

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: Honourable senators, please excuse me if I have not used the precise English words. If it is more accurate to say France and England, I am quite ready to do so, though I do not think it makes a great deal of difference. The fight is finished and everybody is happy. The two nationalities are more united than ever, and I think that result is due to the outcome of that skirmish. In reality it was one of the greatest battles ever fought in North America, for it ended all battles between those two great races in America, at least.

In 1908, the federal government appropriated to the commission the sum of \$300,000, and at that time the commission also received from Canadians, English people, Australians and New Zealanders, sums of money totalling more than the federal contribution. As a matter of fact I think those gifts amounted to \$550,000. I would like to mention the names of a few of the donors and the amounts they gave: The Province of Ontario, \$100,000; the Province of Quebec, \$100,000; Nova Scotia, \$10,000; New Brunswick, \$7,500; Manitoba, \$10,000; British Columbia, \$10,000; Prince Edward Island, \$2,500; Alberta and Saskatchewan \$10,000 each. Gifts from Canadian municipalities amounted to a little more than \$17,000; gifts from institutions in Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the Empire reached a total of \$3,700; industrial and commercial institutions, and banks in Canada and elsewhere contributed \$16,000; associations in Canada and elsewhere, \$4,000; subscriptions from individuals in England reached \$5,300; anonymous subscriptions from England and Canada, \$19,700; English subscriptions, special, \$34,000. Thus it will be seen that many people were interested at that time in the establishment of this great park and its preservation for all time.

Hon. Mr. Jones: Did the Scotch not give anything?

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: They are included.

Hon. Mr. Reid: They gave their lives.

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: In 1908 the government transferred to the commission the properties it already owned there, and the park was eventually extended to the east and to the west. The park now extends as far as Dufferin Terrace. The amount appropriated by the government for improving and maintaining the ground as a park has always been rather small, and many improvements still have to be made.

The commission is composed of several men, all of them outstanding in their own field. Since 1908 the members of the commission have been very devoted to the task of improving and maintaining the ground,

and have served without any remuneration. Canadians owe them a debt of gratitude for the work they have done and the devotion they have shown. The commission is composed of seven members, five of whom are nominated by the Government of Canada, one by the Government of Quebec and one by the Government of Ontario. The present commissioners, all of whom have served devotedly for a long time, are: Lieutenant Colonel Adjutor Amyot, President; Lieutenant Colonel Oscar Gilbert; James Y. Murdoch, of Toronto; William Stobo, of Quebec; Reverend Abbé Arthur Maheux, of Quebec; the Honourable Wilfrid Bovey, of Montreal; Lieutenant Colonel Raymond Garneau, of Quebec; and the Honourable William H. Price, of Toronto.

Since 1948 wages and salaries have increased everywhere, as everyone knows. And of course the cost of materials which have to be purchased for the maintenance and upkeep of the park are much dearer than they were before the war. During the war a part of the park was used by the Department of National Defence; it has now been restored to the control of the commission, and a great deal of work has to be done to put it back into proper shape. The demand made by the commission to have the allocation increased by \$25,000 a year for four years is quite reasonable, and it was unanimously approved in the other house.

The Battlefield Park is a great asset, not only to the city of Quebec but to Canada as a whole, and I hope that this honourable house will agree to the request of the commission, approved by the government, and accept the bill.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: In his excellent speech the honourable senator has given us some useful information, and the sentiment of the whole house is, of course, with him. However, as a matter of business I think we should know a little more about what this money is required for, and how the commission expends its funds.

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: In the first place, the commission employs in the winter-time approximately twenty men, and in the summer-time about forty-five men. My understanding is that these figures do not include the staff of the policing department. The employees prepare the grounds to receive flowering plants in the spring, and attend to the upkeep of the park, including preparations for the winter. They also cultivate the hotbeds in which are kept the flowers that are planted each spring.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: What is the acreage of the park?