

Mr. CÔTÉ: I am informed, Dr. Horner, that in Banff the figures are probably in the latter category of 25 to 30 percent.

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): Residential?

Mr. CÔTÉ: Residential side. I think in Jasper it may be lower, including Lake Edith, maybe 15 to 20 per cent.

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): Including Lake Edith who are, of course, only summer residents.

Mr. CÔTÉ: Correct because they have leaseholds—

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): Because it would not be available to them during the winter anyway.

Mr. CÔTÉ: That is right. They received leaseholds a few years back.

Mr. REID: What is the permanent population of these parks in question?

Mr. CÔTÉ: Banff, 6,000, all told.

Mr. REID: All told for the three—

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): I suppose Banff and Jasper?

Mr. CÔTÉ: Banff and Jasper.

Mr. REID: Twenty-five—35?

Mr. CÔTÉ: About that.

Mr. DINSDALE: Mr. Chairman, did I understand Mr. Côté to say that there is to be a town manager appointed for Banff? I thought he was on the job.

Mr. CÔTÉ: Unfortunately he is not on the job. These people are scarce to find and competent town managers who are not paid a sufficient amount to be attracted by government scales of pay, are hard to find.

Mr. DINSDALE: Has an appointment ever been made for Banff?

Mr. CÔTÉ: No, there is a competition that has just finished for Banff and we hope to fill the appointment soon. But one has not been made, I am sorry to say.

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): What kind of authority is he going to be given. Is he going to be able to run the townsite or is he going to have to refer every decision to Ottawa?

Mr. CÔTÉ: We are hoping, Mr. Chairman, that increasingly we will decentralize authority to the field under policies that have been established. Initially we would want him to look after the townsite and matters connected with the operation of the town as such. He would have nothing to do with the operation of the other areas of the park. He would be under the general superintendent—I am sorry, he would be under the regional director.

Mr. DINSDALE: With respect to the town manager proposal, I was pleased to hear Mr. Côté say there is to be decentralization because one of the big problems of the Minister is acting as the Mayor for Jasper and Banff, and making such earth-shaking decisions as to whether there should be parallel or angle parking, and so forth and so on. I am surprised that the town manager is not on the job before this. I am wondering, too, if, in practice, authority has