

front, but I am not opposed to cars going to the rear—or over the rear, for that matter. While I contend that parking anywhere on the grounds is at present illegal, I am in favour of increasing the facilities if space can be found in some area other than the front of the buildings.

I should like to refer to one or two other points, in the hope that they may be considered by the Committee next session. Some time ago I called attention in this House to the condition of some of the monuments on Parliament Hill. I am pleased to be able to tell the House that I have had interviews with officials of the Public Works Department, who have looked over the statues, and the Chief Architect has given me his personal assurance that steps will be taken to remove the stains which I mentioned and to restore the monuments to a decent condition.

I want to suggest to the Committee that the lawns in front of this building are not a credit to the country. I do not profess to be a farmer, although I have done a little gardening, but I should be ashamed of myself if I could not grow a better crop of grass than we see on those lawns, and I am sure honourable members who take the trouble to walk over the grounds will agree that there is a great need for improvement. My opinion is that in order to grow good grass it is necessary to have suitable soil which is kept well fertilized, and to use plenty of seed—not to be content with one seeding, but to be sowing continually. So far as I have observed, nothing is ever done to this grass year after year beyond cutting it. Consequently it is getting thinner all the time.

I should also like to draw attention to the condition of the roadway leading up from the gate nearest to the Chateau Laurier. At the other entrances we have concrete walks and pavements, but at this eastern gate the mud and water in the spring is sometimes ankle deep. The conditions there are worse than can be found on any country roadway, and I fail to understand why they have been allowed to become so bad. Why cannot the Public Works Department lay a proper concrete walk from that gate up to the buildings?

Some time ago I inquired in the House for the names of the persons to whom statues have been erected on the parliamentary grounds, and I was informed that they are as follows:

Sir George E. Cartier
Sir John A. Macdonald
Queen Victoria—

I do not know why she was placed third in the list, but she was.

Hon. Alex. Mackenzie
Hon. G. E. Brown
Baldwin-Lafontaine
Hon. T. D. McGee
Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

I have no criticism to make of the erection of statues to these persons, but I am at a loss to understand why no such honour has been paid to any of the statesmen from the Maritime Provinces who did so much to bring about Confederation in 1867. Without entering into historical details, I can say that the Dominion of Canada would not have been established at the time it was if Sir Charles Tupper had not brought Nova Scotia into the Union. I am speaking now only for my own province, and I leave it to some other honourable senator to suggest what representative of New Brunswick should be honoured on these grounds. I hope the Government will see to it that in the near future monuments are erected here to Sir Charles Tupper and to some statesman of New Brunswick who was foremost in bringing that province into Confederation.

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK: Honourable senators, it seems to me that some consideration should be given to the Committee's fourth recommendation, which proposes that parking should not be permitted anywhere on the parliamentary grounds. Every day we see driving up to these buildings automobiles from different parts of the United States, bearing visitors who we hope will get a good impression of Canada. If we keep policemen at the gates to stop visitors and tell them they are not allowed to park nearby, I am afraid that very few of them will see what kind of Houses of Parliament we have in this country. I am of the opinion that the recommendation that cars should be parked behind the Confederation Building, about four blocks away, is probably aimed at some members of the staff. But visitors will not park their automobiles at such a distance and walk up to these buildings. I hope it is not the intention of the Committee totally to prohibit parking at the rear of the buildings.

Hon. F. B. BLACK: Honourable senators, as a member of the Committee which made the report, I may be allowed to make a few observations. I have no wish to usurp the privileges of the Chairman of the Committee in this respect. I presume that the honourable gentleman from Pictou (Hon. Mr. Tanner) is correct as to the legal aspect of the parking situation, for he knows the law better than a layman, such as I, can be expected to know it. I may say, however,