

Mr. McGIBBON: Is it fair to assume they would not have come unless you had this accommodation?

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Certainly they would not have come. They would not have had any place to go to.

Mr. McGIBBON: This year the Sun Life, I believe, go way down to Vermont. Other years they went to Banff. I do not think it is fair to say that the hotels are attracting them and 15,000 people is a bagatelle. Why, we have 100,000 tourists in Muskoka alone.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well now, those 15,000 people unquestionably spent \$50 a head in Canada. It might easily have been twice that. The chances are that they probably did leave \$100 a piece behind them in Canada in addition to the transportation charge. Now, there were 15,000 people. Multiply that by \$100 a head. That is only one item and that is a very small proportion of the number of people that we carry.

Mr. McGIBBON: We have Bigwin Inn in my riding. It is true it attracts a lot of people, but there are other private hotels that take in, in the aggregate ten times more.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I am glad to hear it, and I hope that will continue.

Mr. McGIBBON: They do not all go to big high-priced hotels. They cannot afford it and they do not go to them.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Well now, take Jasper Park for example. Curiously enough notwithstanding the depressed condition of business last year the takings at the hotel at Jasper were \$6,000 more than they were the year before.

Mr. McGIBBON: Yes, but Jasper Park lost a lot of money.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: Jasper Park cost \$2,500,000.

Mr. McGIBBON: I say it lost a lot of money.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No it did not.

Mr. McGIBBON: It lost you money last year.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No it did not.

Mr. McGIBBON: Then the return that you gave me is wrong.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: No. Last year the loss in hotel operation at Jasper Park—

Mr. McGIBBON: Yes, but you are only talking about operation. I am saying that the whole enterprise has lost money.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: I am afraid I cannot continue to make statements, Doctor, unless you allow me to finish them. I said that the loss at Jasper Park last year was \$47,766; but that was much more than compensated for by the rail traffic which accrued to the railway and which we would not have had had it not been for Jasper Park. And if you take Jasper Park, the construction of Jasper Park in conjunction with the railway, since it was constructed you will find that in the eight years that that resort has been in existence it has earned net an amount to the railway company which equals its entire capital investment and \$800,000 in addition, and I say, that Jasper Park is one of the most profitable undertakings that we have, and I do not know of any institution, any hotel which contributes so much to its proprietor as Jasper Park, and the amount invested considering the facilities offered is exceedingly small, something like two and one-half million dollars.

Mr. McGIBBON: I will grant you that Jasper Park stands in a class by itself. You have no competition.

Sir HENRY THORNTON: None whatever. There are, of course, other resorts in the West.