

special circumstances arising in the National Capital area and arising particularly out of the recommendations contained in the National Capital Plan of 1950. We would suggest that this avenue be explored before an expropriation programme proceeds.

(6) *Gatineau Park*. Considerable evidence was adduced with reference to this park area which lies in the Province of Quebec to the north of the City of Hull. We observe that provision for Gatineau Park forms an important part of the National Capital Plan. Already a considerable tract of land has been acquired and some facilities have been installed. We note with satisfaction the plan of the Federal District Commission at an early date to complete the portion of the proposed parkway along the escarpment overlooking the Ottawa River. We believe this will be an attractive feature of the National Capital Plan and, in time, the remaining segment of the parkway can be completed. We think that the policy applied to Gatineau Park by the Federal District Commission has been wise and we say so bearing in mind the onerous financial implications involved in the development of the National Capital Plan within the urban sections of the National Capital area.

The Committee wishes to make certain other recommendations as follows:

(a) With a view of preserving the beauty and dignity of Parliament Hill, we believe that steps should be taken progressively to eliminate as much of the parking of automobiles on the Hill as can be eliminated. We recognize that this involves a study of the parking facilities provided on federal properties throughout Ottawa.

(b) In keeping with the character of Canada, we recommend that all literature, signs and advertising of the Federal District Commission be bilingual.

(c) The abandonment of the Sussex Drive branch of the C.P.R. will no doubt result in some vacant land which will be available for purchase between Botelier Street and Redpath Street. We are of the opinion that the triangle of land formed by Sussex Drive, King Edward Avenue and Botelier Street should be acquired by the federal government for future government buildings. In fact, a somewhat larger triangle, extending up to Cathcart Street, and possibly to St. Patrick Street, might well be developed as a unit, having due regard of course for those uses of the land that ought properly be retained (e.g. the hospital and various properties used for religious purposes.)

(d) We recommend that the Government give consideration to architectural harmony in each district in which new buildings will be located.

PART VI

We would recommend that the Federal District Commission Act be revised. Since the present Act was drafted the country and the National Capital have developed and it is now appropriate that the Act be revised to bring the definition of the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Commission in line with the development of the National Capital area.

We recommend that the name of the Act be changed to the National Capital Act; that the Commission be called the National Capital Commission.

In view of the magnitude of the plan for the National Capital, and the amount of money involved in developing it, we recommend that the Chairman of the Commission be employed full time at a salary and with a status commensurate with those of a Deputy Minister.

Since one of the main matters in the development of the National Capital area in a way worthy of the National Capital is the control of land use, this inevitably raises a basic issue not only of policy but also of jurisdiction. We feel that continuous efforts are required to solve these problems. We urge