulphide and the other, the use of an iron salt in the circuit.

The report I have been reading from is signed by Mr. L. E. Djingheuzian, head of the mineral dressing section of the mines branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

Motion agreed to.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ELECTIONS,
APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL, ETC.**

Hon. Jean Lesage (Minister of Resources and Development) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the acts respecting the Northwest Territories to provide—(a) that the governor in council may, after the expiration of two years from the return

of the writs of election, dissolve the council and cause a new council to be elected and appointed; (b) that the governor in council may make regulations respecting reindeer similar to those already included in chapter 331 of the Revised Statutes, 1952; (c) that the living allowances payable to members of the council be raised to \$25 as already provided in the said chapter 331; (d) that the governor in council may appoint a member of the council in place of an elected member who resigns; (e) for clarification of provisions of the acts relating to indemnity and living allowances; and further (f) that the act be amended by including therein provisions relating to the holding of land, similar to the provisions now in the Yukon Act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Chairman, I would have thought there would have been some explanation given. Are we to receive no explanation on this before it is discussed?

Mr. Lesage: I thought the resolution was quite clear and complete, but I might say a few words in explanation.

Mr. Drew: I thought there were a few special points the minister might have considered should be brought before the house.

Mr. Lesage: I might say a few words. At the 1952 session of parliament a number of amendments were made to the Northwest Territories Act to bring it into line with present-day conditions. At the same time it was considered desirable to consolidate the various amendments which had been made to the act since the last consolidation of the statutes of Canada of 1927. The result therefore was the enactment of a revised consolidated statute which appears as chapter 331 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952. It was provided that the new act should come into force on a date to be fixed by proclamation of the governor in council. This act has not yet been proclaimed because a number of its provisions cover ground which is now the subject of legislation contained in the proposed new Criminal Code of Canada.

As it is desirable that some of the amendments made in 1952 should come into effect as soon as possible, one of the purposes of the proposed bill is to incorporate these amendments in the old act which is still in force. Briefly, they provide for (a) the dissolution of the council after the second year; (b) changes in the indemnity and living allowances of the members; (c) extending the time for transmitting ordinances to the governor in council; (d) authorizing the governor in council to make regulations in respect to reindeer.

It is also proposed to make a number of minor amendments, some being amendments of the existing Northwest Territories Act and