

necessary for the governments of Manitoba and Ontario to agree to donate the necessary area if this government decided to establish such a park.

Mr. MURPHY: I thought that was what the hon. member had in mind. Certainly it would be necessary, if a park were established there, for the governments of the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario to donate the area. That would be my reaction to any proposal of that kind, because the other areas which were set aside for park purposes in the three western provinces were taken out of the resources of those provinces, and no contribution has been made by this government for their alienation. Therefore I take it that the other provinces in which parks have not been established will be in exactly the same position; in my view it would be necessary for them to donate the land for the parks.

Mr. HEENAN: Following that question and the very satisfactory answer, may I say that I do not believe there is a national park in Ontario to-day.

Mr. MURPHY: Yes, there are three areas which come under the classification of national parks. One is at Point Pelee in Essex county, on lake Erie; there are some islands in Georgian bay which have been set aside, and there are certain islands in the St. Lawrence river classed and administered as national parks.

Mr. HEENAN: At any rate, Ontario is a very large province, and I do not know of any area, even Prince Albert, which offers such a fine location for a national park as the district surrounding the lake of the Woods. In view of the fact that the federal government has intimated on several occasions to the people in that part of the country that a national park might be established there if the province acquiesced, will the minister give the matter very favourable consideration?

Mr. MURPHY: I should be very glad to do so.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The minister mentioned an area in British Columbia in regard to which representations had been made to him. Is the minister prepared to disclose the location of that area, or would he rather not do so?

Mr. MURPHY: There were several areas suggested, which were inspected by an officer of the department, who made a report.

[Mr. Heenan.]

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Was Garibaldi park one of the areas?

Mr. MURPHY: No, I do not think so.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): I should like to ask the minister if there is any appropriation here for the establishment of a park in the Moose Mountain area in Saskatchewan. There is a growing feeling there that this would be an ideal location for a national park in Saskatchewan, which is a very large province. The thickly populated portion of Saskatchewan is a considerable distance from the Prince Albert national park, and I believe representations have been made to the minister that a park should be established in the Moose Mountain area. Has any appropriation been made for that purpose?

Mr. MURPHY: The only time my attention was directed to this matter, I think, was when the hon. member for Regina spoke on the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the special session. I think at that time the hon. member mentioned some area in southern Saskatchewan, and I believe I have had one letter in regard to the matter. Up to the present it has not been considered by the government.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): I had this matter up with the former minister during previous sessions, and I remember he told me that until the Manitoba park question was settled the government would not consider a second park in Saskatchewan, but that as soon as the park question was settled in other provinces the government would take into consideration the establishment of a second park in Saskatchewan. I believe this would be an ideal location when the matter is considered, so I would impress it upon the minister now and ask him to keep it in mind. We are looking forward to the time when we shall have a national park established in the Moose Mountain area of Saskatchewan.

Mr. NICHOLSON: I should like to say just a word with regard to the advantage of our national parks, and I desire to support everything that has been said in that regard, particularly by the right hon. leader of the opposition. Northern Canada now is, and in the future will become more and more, the playground of North America, if not of a large part of the rest of the world. You cannot find any area with greater natural advantages, and in my opinion we cannot spend our money to greater advantage than in connection with these parks, because our tourist traffic is one of our greatest assets. Everything we can do which will induce people,