

*Supply—Northern Affairs*

I was at Squaw Valley, Mr. Chairman. I thought the show was a remarkable one. It was a thrilling sight to see the representatives of the nations of the world gathered in that area, an area which had been developed within a period of four years. Reports indicate now that Squaw Valley will be enlarged. The latest report concludes by saying that all people agree on one thing more, that Squaw Valley's future is bright. The report indicates that dormitories are being operated and already this winter have been completely filled during the week ends. Under another lease agreement the ice skating arena has been in almost constant public use since the closing of the games. The Olympic centre cafeteria and recreation hall is now open to the visiting public for meals and evening dancing.

Our position, Mr. Chairman, is that we from the coast area are now supporting the Banff and Calgary group to the utmost. As I have indicated before, we want to see a magnificent development there, an area which will entice all the people from the coast and from the states of Oregon, California, Washington and Colorado to come for a visit. We would like to feel that the Canadian Pacific will advertise in the Vancouver newspapers to encourage the young people to go up there. We would like to feel that the Canadian Pacific will provide special rates to the young people in order that they can get there. We would like to feel that, with the co-operation of the parks department, dormitories may be built in order that these young people can ski in the magnificent area at a moderate cost. We feel that all this is possible if there is a new policy adopted by the minister's department in respect of the development of recreational areas in the park.

I read with a great deal of interest a report by Mr. Jack McDowall, a copy of which appeared in one of the newspapers published in the Banff area. Mr. McDowall said this:

Now it must surely be evident that the present arrangement of the western parks is satisfying no one. The conservationists are dissatisfied because primeval nature is not being preserved. The tourist industry is being crippled, and resort operators in the parks are being maddened, by attempts to compromise with the conservationists. Commercial interests are annoyed because the main routes pass through the national parks, where there is difficulty in providing adequate service facilities. The skiers, in ever growing numbers, are becoming impatient at the lack of good Canadian ski resorts and are spending their dollars abroad. But, in fact, the National Parks Act gives the government plenty of power to rectify this situation.

When there are so many people in the lower mainland part of British Columbia interested in a fine development at Banff, we hope there will be a change of policy in order

that there may be a proper development which will in turn satisfy all Canadians.

Then I wanted to refer briefly to an article which appeared in *Time* magazine, April 14, 1961, which quotes the Minister of Trade and Commerce. The minister is reported as saying:

"I have skied in a number of places in Europe and Canada, but this is the finest skiing I have had anywhere," said Hees amiably. "It's ridiculous for Canadians to be going to Aspen, Sun Valley and Squaw Valley when they have skiing like this at their back door."

The important part of the article follows, where a member of the parks department is reported to have said:

"Private interests naturally are always putting pressure on the national parks system. Hees was going along. He is quite uninformed. Draw a 200 mile circle around Banff, and see what population it takes in."

I say to you, Mr. Chairman, and through you to the minister that we will never be able to establish a proper winter Olympic site with that kind of attitude on the part of the parks department. The main burden of my remarks today is the hope, and it is the hope of all of us in the Vancouver area, that we do have the co-operation of the parks department in the staging of these winter events, and that they will be something of which Canadians will be proud.

I mentioned a few minutes ago that we were disappointed because we were not awarded the site in our area. The matter should not be dismissed at that point. I realize that we cannot be awarded a booby prize, but I hope the minister and his departmental officials will arrange an early meeting with the appropriate minister in British Columbia so we can settle this age old problem of the proper development of Garibaldi. I know that ever since the hon. member for Coast-Capilano came to the house he has been advocating the development of that area. I do hope the departmental officials will pay attention to what the hon. member has said, because he has suggested a reasonable compromise. I only hope that an early meeting can be brought about between the minister of northern affairs and the proper minister in the provincial cabinet.

I noticed a report in a Vancouver newspaper in November of 1960 which read as follows:

Recreations minister Earle C. Westwood Tuesday promised to promote early action by the province to free Garibaldi park for federal development.

Soon after the Banff area was chosen as the Canadian site for the winter Olympics, an editorial writer in a Vancouver newspaper had this to say:

The time is ripe for powerful Ottawa action to develop Garibaldi as a national park.