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him a question. Can the hon. gentleman elaborate at all on those incentives to honeymooners to which he referred at the beginning of his remarks?

Mr. Smith (Calgary South): I am sorry, but I did not hear the question. Will the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate repeat it?

Mr. Pickersgill: I asked whether the hon. gentleman would care to elaborate on those incentives for honeymooners in national parks to which he referred earlier.

Mr. Smith (Calgary South): Mr. Chairman, as has happened in the past, of course, the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate was not paying attention. I was quoting a remark made by one of our colleagues, and I think if the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate comes out to Banff national park he will understand something of the amenities that are there for all of us.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the hon. member a question. Is it not correct that he expanded fully on this theme in committee during consideration of the estimates of the tourist publicity bureau?

Mr. Smith (Calgary South): Mr. Chairman, if the question was whether I expanded on this matter before, the answer is no.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): Mr. Chairman, the other day when I asked the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources to consider preserving the home of Nellie McClung in Manitou as a national historic site, the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate made what I consider a rather facetious remark. He said he was glad I had proposed the name of a prominent Liberal as a national memorial.

Mr. Pickersgill: That was sincere.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): The hon. member says that was sincere. I agree, of course, that there have been some Liberals, however scarce, down through the years who merit national recognition. In proposing Nellie McClung's home as a national historic site I had no political motive in mind. As a result of this facetious interruption I failed to obtain an answer from the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, and I ask that the minister give consideration to this proposal.

The Chairman: I must indicate to the hon. member that this question could be dealt with under item No. 285 later on.

Mr. Brunsten: Mr. Chairman, as an Al-ber-tan and a former Calgarian, and one who knows the park at Banff very intimately, I

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

would like to associate myself with everything that has been said by the hon. member for Calgary South. I believe wholeheartedly that on the eastern slopes of the Rocky mountains we have the most magnificent scenery and the most magnificent natural advantages for all types of winter sports to be found in any part of the world.

Let me say this. I shall be brief, and I direct these remarks to the minister. There is, sir, a passing of time. We are moving from the man-hour days to the days of automation, and we are extremely anxious in our particular section of the province, which is the southeast corner of Alberta, to preserve some of the machines of yesterday, the tools of yesterday, the products of man-hours of yesterday, and compare these with those which are today produced by machines.

I respectfully suggest to the minister—and he will receive a formal request from our local agencies—that there should be created across this country, as there is in Saskatoon with respect to farm machinery, facilities for the preservation of the lore of yesterday, and the day before yesterday, in museums across the country. In our part of the province we have very, very great traditions. The words "Medicine Hat" mean the throwing of a hat by a medicine man across a river. That lore should be preserved. We have the lore of the early days of grain milling in Medicine Hat. We have the days of the very early rudimentary implements. We have the days of hand tools. Today these things are passing.

Young people of today—and there are many of them in the galleries—will never know of these things unless we preserve them. I suggest that museums across the country—I am speaking particularly of my own area—would be of great benefit for the preservation of the history of Canada 50 years from now.

Mr. Jones: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be of considerable interest to the people of Saskatchewan if the minister, when he replies would outline the general developments which are taking place at Waskesiu park and which have already taken place since last year's estimates were considered, and would also bring the public up to date on the developments at Emma lake following the completion of the dam there.

During the course of the summer we hope the minister will be able to visit Waskesiu. A great many Saskatoon people go to Waskesiu, as do people from other parts of Saskatchewan, and they regard it almost as their park. I am sure if the minister visited this park and talked to the people on the park grounds they would be very pleased to tell him of their problems, their plans, their hopes for the