

were the largest in any May in the history of this country, which indicates a tremendous flow to Canada of tourist traffic this year.

Hon. Mr. BISHOP: I see that the Eastern Steamships Company has re-established the line to Yarmouth. That is a great feeder for Nova Scotia.

Mr. DOLAN: The Eastern Steamships Company is one of the finest tourist operations in any part of the country.

Hon. Mr. BISHOP: They are running a boat to St. John this year?

Mr. DOLAN: No, just a boat to Yarmouth. But to show the popularity of it, when they announced that they were putting on the boat, within a week they had 6,000 applications from people wanting to go, wanting to go to Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. BISHOP: They go three times each way?

Mr. DOLAN: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you find many complaints from tourists about lack of accommodation? I am speaking now of hotel accommodation, and tourist home accommodation, and the provision for meals in restaurants and hotels. Do you find many complaints about these?

Mr. DOLAN: We have some complaints with regard to meals. We have not many complaints with regard to our larger hotels. I think that our railway hotels compare with any in the world. We have had some complaints that our road-side cabins are not as good as they might be; and generally speaking I want to say now that if Canada is going to have a large tourist business there is one tremendous job to be done all across this country in the improvement in the type of accommodation which the motor tourist uses. It is not good.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you new tourist cabins of the character they have in the United States, I mean with facilities such as showers? Are there many of that type in Canada?

Mr. DOLAN: Yes, there are. There are not enough, though. In some parts of Canada they have excellent cabins; and we are building some of these new—what they call—Motels, where you drive right in with a car to the living room and your accommodation for the night. There is some improvement, but there is room for more improvement. The men who are in the business of catering to the tourists have run into the same difficulty about which the Director of Lands, Parks and Forests told you a moment ago, the difficulty of getting materials, machinery and equipment. In your own province, Senator Buchanan, a man came to me the other day who wants to develop Radium Springs. He is prepared to put a tremendous investment of his own money into it; he wants to build a townsite and make it a second Banff. He is a very ambitious fellow. Strangely enough, he is a Polish citizen who came to this country thirty years ago and made all his money in Alberta and Manitoba. But he is faced with the difficulty that he cannot get bulldozers or machinery to go ahead with this great investment. He is not asking anybody but himself to put any money in it. All across Canada that situation is faced by people who want to expand their tourist facilities. Until we get over the great problem of building supplies in Canada, I am afraid we are going to find our accommodation not as good as it might be. But there should be a campaign in this country to tell the people who are catering to tourists that the services they gave before the war are not going to be good enough for the prospective tourists who are coming to Canada in the next few years; because on the other side of the line—I hate to say it, but to be truthful, I must say it—their accommodations in most of their resort areas are better than ours. I except the special instances to which I have referred, namely the railway companies' hotels and the resorts in the Laurentians and the Muskokas and certain areas in Alberta and some parts of British Columbia.