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there patrols at that time along the ranch road to make sure these people do not hunt at that time?

Mr. Lesage: Of course they have to ask the foreman or one of the hired men who are on the spot for permission to go through. When permission is given these two hired men know the people are going across and they follow them and check on them.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): When the hon. member who has just preceded me enters the park he has to ask permission to go in.

Mr. Lesage: It is not a park, and it is not a public place. It is a ranch that provides a grazing area for the horses which are the property of the park service. They have to graze somewhere, and that is where they are put. It is 18 square miles and it is not at the disposal of the Canadian public. It is the property of the government assigned to a definite purpose. There is one foreman and one hired man looking after the horses. If we permit the general public to enter, as we do in the parks, of course we shall need a lot of persons to act as wardens and the cost will be increased. We have these immense park areas like Jasper, Banff and Yoho with their warden services and they cost the people of Canada a lot of money. I do not see why we should have this little piece of property as a park when we need it for a definite and private reason. The government is entitled to use property as private property, just the same as any other citizen, when it needs it.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): I am not objecting to that. The minister has said that they will allow hunters and pack trains to go through at certain times. How are people to know when they can go through? There is a no trespassing sign at the gate. How does one know when he can go through; that is what I am getting at. There must be something definite about it; it cannot be left in this hit-and-miss fashion.

Mr. Lesage: Next year, when my estimates are being considered, I shall be able to answer the question because, before the hon. member for Red Deer goes through, I shall have gone through myself—at least I shall have made a try.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): The minister is going to prepare the way for the hon. member for Red Deer so that he will be able to go into the ranch; is that it?

Mr. Shaw: Some reference has been made to the added cost of supervising this area. I am given to understand that one of the park rangers is spending quite a bit of time there, anyway, particularly during the hunting

season. Many of these hunters have been accosted by the ranger, whose name I can give if required. I should like to know two things: Are there any other horses, outside of government-owned horses, pastured in the Ya-Ha-Tinda area?

Mr. Lesage: Well, I am informed by the director of the parks branch that, to his knowledge, the answer should be No.

Mr. Shaw: Then, I have one other question, and then for the moment, I shall leave the matter. Reference has been made to a ranch foreman and manager, or some such officials; I am not sure as to the exact terms used. Are those men on the payroll of the federal government?

Mr. Lesage: Definitely.

Mr. Hodgson: Does the minister say there are only two men on the payroll to look after this park or ranch, or whatever it is called?

Mr. Lesage: That is correct, according to my information—except in haying time, when there is a temporary haying crew.

Mr. Hodgson: The minister had better look at it again and see whether there are not some horses on the payroll.

Mr. Herridge: I should like to say a word or two about the Revelstoke park, because many of my constituents are interested in that park, which is situated on the mountain at Revelstoke. I, too, have been interested in it since it was established. First of all I notice the minister has said that he is going out west to take a look at things. I do urge that he get off the train at Revelstoke and that he should not fail to visit the Revelstoke park. It is a very beautiful one on the top of a mountain, with a beautiful eighteen-mile drive leading up to it.

I would bring to the minister's attention the manner in which the records for that park are kept. According to those records only Canadians visit the park, and there is no reference to citizens of the United States or of other countries visiting there. I know the record is quite incorrect because on a number of occasions I have been to the top of the mountain with visitors from the United States and Great Britain. I have met hundreds of people from places outside Canada who have visited the park during my residence. I suggest therefore that it should get credit for having entertained these outside visitors, because those visits indicate an interest in the park far beyond the confines of Canada.

I suggest further that when the minister visits the park he should take a good look at the construction of new buildings there. I shall not say more on the subject but I would