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Brown, the former member of parliament for Essex West. Then, of course, there is the museum at Amherstburg which will forever be connected with the work of Mr. Murray Clark a former member of parliament for Essex South. These two museums are repositories of the evidence of our rich historic past. When we are thinking of the future it is well for us to dwell upon the efforts of those who have gone before in our various communities.

I belong to a city and am a citizen of a county which has a very long history not only in terms of national achievement and local achievement but in terms of our relations with the state of Michigan in the United States. When the minister comes to visit us, I hope he will give me the opportunity of showing him Peche island which separates the city of Detroit from the city of Windsor. This is a Canadian island, owned privately. It is not as large as Belle island—Belle Isle—the island owned by the people of the corporation of the city of Detroit, but it is a beautiful island and its potential value in terms of tourism and in terms of adorning the point of entry for the largest number of people from the United States into Canada is one which might well be considered by the government as making it a property which should belong to the crown either in the right of the province or in the right of the dominion or in the right of both the province and the dominion. I would ask the minister to give consideration to this particular matter. It is one which might, I think, serve a great purpose in the future for Canada as well as for the city of Windsor and the county of Essex.

I invite the minister to come and see us so as to give us an opportunity of showing him something of our history, something of our present achievements, something of our present problems and some of our plans for the future. Among these I include, of course, Peche island. When the minister is in Windsor he will, of course, take advantage of an invitation which will no doubt be extended to him by the hon. member for Essex South of visiting the historic sites in that section of the county. He would want to go to the national park at Point Pelee. He would also want to visit the Jack Miner sanctuary, institutions which I know interest the hon. member for Essex South as they interest all who live in the county of Essex.

I am sure the minister will take advantage of this invitation. He is a man of great modesty and I am sure will not mind my saying that he will profit greatly from this kind of contact with the people of an area so richly endowed in history, as we are in Essex county and the city of Windsor.

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, I have been moved to rise to say a few words in view of the remarks made by the hon. members for Lincoln, Bonavista-Twilligate and Essex East. These gentlemen have all dealt with eastern Canada and I could see, as they were speaking, that the minister was very receptive to their suggestions, particularly those of the hon. member for Essex East.

I should like to bring to his attention that, to the best of my knowledge there has never been to this date a visit, by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, to the Kootenays. This fact was brought to my attention by some individuals interested in the forestry industry. While our history does not go back 300 or 400 years—only to 1811, the time of David Thompson's discoveries—there are many interesting things to see. Some very famous men have originated in the Kootenay area and lived there, as well as some even more famous women. We have some very interesting mining communities and other historic sites there. I should hope the minister will have the opportunity of visiting the sternwheeler *Moyie* at the village of Kaslo, in order to acquire first hand understanding of what the Kootenay historical society has done.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, not wishing to take up the time of the committee I would, on behalf of the people I have the honour of representing, invite the minister to visit the Kootenays and, should he decide to come, I shall do everything possible to make his visit informative, enjoyable and to the advantage of everyone concerned.

Item agreed to.

286. National aviation museum, \$139,875.

Mr. Matthews: Mr. Chairman, I should like to say a few words in regard to item No. 286. I should like first of all to compliment the minister for the very fine work he is doing in the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. I suggest that it is very fitting that this item, covering the national aviation museum, is included under his department. The minister served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the 410 mosquito night fighter squadron and was awarded the distinguished flying cross. While I am dealing with this subject, I should like to mention that the hon. member for Calgary South was also awarded the distinguished flying cross and is now the president of the Canadian air cadet league, carrying on very good work in that capacity. While these remarks are not necessarily related to a discussion of the aviation museum vote, I felt that I should take the opportunity of bringing these facts to the attention of hon. members.