

*Supply—Resources and Development*

disturbed feeling. He said that before we commit ourselves to a program we must make further investigations. No one can argue against that as a general proposition, but one can at least express concern that it would seem we are going to be a long time at it.

**Mr. Winters:** Of course I do not deny that. We must first of all recognize the problem before we can attack it, and as a step in the attack on the problem we have written to the provincial governments, who have a prior responsibility in the field. We have said to them, "Tell us how you think we can best co-operate under the terms of the Canada Forestry Act to achieve the greatest possible conservation and development of your forest resources." As I say, we have heard from some of the provinces and I have had personal conversations with representatives of a number of others, which have been very helpful to me and I hope in some measure they will be helpful to them. We hope that out of these exploratory talks and preliminary stages we will in due course arrive at a forest policy which will result in the further development and conservation of our forest resources.

**Mr. Hodgson:** I am not going to ask any more questions on this item. The minister is new to this department, but the department itself has been operating for a number of years, and the only thing the minister can tell me it has developed is aerial photography. That is almost as old as I am, and was developed a long time before this department was thought of. Next year we will expect these specific questions to be answered. We will also expect to be told what all these casualties are, costing in the neighbourhood of a couple of hundred thousand dollars. I have one more question, but it will be on the next item.

**Mr. Winters:** In reply to the hon. gentleman I think I should say that aerial photography as a means of assessing the value of a forest was started by this department, which pioneered in that field, in 1929.

Item agreed to.

Forestry branch—

385. Forestry operations division, \$61,290.

**Mr. Knight:** I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the government and to urge more of the same type of action that has earned my praise. Close to my home city of Saskatoon we have what is commonly known as the forestry farm, an institution first started as a place where young seedlings could be grown to be distributed throughout the province to form timber belts around the various farms for purposes of shelter. I want to pay tribute here to the manner in which

[Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood).]

that farm is kept. It has become a place of beauty. It is close to the city and to the railway town of Sutherland, and now almost serves the purpose of a national park. They have also made a small attempt at an animal park, putting in a few animals and birds. It is a place where thousands of people congregate on warm Sunday afternoons, and is used for picnics and that sort of thing.

I want to add a special word of praise for something that has been done which I have been advocating in this house ever since I have been here. I refer to the hard surfacing of the road from highway 27 to the gates of that park, and the actual road through the park itself. I have stated in this house on many occasions that the rest and pleasure which one may obtain when one gets there has been continuously spoiled by the dust. Anyone who has lived in the province of Saskatchewan as long as I have knows that if you put a thousand cars over that road on a warm Sunday afternoon, the result will be a heavy cloud of dust. I want to congratulate the minister on putting a hard surface on the road in that particular place.

I want to say this, too. If that place is a place which brings ease and rest to the people of that city, I think perhaps the lawn area should be extended. The lawn areas are so small that when you get one or two thousand people milling around it is a miracle how that grass survives. Again I pay tribute to the people who are in charge of those lawns. They are beautiful, and that is the way we would like to keep them. If they are to be kept that way, with the increased use of the park through the hard-surfaced roads, this lawn area will have to be extended. I admit that the dominion government has no responsibility to create a pleasure ground for the people of Saskatoon, but looking at the thing from the larger point of view, it could perhaps be good work in the right direction. This place is situated so close to the city, with a bus service running to the town of Sutherland and the park itself on occasion, it simply means that the thousands of people who have no cars, as well as the thousands who have, flock to that place as a place of rest and pleasure. I take pleasure in congratulating this department on the good work, and I hope it will be continued.

**Mr. Cardiff:** I should like to tell the minister that perhaps there is no one in the house who enjoys roaming through the timber and bushland more than I do, but I usually have to do it at my own expense. In looking through this particular vote, No. 385, I find the increase in travelling expenses is