

Supply—Indian Affairs

Mr. Woolliams: At that meeting which you would not attend, numbers of people got up complaining they did not get answers to their letters. Senator Cameron will back me up on this. He, himself, could not get answers to his letters.

Mr. Laing: He got some answers that he did not want.

Mr. Woolliams: He also got some answers that he did like, because he still fought for the people of Banff. Surely, this is an important grievance which the minister should not take as just another political knock. I hope that I will receive support from some other Alberta members. I see that the hon. member for Medicine Hat, who usually is in his seat, has just gone out.

Mr. Laing: He could not stand you.

Mr. Woolliams: That is not kind; it is not nice.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but the time allotted his speech has expired.

Mr. Woolliams: I just wish to say one thing to the minister. He does not believe that.

Mr. Laing: Will you answer a question?

Mr. Woolliams: Certainly.

Mr. Laing: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member has made a great to-do over the sanctity of contracts for all time. I should like to ask him whether he will tell me, now that he would insist upon a contract for eternity, why a lessee is paying the government of Canada \$7 per year, receiving all the services for that \$7 a year, and building thereon a \$60,000 summer home for him and his family when the government which he supported in 1958 decided that it simply was not possible to extend that sort of a privilege to people in Canada?

Mr. Woolliams: I should like to answer this fully and honestly. You have taken the example of a home. In this argument I pointed out that I did not go along with the idea of people having summer homes. I know that Mayor MacKay, one of the biggest Liberals, built a summer home. I could name other persons who did this through monopolies. There may be some on this side of the house who have built homes, but they are wrong. I do not wish to mention the names of any motels, but people have begged for the opportunity to extend their enterprises. They are good operators. The minister knows who I mean. Some

of them are around Lake Louise and Banff. They have been told they cannot extend their enterprises unless they accept a new term. If the rent is \$7 a year or \$7 a month, then tax them in accordance with their capital return and you will not hear a squeal.

• (3:20 p.m.)

The way it is they do not have the security of tenure of land. In the cities, where we operate on titles, if the taxes are not high enough the authorities do not take over the whole house, they just increase the rate of tax.

Let us not be nonsensical and refer to one individual who had a summer home. I hope the minister does not make the same mistake made by Maclean's when it took a picture of a run-down restaurant outside the park at Canmore and played it up as though it was part of the park. That is the same error you are falling into now. This picture was of a terribly rundown place and the suggestion was that this was in Banff national park. Everybody in Ontario who read that article believed that was the situation, but it was completely misleading.

The question put to me by the minister I am sure will mislead the press in whom I have a great deal of confidence. The minister should not mislead them in this regard. The minister knows that these leases are being affected. I refer specifically to leases on motels, hotels and restaurants which are serving the tourist trade. I know of individuals living in summer homes who received some grants as the result of political influence. I know one or two of them such as Don MacKay, the former Liberal candidate for Calgary North. He made a fortune in this regard. I know of another fellow who is now on the bench, but I do not want to name him. The government gave him a piece of property and appointed him to the bench as well. I am not talking about those people, I am talking about people like the Brewsters and the Gammons and other people who have served the parks with dignity and dedication.

Those are the kind of people who have come to me. Even Mr. Brewster has made a complaint, and he is a great supporter of your party. I mentioned two individuals who represent both sides of this philosophy. Let us forget about politics and get down to brass tacks.

Mr. Laing: Will you answer another question?

Mr. Woolliams: Certainly.