

*National Parks Act*

**Mr. Lapointe:** Without anticipating the bill, I may say that is the purpose of one of the amendments proposed by the bill. In my short statement I thought I had made it plain that we were extending the re-establishment credits to the orphaned children of the veteran.

**Mr. Green:** But they are not orphans if the mother is living. Can the children benefit if the mother is living?

**Mr. Lapointe:** When the hon. member sees the bill, I think he will find it will meet the situation he has in mind.

**Mr. Enfield:** I should like to take this opportunity to make one or two remarks on the resolution. I feel that members could do a great service in regard to these many veterans who have not as yet made application for gratuities, by publicizing the fact that application must be made by December 31, 1954. We all know that after that date we will be getting applications from veterans who have missed the date. By looking after this matter in their own ridings, hon. members could certainly obviate any difficulty of that nature.

I should like to join also with the hon. member for Royal in congratulating the minister on the manner in which the bill was originally drawn. As was pointed out, these are the first amendments, and as would appear from the debate, they are simple and straightforward indeed. The bill is well drawn not only in the technical but also in the moral sense, in that we all agree that the veterans charter, of which the War Service Grants Act is an integral part, is probably the best legislation for veterans rehabilitation to be found on the North American continent or anywhere in the world.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in.

**Mr. Lapointe** thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 82, to amend the War Service Grants Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**NATIONAL PARKS ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKS**

The house resumed, from Thursday, December 10, consideration in committee of Bill No. 28, to amend the National Parks Act—**Mr. Lesage**—**Mr. Robinson** (Simcoe East) in the chair.

**The Chairman:** May I remind hon. members that when the committee rose yesterday we were discussing clause 3. Shall clause 3 carry?

**Mr. Ashbourne:** Before the committee rises I should like to ask the minister whether he is in a position to make a statement regarding the matter of a national park for Newfoundland? I understand that negotiations have been going on between the provincial government and the federal government in this matter. Perhaps the minister is in a position to make an up-to-date statement before the committee rises.

**Mr. Lesage:** As hon. members are aware, as a matter of policy the government does not establish a national park in any province unless the provincial government makes a grant of land free of all encumbrances and the land is, in the opinion of the government, suitable for a national park. Some consideration has been given to the establishment of a national park in Newfoundland, and the matter is still under consideration. Of course we have to deal with the government of Newfoundland, and up to date no definite understanding has been reached. I do not believe I could say any more at this time.

**Mr. Shaw:** Paragraph (h) deals with the granting of leases or licences for public lands outside town sites for the purpose of schools, hospitals and churches. Are leases granted for any purposes other than those enumerated in paragraph (h), outside the town sites?

**Mr. Lesage:** No. Leases will be granted for schools, hospitals and churches and for purposes of entertainment of persons visiting the parks. Up to now churches, hospitals and schools were established in town sites under lease. With this amendment they may be established anywhere in the parks under leases or licences.

**Mr. Shaw:** I have one other question with respect to paragraph (i) which refers to granting permits for the grazing of horses and cattle. Are definite areas established under such permits, or does the permit cover the park area in general?

**Mr. Lesage:** Well, I am sure the area would be defined in the permit.

**Mr. Shaw:** I beg your pardon?

**Mr. Lesage:** The area for which the permit is valid will be defined in the permit.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I have a question under paragraph (j) which relates to the remarks the minister made, as reported at the top of