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future development of this major park in Saskatchewan. I am sure the minister would find it very pleasant and delightful to walk around and meet the people there. He would get to know their problems in this way. I hope when the minister makes his reply he will be able to include within his remarks an acceptance of this invitation made on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Chairman, at this point in the discussion of the administration of the parks I should also like to associate myself with the remarks of the hon. member for Calgary South who said that a review of the National Parks Act is long over due. The Wood Buffalo national park is about 90 per cent within my constituency of Athabasca. When it comes to developing timber and prospecting in the Wood Buffalo park, because of the regulations in the act the minister's department is unable to take a realistic approach to matters affecting that park. These regulations require changes to make orderly development possible.

I am very pleased to see that appropriations have been made for putting a road in there, but that subject will come up in another debate. Under the administration item I think I am on safe ground in mentioning the hiring of summer labour. At this time, when there are literally thousands of high school and university students coming out of school and seeking employment, it is going to be very hard to place them in jobs unless we can expand several of our government departments in order to handle this type of labour. Most of these young people are high in intelligence and book learning but they lack experience in any of the skilled trades. By working in the parks they could improve their health, travel across the country and get to know it, get out into the fresh air, meet young people from other parts of Canada, and earn a few dollars to help them get through school and, after getting through school, to university. Today the family income is strained. Taxes are high and employment is relatively low. These young people, not wishing to be a burden on their families, are often forced to leave school, and then they just add to the unskilled labour force.

I implore the minister to use all his influence with the government to obtain a much larger appropriation for summer labour. I suggest that perhaps his department should co-operate with the provincial departments of health and the provincial education authorities to put summer employment on some sort of a merit basis so high school and university students could get an opportunity to work in our parks and on historic sites. If they

are short of work in these parks we could undertake such projects as beautifying the right of way along the trans-Canada highway and improving the right of way along the Canadian National Railways.

If this work does not come directly under the minister's department I suggest that suitable arrangements could be made, because today we require close liaison between all departments of government. I should like to see the minister call in his colleagues the Minister of Labour, the minister of health and the Minister of Transport to find out what work has to be done in connection with these other departments. I know the whole country would be pleased to see these young people go to work as soon as they are out of school and earn the dollars which are greatly needed to help them this fall.

Mr. Payne: I should like to pass along through the hon. member for Calgary South congratulations and best wishes from the people of the Garibaldi area on the recent honour conferred on Banff national park in being chosen as Canada's candidate for an Olympic site. We wish them every success. We know full well that the hospitality of Calgary and Banff will be developed to its highest point. It is a hospitality which is already widely renowned throughout our land. We trust we may join with them in attending the Olympic winter games when they occur. We are sure this will be a fitting event to cap the celebration of Canada's centennial year. If assistance is required, we would like to offer it in any way we can.

Speaking more specifically of that beautiful coastal and mountain region known as the Garibaldi area in my riding—perhaps it is now even better known as a result of its recent competition for selection as a winter Olympic site—there are a few words, maybe words of suggestion, that I might be permitted to pass along to the minister at this time. As we are well aware, the area to which I have referred is provincial crown land and is held by the government of British Columbia as a forestry reserve. Frankly, we from the Garibaldi region together, I think, with a high proportion of those from the lower mainland of British Columbia, feel the time has come when the shadow boxing, the sparring and certain of the other interesting but futile experiences of the past could well be forgotten. The time has come when another approach should be made by the minister and his department to the government of British Columbia in a manner offering full co-operation.

The area as now delineated, known as Garibaldi park, includes much land which does