

*Supply—Northern Affairs*

Terra Nova park .....	198,000
Waterton Lakes park .....	92,000
Yoho park .....	123,200

**Mr. Robichaud:** Did I understand the minister to say that \$249,000 were being spent at Prince Albert park?

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Yes, \$249,200.

**Mr. Robichaud:** That is the largest amount being spent anywhere in Canada.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** No, that is not correct. More is being spent in Riding Mountain park.

**Mr. Winch:** This vote provides for national parks and historic sites and monuments; construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment. The further amount required is \$2,500,000.

Under this vote I could make an emotional speech, a heartfelt speech and a reasonable speech. However, because I have spoken so often already, I am not going to do that. I intend to direct one question to the minister. In view of the representations which have been made to him and to the board by citizens and organizations in Vancouver, is he in a position to inform me what is the situation now with regard to the request we have been making for the last two years that New Brighton park should be recognized as a national historic site.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I am happy to be able to inform the hon. member that certain proposals have been received from people in Vancouver interested in New Brighton park. I believe this is the Hastings townsite park. These proposals will be processed by the historic sites and monuments board when the board meets in May here in Ottawa.

**Mr. Wratten:** There are two or three projects that I should like to bring to the attention of the minister. They concern places which are either in my riding or very close to it.

The first concerns the Bell homestead where Alexander Graham Bell conceived the idea of the telephone and where the first voices went over the wire. This building is situated on the banks of the Grand river. Due to the erosion of the bank it is necessary, or will be necessary in time, to move this building across the road in order to preserve it and keep it in proper condition.

In drawing this matter to the attention of the minister I express the hope that he will give it favourable consideration and assist us in our endeavour to retain this building as a national historic site. The federal government has recognized it through the erection of a cairn bearing a plaque, so I hope when the time comes to move the building the government will assist us to do it.

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

Another project to which I wish to direct the minister's attention is the Mohawk church, the first Protestant church to be erected in Upper Canada, now Ontario. On the week end I had the good fortune to visit the site with the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. I was surprised to learn when we went to look over this historic building that it was closed because of a lack of funds with which to repair the heating system. This church was erected in 1785 for the Indians of the Six Nations who came down the Grand river to the fork in the river to worship at this church. Now, due to circumstances beyond their control, it is not open for want of the small sum required to repair the heating apparatus in the church. I believe it would be an excellent gesture on the part of the federal government to make a small grant to the church board to have the heating system repaired. I understand that the last time the building was renovated it was made possible through the generosity of a gentleman in Toronto.

A third project which is not in my own riding but in an adjacent one is the restoration of Chiefswood, the birthplace of the Canadian poetess, Pauline Johnson. The council of the Six Nations Indians, who have not very much money, have allocated \$6,400 of their funds to commence this restoration project. They plan to restore the building to its original size. They will restore it to the condition it was in when Pauline Johnson lived there and they also have in mind plans for the erection of a real Indian village on the site to attract tourists to this district and show people how the Indians lived years ago.

If the Indians are willing out of their scanty funds to contribute this sum of money, surely we as a federal government can contribute some money toward the restoration of this building. The old alibi has been that the property must be crown property before the federal government will do anything. As I understand it, Indian property is held in trust by the crown. If it is already held in trust by the crown I fail to see why the federal government cannot take action.

I urge the minister to give this project serious consideration. In fact it would be better if he would consent to visit Brantford so he could see this historic site for himself. He would then have a better idea of what we have in mind.

**Mr. Herridge:** Mr. Chairman, I observe it is three or four minutes to five. I wish to deal with one question under this item. I wish to launch a full scale attack on the superintendent's administration of Revelstoke park when time is available. The question of historic sites for which we are voting \$160,700