

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** At first the area was 157 acres; today it is 232. The area has been considerably increased by expansion of the park since 1948.

The commission is so short of funds that it cannot pay employees the same rate of wages as men in similar occupations are paid both by government agencies and civilians elsewhere in Quebec. I think the commission should be in a position to pay the going wages.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** Has some improvement been made on the retaining wall?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** Some, but not very much. The main work is on the preparation of the ground, the upkeep of the flowers and flower-beds and the setting out of flowering plants in the spring. The policing work is also quite a job, because there must be at least ten miles of road in the park, and it is important to prevent abuse and damage. Also, as I have mentioned, the commission has to buy considerable material and do a great deal of maintenance of the grounds, the plants and the trees. Each year quite a few trees are planted, and of course they need attention. Altogether the operations are on a large scale and the place is very well kept. From time to time I have noticed, in visiting the park, that people living elsewhere in Canada or visitors from other countries have been much impressed with the manner in which the place is maintained. It is one of the most beautiful sights in Canada.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** Is the maintenance of the Citadel included in the work of the commission?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** A certain part of it. The park has been extended to a point known as the Glacis, at the east end, and lately there has been included a location under the wall and extending as far as Dufferin Terrace. But the operations do not include the upkeep of the big stone walls from the Governor's House.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** So that there is no provision in this bill for maintenance of the Citadel?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** No; the Citadel is maintained by the Department of National Defence.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** My recollection is that the subcommittee of the Massey Commission which dealt with historic sites and monuments made some recommendations with respect to the Terrace and the future of the park.

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** That is so.

**Hon. Mr. Lambert:** Does this bill cover some of those recommendations?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** The outlays made by the commission at the present time do not include any repairs of the walls, or the houses of the Citadel. I believe it was recommended by the Massey Commission that these houses should be put into proper shape, and my understanding is that the Department of National Defence had decided to repair all of them. As a matter of fact, members of the 22nd Battalion are quartered in those houses which have been repaired and reconditioned.

I am sure that every citizen of Quebec will bless the day when the government decides to take over Dufferin Terrace and keep it up in a proper way.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** What will happen at the end of four years, when these grants will cease? Will the commission come back to press for a continuation of the grants, or is some other plan under consideration?

**Hon. Mr. Bouffard:** Every ten years since 1908 a bill has been presented by the government to allocate to the commission the money necessary for the upkeep of the park for the next decade. The last bill, providing for \$100,000 each year, was passed in 1948. In 1928 the provision made was, I believe, for \$75,000; and it was enlarged ten years later to \$100,000 annually. The government allocates funds according to the necessary expenditures of the commission. The additional \$25,000 a year is granted until 1958, when the government will decide upon the amount of the grant for the ten years following.

**Hon. Felix P. Quinn:** Honourable members, I congratulate the honourable senator from Grandville (Hon. Mr. Bouffard) upon his presentation and explanation of this bill. As he has pointed out, under the bill submitted to us in 1948 the amount of \$100,000 a year was appropriated by the government for the ten years following. At that time I brought to the attention of honourable members the condition of the Halifax Citadel, and suggested that this fortress receive from the government some consideration similar to that accorded to the Citadel at Quebec. My request met with little favour from speakers on the government side of the house, but I notice that a change of heart has since come about and that in each of the last three years the government has made appropriations for restoration of the old fortress at Halifax. A splendid job has been done there, under the capable supervision of Major Borrett, with the result that the Citadel has become a wonderful tourist attraction. It was pointed out in a recent meeting of the Standing Committee on Tourist Traffic that 80,000 persons visited the Halifax Citadel last year. I think