

accommodation for the tourists, and so on, but without the co-operation of the people of the town of Jasper the tourist trade would of necessity lose its appeal overnight. If it were not for the people and for the all-out effort they put in as good-will ambassadors the park would not be the success it is today.

When the people moved into Jasper they were, as the minister suggested, there more or less on sufferance. Perhaps there is an element of truth in that, but without these people, as I have said before, the tourist appeal certainly would not be there. Because of the peculiar regulations that obtain in the parks, when people move into the town of Jasper they are forfeiting in reality their Canadian freedom because they have no voice at all in the management of the local affairs. They have no voice in the amount of taxes levied or in the disposition of the tax money. There are gross inequalities in land rental; there are obvious penalties to those assessed on a percentage of gross income as compared with those who are not. There are obviously injustices all the way down the line.

I know of a case where a man built a fully modern home but because he was just outside the town limits of the town of Jasper he was denied the right to live in his own home for five months of the year. That is something that could be easily adjusted. Those in Jasper who have their own homes and businesses have no security of land tenancy. They are dependent upon the whims of the department in respect of rental of ground leases. It depends upon whether they have a lease or are there on licence. The maximum time is 60 days in the case of a licence and a maximum of 42 years in the case of land rental lease. It puts these people in a pretty precarious position when, regardless of their contribution to the community, they are subject at all times to the peculiar whims of those concerned. If you dare bring the wrath of the executive down on your head you are a marked man and as a consequence you must move out.

The existing difficulties under which the citizens in the national parks now live could be corrected and eliminated by a little closer liaison between the policy-making officials and the residents of the national parks. One way to do that would be to appoint a western supervisor, a man who lives in that country and knows what conditions are. Rather than sending the problems 2,500 miles away to be dealt with by people who never even saw Jasper park and know nothing about the conditions prevailing at the local level, it would be fitting and very desirable to appoint

a western supervisor who would have authority to correct the injustices and inadequacies that prevail.

The citizens of Jasper have submitted a request to the minister in the form of a resolution that they be given the right to set up within their park or within their town a municipal system that would give them some measure of autonomy. It would give them the right to have some voice in the spending of the tax money that is taken from them. I know the minister does not see it as I do, but I believe there is still room for reconciliation when you get down to brass tacks.

I have a copy of the reply that was sent in answer to the request, and it deals with the points that I have brought up. I do not want to delve into this too much at this time but there is a certain amount of misunderstanding prevailing and I think this is the feeling of the people of Jasper park. I would gather from the minister's letter that he is of the opinion that they will take over the management of the park, but I do not see it that way at all. All they want at any time is to have a voice in the management of their own affairs. I think it is a reasonable request. Whether or not it would be necessary to go to the extreme of setting up an independent municipality within Jasper national park I cannot say. I do not think it is necessary. I think that by a proper understanding, by a more kindly and humane attitude on the part of the authorities, many of the problems that are very serious so far as the people are concerned could be adjusted and rectified to the point where we would have a much higher standard of public relations.

I am hoping that the minister will make it a point to go out to Jasper, as he has promised to do. He will meet some of the finest people in the world, people who are not grabbing for everything for themselves. All they want today is to get a square deal and have the right to live as Canadian citizens, not as third-grade citizens. So far as their own destiny is concerned, they are actually worse off than the Indians on the reserves. No consideration is shown them so far as their freedom of movement is concerned.

**Mr. Winch:** What has this to do with resolution No. 3?

**Mr. Yuill:** I think it has a lot to do with it. I think this glorious centennial presents an opportunity to deal with some of the problems which are prevalent and which should be taken care of in a humanitarian way. I think it is relevant, but I am going to leave the matter at that point. I know that when the minister visits the area and has