

which leaves practically \$471,000, and from that stands to be deducted all progress estimates and any expenditures which are certified as having been made anterior to March 31, 1936. I just wanted to know if the minister had any idea how much this was.

Mr. CRERAR: I am informed that the amounts mentioned here are the estimates which are necessary in the judgment of the officials of the department, after making allowance for payments and progress estimates under the Public Works Construction Acts.

Mr. NEILL: The hon. member for Nanaimo (Mr. Taylor) represents the riding next to mine. I have the greatest respect for him, but I must endorse what was said by the minister when he told the committee that he would consider with a great deal of care an application for a park in the area referred to by the hon. member. I hope I shall not be accused of selfishness when I suggest that the place to put this park is in the district of Comox-Alberni. The parks board has already four mountain parks in British Columbia; they do not need any more of that type, but what they do need is a park on the beach level to accommodate, not only tourists from the United States, but our own men and women from the prairies who have been suffering from the high altitude. A beach park in British Columbia would permit these people to have even a brief holiday at low altitude. I do not know whether there is such a park in Canada; there certainly is not one in British Columbia. Such a park is needed to round out the policy of having parks indicative of the various portions of the dominion.

I had the privilege of a conversation with a member of the parks board to whom I outlined this idea. I shall not go into the details of where this is, but the area I have in mind is ideal for the purposes. It is only a small area, but there is nearly a mile of beach composed of very fine sand with no stones. It is quite shallow so that the water gets warm enough for bathing and is safe. It is close to the public highway and it would not be necessary to expend large sums to construct a road. We know what the department expends in making roads into some of the interior parks in British Columbia. There is some very good trout fishing close by to provide entertainment for the older people. Behind the beach is grass with a number of scattered trees, something very near to the general idea of an English park. The whole area could be obtained on very reasonable terms. The acreage is comparatively small, but it is ample for the purposes. I know it has been the policy of the department in years gone by,

and no doubt it still is, to get a beach of this kind and I know of no other beach in British Columbia that can be obtained, except at an enormous cost.

There is one in my district which I should like to advertise, a place called Long Beach, but the conditions are not so ideal. The water is colder; there is an undertow and the area is more difficult of access. In years to come it will be developed as a scenic resort, but this other place to which I refer is easy of access now. A man could leave Vancouver in his own automobile at eleven o'clock in the morning and be in this park at three o'clock in the afternoon. I have an intimate knowledge of this area. I know nothing whatever against it as a park and I believe it has everything in its favour. I heartily commend it to the parks branch and the minister. As I say, other sites have been put forward, but I do not know of any as perfect as this one. It is close to the highway; electricity is available and everything is there to make it a perfect park.

Mr. STIRLING: Where are the landing fields to be constructed under this vote.

Mr. CRERAR: The landing field at Banff national park which was partially constructed will be completed under this vote.

Item agreed to.

Forest service—water supply system, building construction and repairs at Petawawa and Acadia forest experiment stations, \$3,500.

Mr. BENNETT: This is to complete the water supply systems?

Mr. CRERAR: Yes.

Mr. BENNETT: Certain work was undertaken.

Mr. CRERAR: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Northwest Territories — continuation of development and improvement of landing fields and air harbours, \$9,800.

Mr. BENNETT: What is being done in the Northwest Territories under this item? I remember that under the Public Works Construction Act provision was made for certain work, which was undertaken by the Department of the Interior, but I should like to know what work was actually started, which requires \$9,800 to complete.

Mr. CRERAR: The landing fields and air harbours to be improved are at Fort Smith, Resolution, Hay River, Providence, Simpson,