

governor in council. In other words despotism breeds despotism. Democracy on the other hand breeds liberty and freedom. In this case you have no freedom and no liberty because democratic institutions are denied in the parks and the government substitutes for them the tyrannies and despotism of control by governor in council.

Of course it is impossible for one voice in the wilderness to induce the members of the house to realize how serious the problem is and I know in these days we pay little attention to these matters, although in days gone by the greatest statesmen our country produced made such matters the bases upon which very long and serious campaigns were carried on in order that individuals might enjoy a measure of freedom that is now being taken from them by this legislation. I am doing my duty in pointing this out to the house. It is impossible for me to hope for any redress being given by the government because they denied it to the provinces when the resources bills were being passed. But I say that some day some government may have to repeal this bill, as some day some government will have to amend the resources bills, for you never can create within the boundaries of a province an area that is not subject to provincial control and substitute for that the control, not of the parliament of Canada alone, but of a governor in council, that may make laws which touch the life, freedom, liberty and well-being of every man and woman who lives in that area and with respect to the making of which they have no power or control. The basis of our whole constitution has been the growth of local institutions where the people can control their local affairs, elect their local officials. From that have grown up the provinces and from the provinces the Dominion. Now we say the central authority at Ottawa shall control by regulation the lives of all these people. I ask every thoughtful member of the house to read clause 7 and the regulations that are to be made thereunder and then ask himself how he would like to live with his family under such conditions. It is the negation of every principle that has been developed in the last fifty years of government. It is substituting autocracy for democracy and tyranny for freedom and it does this in the name of leaving unimpaired this great trust that we have and that we call national parks. I can only protest against this and offer suggestions whereby these councils which came into being under a former administration should at least have the right to have their recommendations considered and acted upon if the majority

of the people so desire, as would be their undoubted right if they lived within a municipal area such as this is in name if not in fact.

Mr. ADSHEAD: Does my hon. friend mean to imply that the inhabitants have no right to elect their own trustees or school teachers?

Mr. BENNETT: Not a bit. It is all regulated and controlled from Ottawa by order in council.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): My hon. friend is wrong. My hon. friend from East Calgary was speaking of schools.

Mr. BENNETT: Schools? Oh yes, they have schools, but that is done by arrangement.

Mr. ADSHEAD: Do they have their own trustees?

Mr. BENNETT: They have power, but that is only done by arrangement.

Mr. ADSHEAD: Have they not the right to do it?

Mr. BENNETT: Not a right in the world.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): My hon. friend is wrong.

Mr. BENNETT: They have no right, for the legislation of the province of Alberta under the Resources Act which we passed the other day is made subject to the legislation of this parliament, and it is perfectly clear that this parliament through the provisions of that statute, if it so desired, could establish any sort of institution it liked.

Mr. CANNON: That is, the provincial laws apply unless excluded by Dominion legislation.

Mr. BENNETT: Yes, and with respect to taxation itself.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): My hon. friend is wrong.

Mr. BENNETT: What about? I took the trouble the other day to inquire.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): My hon. friend is speaking of two different things. Many years ago provincial school districts were set up in Banff and in Jasper park. They are in existence still and will remain in existence until action might be taken by this parliament. There is no power given to the governor in council to change a situation of that kind. If the educational institutions were to be interfered with the Dominion parliament