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sites that are largely unmarked at the present time. Some little time ago I was at Duck Lake and I found that that condition existed. At Battleford the old rifle pits are being obliterated and many of the locations of old Hudson's Bay posts are being lost. I repeat that I hope the minister will see that more of these sites are marked.

Is a grant made to the historic society of Canada? I cannot find it in the estimates. The work performed by men like Dr. Webster is of the utmost value and a society of this kind should be assisted if it is not already receiving assistance.

**Mr. Hodgson:** Reverting to item 365, I notice there are two superintendents of hatcheries. Could the minister tell us what type of fish were hatched last year?

**Mr. Winters:** There are hatcheries at Banff, Jasper and Waterton where sporting types of fish are raised. I have no figures as to the quantities hatched last year.

**Mr. Hodgson:** Do they deliver them to the lakes and streams, or are they handed out to other people for delivery?

**Mr. Winters:** That is quite right—to lakes and streams.

**Mr. Fulton:** I tried to catch your eye before item 365 was carried. The minister has said that statistics and other information in the department indicate that our migratory bird population is declining. Has the minister any plans for a discussion with other countries to devise ways to reverse that trend?

**Mr. Winters:** That particular matter is under constant study by the officers of the department in co-operation with wildlife officers of the provinces and the United States. Within the next few weeks there will be a meeting in Ottawa of wildlife people from all over Canada to discuss that and other problems allied to wildlife in Canada.

**Mr. Fulton:** Has the department any recommendation that it is going to put forward and insist be carried out in this connection? I understand these are annual conferences, and I do not wish to minimize the importance of the conferences or what has been done, but the fact is that the migratory bird population is still declining. Has the minister any proposals, and has his department any program which they intend to put forward and to press to the hilt so as to reverse the trend?

**Mr. Winters:** The department has views on what should be done. For example, there is the matter of tightening up the seasons. The whole idea of the conference is to get people together from all over Canada to obtain their

[Mr. Coldwell.]

views and see if some policy cannot be evolved to cope with the problem which will be satisfactory to all concerned.

**Mr. Fulton:** I hope you do it.

**Mr. Adamson:** On a point of order, you suggested that I was out of order in discussing the specific item of wildlife resources conservation. I deliberately waited until the item came up to discuss this one matter of wildlife conservation. I could have discussed it this morning on the general item. I did not do so because I thought it was better to wait until the specific item was called in order to discuss it. If it is going to be the general practice in this committee that we are to be shut off from discussing specific items then we will have to consider carrying on a more general discussion on the initial item. If the committee is going to function in the way it should the discussion should be germane and detailed, and should apply specifically to the item under discussion. If we are going to have a general discussion on everything and then be shut off when we discuss a specific item I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we will waste a great deal of time. I was discussing wildlife conservation under the specific item. I waited for it and was discussing it. There is nothing doing more damage today to our game than the predators, the wolf and the grizzly bear. That is what I wanted to say and that is what I said. If we are going to be prohibited from saying these things on the specific item then I suggest discussing the estimates has become a mockery.

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** Nobody stopped the hon. member.

**Mr. Adamson:** No, but they did everything they could to stop me.

**Some hon. Members:** Louder.

**Mr. Adamson:** My anger is not synthetic.

**The Deputy Chairman:** The hon. member will remember that I intervened only when he mentioned national parks together with the subject about which he was talking, wildlife. The very fact that the hon. member discussed the two items together indicates that his remarks were of such a nature that in my view they should have been made on the administration item. Then he could have come back and discussed only wildlife on item 365 and everybody would have been happy. I suggest the item under discussion relates to the details on page 249.

**Mr. Adamson:** The great asset of our national parks is the wildlife in them.

**Mr. Smith (Calgary West):** On the same point of order, I never get annoyed but I did not like very much your cutting off the hon. member for York West.