

historic spots, though perhaps not to the same extent as Quebec, but much of historic value attaches to them all. I was amazed to compare what remains of Louisburg to-day with what I saw there thirty years ago. I drove there from Sydney thirty years ago—there was then no railway on the island of Cape Breton,—and it was a delight to enjoy the spectacle of the rocks stretching out into the sea on that bright summer morning. With proper guidance you could follow the traces of the old town and see what remained of the foundations of the governor general's residence, the old church, and so forth, but all that is fast disappearing. The earth and refuse and manure from the animals passing by has covered up practically all that remains, except the powder magazine. The burying places of both the English, the French and the Bostonese are in a terrible state of abandonment, and I suggest that the members representing that part of Canada do their little bit in attracting the attention of parliament and the government to the necessity of preserving this historic spot.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): That is being done.

Mr. BOURASSA: I am glad to hear it. I hope some intelligent work will be done with regard to Louisburg. It would be futile, I think, to attempt to rebuild any of the old buildings on a large scale, but at least the ground could be cleared, and what remains of the old foundations could be preserved so that one passing through the streets of the old town could recall its history. To a certain extent, all things being relative, it would be like passing through the ruins of Pompeii. It has the advantage of being outside the new town so that it can be preserved in a decent state, and its historic features will be of interest to tourists and stimulate in the youth of the district a desire to acquaint themselves with the history of their country. There is now a considerable foreign population in that part of the country working in the mines and other local industries, and by preserving these ruins we may also do useful work in arousing in them a desire to study the past of their adopted country.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac) : Mr. Chairman, for the first time—and perhaps for the last—I find myself in agreement with the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa). I do not think there is any difference of opinion in this house as to the advisability and

propriety of maintaining these old historic landmarks in Quebec, Louisburg, Halifax and Kingston. I think we all agree that they should be maintained because of their historic associations. But I am absolutely opposed to spending public money to provide half a dozen residences for the governor general, no matter who he may be. I do not think it is necessary; such expenditure is a waste of money. I believe there is in the city of Winnipeg a group of rooms in the Royal Alexandra hotel, called the royal suite, which apparently was good enough for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales when he was in that city.

An hon. MEMBER: Order.

Mr. EDWARDS (Frontenac): What is the matter? Already we have a lieutenant governor's residence in each provincial capital, where I dare say His Excellency would be very welcome indeed for a few days' stay, and in addition he has his own palatial private car. Therefore I submit that to spend a quarter of million dollars on furniture, carpets and that sort of thing—with another residence for His Excellency contemplated on the Pacific coast—is a criminal waste of money in view of the many necessary public works throughout the country which are being left in abeyance. If the minister will tell us how much of this \$150,000 is required for real repair work to maintain the Quebec citadel as an historic landmark, I shall be prepared to vote for that portion of the item; but since he has told us that at least \$70,000 or \$80,000 is to provide for carpets and furniture, I must vote against that expenditure. I think he ought to inform us how much more money is required, in addition to the \$100,000 voted last year, which was voted, not with the primary object of establishing another residence for His Excellency but to maintain an historic landmark. Let him divide this amount between what is really required for putting the citadel in proper condition to maintain it as a national monument and what is required to furnish the governor general's quarters. I am prepared to make a motion just as soon as the minister gives us that information.

Mr. KAISER: I am pleased, Mr. Chairman, to see the member for Labelle and the member for Frontenac agreeing for once, and I rise to support them both, for this reason. Like the member for Labelle, I promised some friends of mine that at this session I would