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us some more historic facts about Champlain and the initial landings in Canada to add to our knowledge on this subject. He also made reference to the desirability of establishing Campobello as a national historic park. These are matters that will have to be taken under advisement by the historic sites and monuments board.

There was reference by several hon. members, including the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway and the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard, to the boat *St. Roch*. I would merely like to say, in passing, that we have a genuine interest in the *St. Roch* which was turned over to the city of Vancouver at their request, I understand, for their anniversary celebrations. If the *St. Roch* is not being suitably preserved, certainly we would be happy to have representations on that score. The matter of maintenance is in the hands of the city of Vancouver. This is not an uncommon arrangement right across the country. Certain sites which have been designated as historic sites have been turned over to local communities for maintenance and for development.

The hon. member for St. Hyacinthe-Bagot referred to the historical significance of the area associated with the struggle of 1837. I would be inclined to agree that here is a historic site that might well be suitably marked. Certainly, 1837 was an important episode in Canada's development toward nationhood. I thank the hon. member for bringing it to our attention. The matter will be referred to the historic sites and monuments board in due course.

I believe I have almost completed the individual items, except to refer back to an item mentioned by the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm, namely the desirability of having suitable markings at L'Assomption college which was the alma mater of a distinguished Canadian prime minister, the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In so far as the suitable commemoration of prime ministers of Canada is concerned, the practice in the past has been to mark some site in the nation's capital. Laurier House, for example, has been associated with the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. On the other hand, colleges at which these men have attended in their earlier days have been marked by groups who have a local interest in these particular associations. I might suggest to the hon. member that this would be a good project for the student body themselves, to find a method of suitably recognizing the fact that one of Canada's earlier prime ministers attended there as a student.

I must apologize, too, for having omitted a reply to the hon. member for St. Boniface in connection with his representations about

the Grey Nuns hospital in the city of St. Boniface being suitably recognized. He indicated that I was aware of this problem, and that is quite true. I have had two meetings with a local committee on this matter. We have been negotiating with the government of Manitoba as well as metropolitan Winnipeg, which has expressed interest in this matter. We have expressed our desire to co-operate and I am sure the problem will be settled satisfactorily within a reasonably short time.

I should refer to one brief observation by the hon. member for Yorkton concerning the marking of historic sites along highways. I believe this pretty well exhausts all the points that have been raised in this regard. I would merely say that we are aware of some deficiencies in connection with these markings, but I would direct him to some of our more elaborate markings of historic sites where, for example, complete restoration has taken place. These are examples of the new program of marking historic sites.

I have just been reminded that there was some reference to Stoney Creek, which has been under consideration for some time by the historic sites and monuments branch. There was a meeting held on this subject last week, and a local committee has been formed to iron out all the difficulties at the local level. This is the sort of initiative we like to see, and when the local group has formulated its policy, we shall be very happy to consider representations from them.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think the minister forgot the point I raised about Fort Rodd. I asked him specifically when this question was first referred to the historic sites and monuments board, and when they made a decision.

Since the hon. member for Yorkton is temporarily out of the house, I should also remind the minister that the hon. member mentioned Fort Pelly in which a lot of us, the minister included, take a great deal of interest. It would perhaps be useful to know what is going to be done there.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, Fort Pelly is one of those mounted police forts or barracks that is in the same category as Fort Ellice. This question is being reviewed by the board to consider its significance as a historic site. It is quite true the hon. member asked a specific question about Fort Rodd hill when the estimates were last under consideration. I have a report for him on this subject. Fort Rodd hill is part of the Esquimalt harbour defences and involves quite an elaborate complex. The matter of its preservation was first raised in 1957. The historic sites and monuments board considered the matter at that time