

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

National Archives of Canada RG29 2342 455-10-13 Vol 1

To: Dr. G. D. W. Cameron,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of National Health and Welfare,  
Jackson Bldg.

File No. 455-10-13

Date: Jan. 6, 1950.

Subject:

Arsenic at Yellowknife - Letter from Mr. Jewitt

With reference to the letter of December 29th from Mr. Jewitt of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, and referring particularly to the arsenic pollution data supplied on the map which accompanied his letter, I think it simply incredible that this company, in full knowledge of cause and effect, has gone on month after month saturating the Yellowknife community with effluent from their operations. Having reduced pollution by air on the 19th of August, they turn to the rapid pollution of Pud Lake and adjoining water bodies with all the insouciance of 19th century industrialists.

The further pollution data, taken with Mr. Bevan's new plight which was reported to the Council and recorded in my memo of 23rd December, strengthens my conviction that our recommendations to Mr. Gibson should never have been ignored.

*Kingsley Kay*  
Kingsley Kay,  
Chief,

Industrial Health Laboratory.