

fees are collected, and I do not think that principle is an unreasonable one to put into effect in the administration of our parks.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Is there a fee for entrance to and fishing in Glacier national park?

Mr. CRERAR: Is the hon. member referring to the United States park? I cannot say whether fees are charged there or not.

Mr. BLACKMORE: My information is that no fee is charged for fishing in Glacier national park. A rather unique condition is set up by reason of the fact that Waterton lakes park and Glacier national park on the other side of the line immediately contiguous to it have been regarded as an international peace park, and therefore there is a sort of understanding on the part of people in the United States that, once having gained admission to Glacier national park, they are entitled similarly to admission into Waterton lakes park. The reason why I bring this matter to the minister's attention is that a good deal of displeasure is expressed by tourists in my constituency. A good many tourists come from the United States into my riding, because the road from Coutts, the chief mountain port of admission, runs through Cardston and other towns in my constituency, and we are in a good position to know what they think. Many of them regard it as a hardship that they have to pay a fee to enter Waterton lakes park. I am not committing myself as to whether they are right or wrong; I am merely conveying to the minister the picture as it appears to those who come to Cardston. A good many people in my constituency are of the opinion that, under conditions at present existing, it would be better if the fee for fishing in Waterton lakes park were abolished, at least so far as tourists from across the line are concerned.

Mr. CRERAR: In view of the observations of the hon. member I may briefly say that I have never yet seen anywhere people who would not prefer to have a government service for nothing to paying for it. Tourists who come to Waterton lakes park from the United States pay their entrance fee to the park the same as any Canadian citizen is required to do, and thereby are accorded the right to fish in the park under the conditions I mentioned a moment ago. I do not think there is any great hardship, and I should be astonished to learn that the fee militated against tourists coming in from the United States. In the eastern part of Canada many people come from the United States to fish in our streams and lakes; indeed, I was told

the other day that in many instances each salmon caught in New Brunswick rivers by a United States fisherman probably costs him one way and another about \$1,000.

Mr. BLACKMORE: There is one other matter that I should like to bring to the minister's attention. He mentioned a moment ago that there is pressure to increase the supply of fish in the parks. How much money has been spent on the Waterton lakes fish hatchery in each of the years from 1936 to 1939 inclusive?

Mr. CRERAR: I have not at hand the information asked for by the hon. member, but I will have my officials ascertain it and give it to him privately.

Mr. BLACKMORE: The fact that the minister mentioned a moment ago the idea that fishing in the Waterton lakes park is not as good as it is in the other parks is perhaps some indication that the work of the fish hatchery at Waterton lakes park and the distribution of fish have been neglected to some extent. There must be some cause intervening which is producing that situation. I remember how famous as a fishing resort Waterton lakes park was when I was a boy. Numbers of people used to go there just to fish. As is well known, the main income derived from the tourist trade is not what we get by way of fees from those who go into the parks, but what is derived from the money these people spend in the towns and cities along the way, and therefore, if the expenditure of additional money on the fish hatchery in the park would make the park more attractive to tourists and thereby bring them in more readily, it would seem a wise measure to spend enough money on the fish hatchery to ensure satisfactory fishing conditions at all times. I have the impression that for some reason or another the fish hatchery is not functioning as satisfactorily as it should be. Is that because of inadequate funds?

Mr. CRERAR: I am informed that the fish hatchery in Waterton lakes park has been operating successfully and that every year numbers of fry are placed in the waters within the park and occasionally supplied to areas of the province outside the park. It takes time fully to develop these projects. I can assure my hon. friend that he has not overstressed the importance of fishing in relation to our parks, and that the department is fully alive to that fact.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I had the impression that that was the case, and I thought that