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about the logging that is going on there, of the trees being felled in this area.

At that time, that area was more densely populated than almost anywhere not just in North America but in the world, by one of the most outstanding civilizations there has been in terms of their own laws, potlatches, art and tradition.

What he said to me sunk to my heart and will be with me for as long as I live. He said, "Jim, if a Haida went down on a skidder to a large graveyard in Vancouver and drove around with the blade down and pushed all of the headstones into a big pile, what do you think the white people in Vancouver would do?" He said, "That is how I feel about the logging on Lyell Island. That is how I feel about what is going on in South Moresby".

I understood him. I know what people in Vancouver would think if a British Columbia Indian was sitting on a skidder, pushing headstones into a big pile. We all know what that would mean.

I believe we must have that understanding between cultures, to know what the Indian people of British Columbia are saying and understand what the aboriginal people of Canada are saying, in order to get above those meaningless arguments that we must harvest or there will be massive bankruptcies of forest companies in British Columbia. That is hog-wash. The studies have been done, the forest companies have had their day. They have had the year of Bill Bennett and they have had the year of Bill Vander Zalm. This Parliament will speak today and the Legislature in British Columbia had better understand, because there will be no more logging in South Moresby.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fulton: Let us take a moment to consider the area that is being proposed to be set aside in perhaps one of the most important processes that Parliament has entered into in order to deal head on with the issue of aboriginal title and rights in British Columbia, and to deal directly with a treasure of the globe, an area that has been identified by the United Nations as a world heritage site. It is an area that has been recognized by professional foresters, biologists, wildlife experts and others as one of those unique and rare oases on the planet Earth, where there is a multiplicity of life that is still interacting as it has been, not just for decades or centuries, but for thousands of years since the last ice age. It is a truly remarkable area.

The proposal is to have a marine park on the West Coast of the Queen Charlottes. Again, false arguments have been put forward that these marine parks would mean an end to commercial fishing. I have had discussions with the Minister who has been involved in the negotiations. There is no intention within the marine park proposal to limit in any way the commercial fishery that has traditionally taken place on either the west or east coast of the Queen Charlottes.

The western boundary would go out on the West Coast of the Queen Charlottes and include the San Andreas Fault, which runs up the West Coast of North America, so that in the future

those who are involved in underwater archaeology and geology and other important studies of the earth will have an opportunity to work in an area that has been preserved, with no other involvement by man and industry.

The boundary comes down, goes around to include Anthony Island, down around Kunghit, below Cape St. James, including the rookeries of the Steller sea-lions in that area and the 10 whale populations that use the area, up the East Coast and on the outside of Hot Springs Island, the outside of Lyell Island, including Tanu, Richardson and Tunga, up to include the beach at Skedans. This includes a vastly important area. On the land base, it would include those 138 islands, including what is left of Lyell Island, the other three islands and across the Tango Peninsula, providing for those 100 kilometres of archipelago that runs south of Cape St. James.

I have already indicated that the area has not been untouched by development. There has been harvesting, particularly of the Sitka spruce during the Second World War. There has been some mining and mine staking. However, I believe that the outstanding and widely known traditions of the Haida people and their occupation of the area is something that simply cannot be overlooked. I know that Parliament will no longer overlook it.

I worded the motion very carefully for this debate so that there would not be a perception that it was a partisan approach for someone from one Party to attempt to claim that he or she is trying to preserve this area and stand up for those rights. I have spoken to almost every Member of the House and I know that there is a mood of unanimity, a desire to speak to British Columbia and to the Legislature in British Columbia, to do what we can to get it to move quickly. I know that the proposal made last week to have 10 further years of logging in South Moresby has now been formally and publicly set aside by the Government of British Columbia. I think that demonstrates that the legislature is listening. It understands.

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The two Parties in the B.C. Legislature are now coming together. I understand there were high level meetings yesterday involving both the Government side and the Opposition. They were looking at how to move as quickly as possible to complete the negotiations. No doubt the Government of British Columbia will drive a hard bargain in terms of getting what it feels is fair compensation. However, one has to understand that the Government of British Columbia has a rare and unique opportunity, as well as a responsibility, to British Columbians, to the Haida people, to people around the world. This area is very important. I have travelled throughout the whole of the area and it is truly remarkable and beautiful.

During today's debate I am sure other Members will have an opportunity to talk about the more technical matters. The Sterling Wood report has been completed. It evaluated what a fair amount of compensation would be as somewhere between \$9 million and \$18 million to Western Forest Products. A process has been undertaken by Parks Canada to evaluate