

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

operations in the park. The issue that was emphasized was the destruction of the forest, when in fact discussion about forest management was literally cut off.

With this evidence to back up my suspicion and the suspicion of others, there can be little doubt that public funds have been used to pay for the kind of publicity that will in turn mould the public opinion or support that would be needed to create a large scale decline in the forest industry and mass unemployment in the upper Ottawa valley.

As anyone who has some knowledge of forest management knows, there is a big difference between the mediaeval idea of conservation, which is exemplified by no cutting of trees at all, and the modern day conservation concept, which is exemplified by forest management. Timber that is not harvested when it is ripe simply rots and decays and is a lost natural resource. We who live in and around the area of Algonquin park are in favour of the multiple use of the park, and we have never thought otherwise about it.

The Algonquin Wildlands League and their friends are using the news media to confuse the general public and to work upon the emotions of the general public by trying to tell them that conservation means that man never touches the forest, when in fact conservation and forest management are one and the same thing. Those who participated on this issue of Algonquin park in the program "The Way It Is" on December 1 are guilty of this charge.

We in the Ottawa valley welcome and promote the tourist and other visitors to our area at all times but we cannot be so generous as to give up the livelihood of thousands of people without having something else to take its place. If the urban areas in the province of Ontario are so crowded and hectic that we have to destroy half the economy of a large section of this province so that others can find solitude, then I ask if it is not time that far more importance be placed on better roads, and a greater transfer of industrial development to areas that have not witnessed the kind of economic growth that has taken place in many other areas. If some of those who want to move more people from rural areas into the urban areas of Canada are already frustrated by the hectic life in urban Canada, why then is it their desire to transfer more people to an area of frustration?

Let us look at the "gut" issue that is at stake here. If mass news media such as the C.B.C., and newspapers with large circulations, in which we find uninformed and emotional letters by people who talk about an

Algonquin wilderness, succeed in so moulding public opinion, then many communities for miles around the park will be affected economically. This would not only affect industrial establishments in the towns and villages in the upper Ottawa valley, but would also affect other industries across the country to whom many of the forest products are sold. But then, of course, perhaps our idealists would like to see the forest industry fall into the hands of millionaire operators such as E. P. Taylor, and eventually create an even worse monopolistic system than that which is in existence today. If we are to have freedom in Canada there must be room for the smaller businessman.

These are factors that have been ruthlessly shoved aside by those who are more interested in their own selfish solitude than they are in the economy and the livelihood of the area surrounding Algonquin park. It is interesting to note, Mr. Speaker, that one of the directors of the Algonquin Wildlands League is a canoe outfitter whose business is just outside Algonquin park. Can a man in this position be considered an unprejudiced promoter?

There is another interesting point that I would like to point out to Mr. Livingston, who seems to take delight in attacking the forest industry. Sixty-two per cent of the fires in Algonquin park are caused by recreationists, rather than by people who work in the forest industry. As we know, fires destroy large amounts of good forests annually. It is too late to start to build a road when a rampant fire is destroying hundreds of acres of inaccessible timber. Therefore those who complain about the building of roads in the park are not being constructive in their thinking, or conservation minded.

The C.B.C. has an obligation to film some of the constructive things done by the forest industry. Among these must be included visits to mills and veneer plants in order to portray a true picture to the general public. It is a sorry day when the C.B.C. will produce only the informative side of the story, after it has received over 100 letters of complaint, most of them from people who were educated in forest management, as well as several telephone calls which outlined the complete bias and emotional approach to ideas of conservation.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.