

the capital, and the next step—perhaps it is of equal importance although in a different way—is to stop the pollution of the Ottawa river. If you want to beautify a place you have to get your underpinnings right, but as long as you continue to despoil this river by dumping sewage into it you will not have a healthy or beautiful countryside. However, everyone has his own ideas as to how it should be done.

I do not think we are justified in giving a blank cheque of \$3,000,000 to the commission to spend as they see fit; and as I read the bill, that is the purpose of section 9. Last year we increased the grant from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): You are speaking of the Ottawa agreement. This is not the Ottawa agreement.

Mr. HAZEN: But under this act we are going to spend about \$300,000 a year, and, in addition to that, we are asked to vote \$3,000,000 in the form of a blank cheque to the commission. When we vote money in this house we should vote it for a specific purpose instead of being so trustful. I do not want to be mean about this thing, but in looking through the estimates of the Department of Public Works I saw very large sums provided for the city of Ottawa which must help not only to maintain but to improve it, and I hesitate to vote \$3,000,000 more at this time for this purpose. Perhaps if the Minister of Public Works and I could get together on Chance Harbour we might come to an agreement.

Mr. R. H. WINTERS (Queens-Lunenburg): Until just a few moments ago I was pretty well satisfied with the formation of this commission because, as hon. members said there was to be one member from the maritimes, I naturally assumed he would be from Nova Scotia and therefore I felt that I had no plea to make. But in view of the fact that hon. members from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick have challenged Nova Scotia's right to have the maritime member on the commission, I simply want in a few words to assert Nova Scotia's undoubted right to have that representative, or, better still, I think each province should be represented on the commission.

Hon. members have spoken about and extolled the beauty of New Brunswick and other provinces, and I agree with them entirely. I do not feel that I need to say anything about the beauty of Nova Scotia, because all hon. members are fully familiar with it.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: You have no apples.  
[Mr. Hazen.]

Mr. WINTERS: Yes; we have apples in Nova Scotia, and I say to the hon. member for Fraser Valley that they are good ones.

Mrs. STRUM: Apple sauce, too.

Mr. BRIDGES: The female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Mr. WINTERS: I cannot compete on those grounds. I say, Mr. Speaker, since we have recently been left off the postage stamps, as hon. members have heard, we do not want to be left off this commission. Nova Scotia agrees with the proposal as set forth in this bill. We agree that Canada should have the most beautiful capital in the world, and we are quite prepared to make our contribution to it. We do not feel that this will go the whole way toward solving the problem of maritime rights, but I presume we shall have other opportunities to speak on that issue.

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): Because of the hurry we were in yesterday I thought we would have completed this debate by the time I came in. When I left the chamber the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Mackenzie) was in Greece. I see that he is now back. Despite all that has been said in opposition to this bill, there are some things that may be said in its favour. Perhaps this is not the time to deal with it because there are so many other things that could be done. When the proposal was first made in September 1945, the leader of this group gave his blessing to it and he did it for the group. Therefore, if it is planned carefully and the commissioners appointed from all across the dominion as is proposed in the bill we should give it our support.

There is another point to which I should like to refer, but I do not know whether it would come under the federal district commission or not. I took it up with the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier) early in the session. There is a walk around this building which up to a few years ago was known as "Lovers' walk."

An hon. MEMBER: What is it now?

Mr. MacINNIS: I do not know what it is now; it is not Lovers' walk because no lovers can use it.

Mr. MACKENZIE: How do you know?

Mr. BOUCHER: Are you too old to use it now?

Mr. MacINNIS: No; but I never climbed over fences for anything of that kind; I want to do it in the proper way.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacINNIS: I imagine my Scotch humour does not take in the joke; it may