

a part of Jasper national park. There are 35 miles of roadway to be completed and when it is all constructed we shall have a highway through northern Ontario, through Jasper national park and on to the coast. I trust that the British Columbia government, for the same reason, will find it expedient to complete those portions of this northern roadway connecting Prince Rupert and Vancouver with Edmonton by way of Jasper national park. I shall be glad to know when the agreement is completed that the Robson area has been added to the park, because it is something upon which I set my heart. The matter was discussed frequently during the time the transfer of the natural resources was under consideration. That highway is very necessary. It will provide employment for a large number of people this winter when employment will be badly needed, and it will give two highways through the Rocky mountains and on to the coast, making the district more attractive to American tourists, whom we are glad to welcome and whose money we are equally glad to receive. The highway will provide a circular tour through the mountains, and that is what we had in mind with regard to that program.

The southern road must be on the way to completion, the road by way of Columbia river, so that one could leave Calgary and drive to Vancouver entirely through Canadian territory. The completion of the northern road will give settlers in the northern sections of both provinces proper intercommunication.

Let me congratulate the minister on his reticence in announcing where he will select the area in New Brunswick. From personal experience in connection with selecting two areas as a result of which there was a good deal of dissension, I have been led to realize, as I am glad the minister realizes, how dangerous it is to suggest where a selection is to be made until one is prepared to make it; because factional quarrels ensue, sometimes making the selection more difficult.

Mr. MULLINS: Hon. gentlemen are anxious for national parks. For their information I may say that the Riding Mountain national park is in the constituency of Marquette, and in view of the trouble I have had in Marquette on account of the national park I do not know that I am so keen to have it in the constituency. If some hon. gentlemen had the same trouble to contend with that I have had, they would probably be not so keen on national parks. It is one of the most beautiful parks in western Canada, as the hon. member for [Mr. C. A. Stewart.]

Dauphin has observed. He lives quite close to it. I know the national park at Prince Albert is a very nice one and I agree with my hon. friend in his statement with regard to it. But I see an item here of \$1,319,000 and I would like to know how much of that item is going to be spent in the Riding Mountain national park. That is a beautiful park in the centre of Manitoba and would prove to be very attractive to the people from the Dakotas and throughout Manitoba. Many tourists could be attracted from the northern states, and I would like to know the amount to be spent for this purpose.

Mr. MURPHY: The item under discussion is divided among the parks situated throughout Canada. While the hon. member for Marquette claims that this particular area is situated within his riding, I do not think the hon. member for Dauphin will relinquish all claim to it. The constituency of Neepawa, which I have the honour to represent, is also contiguous to that area.

An hon. MEMBER: The park is all right, then.

Mr. MURPHY: I can assure hon. gentlemen that the Riding Mountain national park will not be overlooked, but in making that statement I do not wish to be misunderstood. As long as I have the honour to administer the department of which I am now the head, I do not propose to make any distinction on account of geographical location as between these various areas.

Mr. BROWN: Who is the superintendent of Riding Mountain national park?

Mr. MURPHY: Mr. James Smart is the acting superintendent.

Mr. BROWN: When did he assume that office?

Mr. MURPHY: Some time in July, 1930.

Mr. BROWN: Where was he located when he assumed that office?

Mr. MURPHY: Before coming to the park he carried on his duties at Prince Albert.

Mr. BROWN: But on assuming his duties, from what point did he administer the affairs of the park?

Mr. MURPHY: From within the park itself.

Mr. BROWN: Are there any buildings in the park?

Mr. MURPHY: Yes.

Mr. BROWN: From where does Mr. Smart administer that office now?