

related to our booming and developing tourist industry. There has not been one new national park established during that time. The last national park established was the new park in Nova Scotia called Kejimikujik. I am not sure whether that is the correct pronunciation, and there is no member from Nova Scotia here to guide me in that respect. That park was launched in 1963 under a former administration and it is the last development since that time. A federal-provincial conference on parks was established—and incidentally this arose out of the Resources for Tomorrow conference—so that there might be continuous consultation between the provinces and Ottawa with respect to the jurisdictional problem arising from the provincial control of resources.

This particular group has not been functioning to any great extent. A recreational parks program was set to roll but nothing has happened with respect to recreational parks. We all realize that our national parks are under extreme pressure from a growing demand, and if we are going to preserve our national parks as museums of natural history, we will have to expand. We will have to double the number of parks and supplement park facilities by a very aggressive recreational park program. I will mention here, in particular, the Cyprus Hills park on the Saskatchewan and Alberta border which provides an opportunity to preserve for posterity a typical prairie land area where, as says the old song "Home on the Range", the deer and the antelope play. That land is still available, but urgent action by the federal government is needed.

So far as the mountain parks are concerned, the great difficulty has been the bureaucratic attitude toward the basic rights of the people, particularly in Banff and in Jasper. In 1962 a zoning policy was established and was well accepted by the residents of those two mountain parks as a means of preventing any further encroachment on the wilderness area. Since the new government came into power, there have been repeated attacks on the residents of these mountain parks, describing them as greedy, self-seeking despoilers of nature and resources. That, of course, is hardly designed to win friends and influence people. From my knowledge of these people I can say that they are just as anxious as are Canadians elsewhere to preserve Canada's natural heritage.

We need more parks. We need them in Quebec, where there are no national parks,

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and we need them in Ontario where there are no national parks worth mentioning. Members on this side of the house are not the only ones to take issue with the government's neglect in this regard, and also with its bureaucratic approach. The *Edmonton Journal* of April 10 had this to say about national parks:

Edmonton Strathcona MP Dr. Hu Harries returned from Jasper Wednesday "appalled" at the conditions under which Jasper Park residents and businessmen must live and operate.

He said he found townsite businessmen "insecure and fearful of the government bureaucracy", which he termed "quite an unreasonable oppression".

Dr. Harries, a Liberal MP, spoke to a Jasper Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night and told his large audience national park residents "should go to Ottawa to present their case at every possible opportunity".

The hon. member from the Rocky Mountain constituency (Mr. Sulatycky) also made the same accusation about the bureaucratic attitude of the government toward the fundamental rights of these people. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) recently said that the government has taken control of the decision making process from the bureaucrats. Here is an opportunity to demonstrate that fact. I say the government should accept its responsibility in this matter.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat surprised to see that the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale) did not actually deal with the problem he raised in the House of Commons, on April 18, 1969, when he made remarks as to the possible establishment of a national park in the Forillon peninsula, in Quebec. I would have liked to have his opinion on this. It would have been very useful for the matter of clarifying the debate, to know how he stands—

[*English*]

Mr. Dinsdale: That was my last statement. I am all for it.

Mr. Chrétien: Good.

[*Translation*]

Then if he agrees with that, I thank him for his support and must give him the assurance we are making progress at this stage.

The Quebec Minister of Tourism will be in Ottawa tomorrow and I hope we come to an agreement as to the establishment of a national park in the province of Quebec,