

*Historic Sites and Monuments Act*

with the functions of the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board to encompass all the historic sites of significant battles fought in Canada, such as the war of 1812, the Northwest rebellion and so forth. Under the aegis of one branch of government we could move forward to meet the rapidly increasing demands from the Canadian public for recognition of this particular facet of our Canadian history, as evidenced by growing attendance at monuments and historic sites.

Having said that, I presume the bill will go to committee, where perhaps we will have the opportunity to inquire into some of the broader aspects of the problem. However, I do urge the minister to move far beyond the confines of this bill so we can do something in these matters that is worthy of a great and growing nation such as Canada.

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I should like very briefly to discuss the bill and to raise one problem that we have in our area in connection with the act. The amending bill that is before us makes only a few slight changes to the Historic Sites and Monuments Act; it adds an officer from the National Museum of Canada to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, and this raises the total membership of the board to 15.

I am hopeful that the addition of one member to this board will reverse a decision I believe the department has made with regard to a project in my riding of Kootenay West. It is interesting to note that the board will now consist of the following members: the Dominion Archivist, an officer from the National Museums of Canada, an officer from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, two representatives for each of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and one representative for each of the other eight provinces, to be appointed by the Governor in Council. The bill also provides for an increase in the remuneration paid to board members. I believe that the amendments which have been offered by the minister are good ones.

I should like to speak briefly on the functions of this particular act which was assented to in 1953. Since the act was passed about 15 years ago, in my opinion an outstanding job has been done in putting up plaques and monuments across Canada which go a long way toward preserving the history of our nation. One of the act's objectives, among others, is to establish historic museums and to provide for their administration, preservation

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and maintenance. Very recently, a request was made by the Rossland Historical Museum Association—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Would the hon. member resume his seat. I have to admonish the hon. member in the same way as I did the hon. member who spoke before him, and remind him that the only matters before the house for discussion at the moment are very simple ones, namely the quorum of this commission and, secondly, the amendment to section 4. As the hon. member knows, the fact that a statute is being amended does not allow hon. members to go behind the amendments to the statute and consider the details of the statute being amended.

I appreciate that the hon. member may have a matter of interest to bring to the attention of the house, and he will certainly be allowed to do this. But at the same time I hope he will limit his remarks as much as possible to the very specific points that are now before the house for consideration.

**Mr. Harding:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I intend to be very brief. I should just like to raise this point. My hope is that the addition to the board will provide a much better chance for a new hearing which would result in changing a verdict that I think should be changed.

I was talking about the Rossland Historic Museum which was very interested in setting up in the city of Rossland a Nancy Greene Ski Museum. They had hoped to incorporate it in the existing Rossland Historical Museum building. This request was made to the minister and I think passed on to the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, who in turn I think should have passed it on to this board. I presume the minister has the correspondence in this matter.

I should like to point out to the minister and the government—I will take only a moment or two—that the Rossland Historical Museum Association has done an outstanding job in the preservation of the history of Rossland, as everyone is well aware. Nancy Greene has become one of the best known sports figures in Canada's history. She has made the name of Rossland synonymous with skiing. It was here that she learned the art of skiing which won for her and for Canada a gold medal and the title of World Cup Ski Champion.

I feel it is essential that every consideration be given to the establishment of a Nancy Greene Ski Museum in Rossland, her own