

the tourist industry, to develop the services that the tourist industry requires. With regard to one national park in Alberta, Buffalo National Park up north, the tourist industry does not demand too many services, and if you want to you can hunt bear and buffalo, do some fishing or even see raw nature in all its greatness. That does not cost too much for service industry. But if you want to go into the Rocky Mountains west of Calgary, or into the Banff and Jasper areas, one can readily envisage the tremendous desires and needs of the tourist industry.

A tourist does not come to Canada, or even come from eastern Canada to Banff, Watertown or Jasper and say, "I would like to have these services". He has spent "x" amount of dollars to move to that area for two or three weeks, and he demands services. What evidence have we, before we pass this bill, that the Crown corporation is prepared to meet the demands of the tourist industry?

It may well be said by the Parliamentary Secretary that this question can be dealt with in committee. But I have a suspicious mind with regard to this legislation, and I come by it honestly because I have seen strife and problems in the national parks, concern and agitation by the citizens with regard to their leases and their ability to give service to the tourist industry.

I ask the Parliamentary Secretary if the citizens of Banff, Jasper and Waterton are to have an opportunity to appear before the committee to present their version of their responsibility and their concept of what the Crown corporation should be doing in providing services. I ask the question in all seriousness because too often this government has ridden slipshod over the wishes of the citizens and the concern of the taxpayers. A question that must enter many minds is: How can you have taxation without representation? Lest anybody believe there is no taxation in the national parks, I should like to read a letter on that subject. In view of the time, Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to begin reading this letter because it deals with the question at length, suggests that land assessment has increased 500 per cent and that the increase in taxes would be 1,875 per cent.

Surely we cannot lightly pass this piece of legislation, saying that we will give the jurisdiction and control of this vast area to a Crown corporation, without paying attention to the citizens being taxed. Surely if there is one principle we believe in, it is representa-

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 tive government, responsible government. We believe in representation with taxation, but this bill does not provide that.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—SAINT JOHN, N.B.—LACK
OF INFANTRY IN MILITIA

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the fact that the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Cadieux) and the Parliamentary Secretary co-operated so that I could bring this matter on this evening even though I asked the question only today. The question was: Has the minister received the brief that has been forwarded to many persons with respect to the lack of an infantry presence, an infantry component, in Saint John, New Brunswick? This brief was prepared by an advisory board of militia officers from New Brunswick who, I believe, have some official position. While I recognize that it might not be possible to get a great deal of information by tonight, I should like to take this opportunity to outline what I had in mind when I asked the question.

It was only last Christmas that defence cuts were made in the militia across the country. They were expected in many quarters. We had made up our minds in New Brunswick that after the various military reorganizations which were taking place there would be no further cuts. It was with great shock, therefore, that we received the worst news possible, that the infantry component, as military experts call it, would be completely taken out of Saint John, the largest population centre in the province and one with a very great military history.

● (10:00 p.m.)

I understand there is a possibility that companies of the existing infantry battalion in New Brunswick may be moved around. I hope the Parliamentary Secretary will take this matter under serious advisement, because it is expected that the cuts will not become fully effective until March 31 next. The Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence has already considered the