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and recommended in 1958 that it be declared as of national historic importance. In that connection, the board reviewed this matter as well as the preservation of adjacent Fiskard lighthouse in 1960. The latter was declared to be of national historic importance at that time and in 1961 the minister declared Fort Rodd hill to be of national historic significance. By that series of steps the whole complex has now come under the control of the historic sites and monuments board.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It always was the property of the crown?

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Yes. It was always the property of the crown so that there has been no difficulty in transference.

**Mr. McGee:** I am sure the minister was saving the most succulent morsel until the end of his remarks. I am sure he has some remarks to make concerning the Scarborough ossuary.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I am greatly interested to hear of the hon. member's continued interest in this subject. It is a subject which will be studied by the historic sites and monuments board.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** There were two other questions I addressed to the minister just at the end of the time his estimates were taken up on Friday, one with respect to the national park in Prince Edward Island and one with respect to the park in Cape Breton. In looking over *Hansard* I see that I do not think I put quite correctly the question about Prince Edward Island, according to what information I have. I understand that Mr. Doucette was an applicant for a job, that the job was given to someone else, as reported to me, and that in the meantime, this other man who had thirteen or fourteen children was in great need. I just wondered whether the minister, in answer to that question, could say what principle is applied. Is the situation, as I understand it is in Terra Nova national park, that preference is given to married men, those with families and that preference is given to those who most need the work? Can the minister say whether he has been able to get any information on this matter? I cannot blame him very much if he has not done so in view of the fact that I may have "misled" him a little bit the other day.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Yes. Considerable research has been required on this subject because, as the question was originally propounded, there was some uncertainty. However, I have some information. There seemed to be more than one Doucette involved in these matters.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I have about fifteen.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

**Mr. Dinsdale:** A Clarence Doucette of Rustico was employed as a labourer in Prince Edward Island national park prior to and including 1957. In December, 1957 his services and those of eight other men were terminated. This was the normal lay-off of seasonal employees that occurs every year. He has not sought re-employment since that time and reports confirm that he has since been self-employed in fishing for a livelihood. This man is single and a veteran. I therefore do not think he would have nine children.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Thirteen children.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Or thirteen children as mentioned by the hon. member.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not guarantee that.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** That does not seem to be the proper Doucette. However, there is another one. There is a Harry Lawrence Doucette, also of Rustico, Prince Edward Island, who has been employed in the national park for each year since 1946. His seasonal employment has been continuous except for the year 1953. During that season he was engaged on May 21 as a labour foreman and was employed through June. His services were dispensed with during the months of July and August but he was re-employed in September and worked the full month. According to information available, his period of employment in 1953 was interrupted following representations that he was engaged in political activities. Following an investigation, and representation by Mr. W. C. S. McLure, M.P., instructions were issued to the park superintendent that if Mr. Doucette's services were satisfactory, he was to be re-engaged. This action was taken effective September 1. No person was employed as a replacement during the period of his unemployment. This man is married, is a veteran, and in 1953 had eight dependents. So perhaps it is some other man. The year 1953 is eight years ago.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not know anything more than what is contained in the information which was conveyed to me. I do not intend to press the minister at all about this matter because I feel that I am not very well informed about it myself. However, I should like the minister to say a little bit more about what the general condition of employment is and to answer the question I asked about the additional information he himself was seeking, according to the answer he gave to the hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** In Cape Breton?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Yes, in Cape Breton.