

Your Committee is concerned that the practice has developed of a sporadic release of lots, in response to pressure instead of planning, and that the continuation of this practice will lead inevitably to deterioration of the townsites. We believe that, in the long term, some limit must be placed upon the population of each townsite, and the growth toward that limit must be planned to complement the natural beauty of the site. That limit should take account of the recommendations of the Alberta Environmental Conservation Authority, regarding patterns of development in areas adjacent to the National Parks. The goal should be to develop townsites which are models of excellence and which by their example could have an influence on town planning throughout Canada.

Your Committee recommends:

(7) That Parks Canada, in collaboration with representatives of the Alberta government and persons designated by the communities of Banff and Jasper, prepare immediate recommendations regarding:

- (a) the release of a limited number of lots in 1974;
- (b) the population limits for each townsite;
- (c) a plan for the phased development of accommodation, including redevelopment of older parts of each townsite; and
- (d) the ownership of homes by non residents.

One other specific matter of concern to your Committee is the possible removal of the CNR division point from Jasper. Any such removal would naturally affect the viability of Jasper townsite, by removing some 1,200 people who provide year-round support and staff for businesses and services necessary to serve tourists in the summer. A committee of Parks Canada and the CNR has now been set up to discuss the possibility of relocation, and representatives of Railroad Workers from Jasper have been included, because of their direct interest. In keeping with the principle that all local people have a right to the opportunity to be involved in decisions which affect them, we suggest that committee should be broadened to include other community representatives, and that it should publish regular and full reports of its deliberations.

Several other important questions were raised with the Committee during its Banff and Jasper hearings, which have not been dealt with in this report. Many of those matters are more properly the responsibility of a local government, appropriately empowered. We believe the most urgent responsibility of your Committee, concerning the problems of townsites residents, is to provide them the option of that kind of effective local government.

The Committee is also conscious of the special problems in Waterton National Park, where the townsite is smaller and most residents are seasonal. It is unlikely that Waterton Park Townsite could sustain the same form of local government that might be practical in Banff and Jasper. However, some formal means must be established to ensure the participation and decision-making of per-

sons who, as established residents, or owners of businesses, have a substantial interest in the future of Waterton Lakes National Park and its townsites.

Your Committee recommends:

(8) That following the preparation of recommendations by the committee referred to in recommendation (3) of this report, a public hearing should be held, by Parks Canada, or this Standing Committee, in Waterton Townsite to discuss the future of that townsite, including an appropriate means to guarantee local participation and decision-making.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issue No. 25*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 70 to the Journals*).

Mr. Firth, seconded by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre), by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-238, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (form of ballot), which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4), the following eight Questions were made Orders of the House for Returns:

No. 129—*Mr. Nystrom*

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72 by Information Canada on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

4. What are the names and addresses of outside persons and organizations who were awarded contracts for research, development and other consulting services in the current fiscal year, what are the amounts of money involved in each case and what is the purpose of each contract?—Sessional Paper No. 291-2/129.

No. 2,245—*Mr. MacKay*

What is the number of cases the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs litigated against involving the auto and petroleum industry since 1950 (a) what was the percentage won and lost (b) what were the names of corporations charged with brief summaries of the cases?—Sessional Paper No. 291-2/2,245.