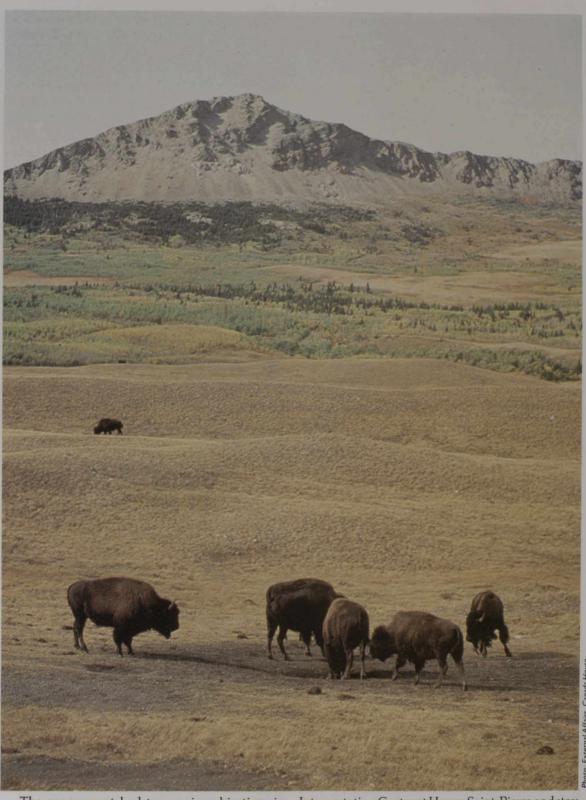
Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta



The government had two major objectives in acquiring the land: to preserve both the representative elements of the natural terrain in the East St Lawrence lowlands and the marine life in the Gulf of St Lawrence; and to enable the public to benefit from the islands and to come to know them better.

Already, the Mingan Archipelago is a popular attraction, which draws more than 8 000 people each year. Tourists can visit the Mingan Archipelago

Interpretation Centre at Havre-Saint-Pierre and stay in a developed campsite or hotel; and from June to September, there are boats to take them on tours of the Archipelago.

The creation of the national park will allow more tourists to visit; and at the same time, it will preserve areas of the Archipelago that contain unique or rare features.