

windows of his store to interest people in wild life conservation. It is an indication that people are thinking of more than merely profit.

I also had a letter from the Chrysler Corporation, of Detroit, Michigan; everyone knows who they are; also one from Doctor Perkins Bull, a great conservator himself. If I may digress for a moment, Doctor Bull has gathered together, in my opinion, the greatest collection of early pioneer farm equipment used in Canada that I have ever seen anywhere. He has it housed in a museum which is part of a school at Brampton, where there must be at least one-quarter of a million dollars worth of material. I appreciate his letter very much, coming from a pioneer himself.

I also received one from the Ottawa Humane Society and one from the National Parks Association of Canada, from which I quote this paragraph:

Canada is so far behind the United States in practical wild life conservation that it could almost be said that we have not even made a start officially.

I think the Department of Mines and Resources has made a start and I wish to compliment the department on the distance it has gone in that regard. I am looking for great things along that line from the new Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Glen), because he comes from a province where there is much to be accomplished in conservation of wild life and summers in a very great park in Manitoba, Riding Mountain park, in which there is much wild life protected. So that I look for a lot from him in the development of wild life conservation.

I quote another paragraph from the same letter:

The National Parks Association have a bulletin awaiting its turn at the printer's stressing the Americans' effort and many of this 5,000 edition should be in the mail before April 10.

The National Parks Association of Canada deserves unstinted credit and praise for going to the trouble of getting out and printing this bulletin. It is encouraging when you know that so many people are interested in promoting wild life conservation. Jack Miner was the pioneer in that field. There have been many others since and there were others during his time who have done a lot in that direction. I am looking at my friend the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Bradette), whose name I deliberately picked out as seconder of the bill because he is more familiar than many others are with the conservation of the Canada goose. He himself I believe has quite a sanctuary near Cochrane and when I go out that way again I will visit him. When

the geese leave Virginia and the Carolinas and Texas and Louisiana they fly north and cover six hundred miles the first day and then come down to rest. I believe it is the third day before they get to the sanctuary. I have seen 50,000 geese at Jack Miner's sanctuary at Kingsville, and all through the years, Mr. Speaker, the Miner sanctuary has fed those geese. It takes many thousands of bushels of No. 1 corn yearly to feed them. I have watched his men on many occasions distributing the corn when the geese have gone out to the lake. The sanctuary covers a very large area, about four hundred acres altogether, but where the birds go is about twenty-five to thirty acres, ponds included, and the corn is distributed all around these. It is most interesting to watch them. I was thinking this afternoon, when I was told that this bill might come up, of the many occasions on which I have gone with Jack Miner to the little house he had amongst the trees. You had to reach it by a ladder and peep out through a peephole at the geese. They are bright and intelligent birds. Jack used to say they were the wisest of all wild life; in fact he did not call them wild. In order not to frighten the geese there were pieces of coloured glass hanging in the peep-hole in front of the people through which you could get a good look at them without their seeing you. I do not like to think when I go back there that I shall not have the pleasure of the company of that great pioneer.

I had another letter from the department of street railways, Detroit. I value this letter because that is a great organization. They have written me approving the bill. I also received a letter from the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Montreal, in which they warmly approve the bill. I quote this one paragraph from their letter:

In the matter pertaining to the Bill representing "National Bird Day"—

That is not the right name:

—I am pleased to state that our society appreciates the opportunity of concurring with you in your noble effort and may we hope that a favourable reception will be given your efforts.

I have another letter from a Windsor firm, Abbey Gray Limited, a motor car company, warmly approving the bill, and a very strong letter from the Essex county tourist association, signed by H. J. Lassaline, secretary-treasurer. I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Jack Miner sanctuary.

I have a clipping from the *Globe and Mail*, which quotes from the *Calgary Herald*, and I will read very briefly from it: