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sphere of life first offences are treated generously. We have been trying for a good many years to get a national park at the lakehead. We have perhaps the finest sight there is anywhere in Canada, in Mount McKay, Squaw bay and the Chippewa Indian reserve. No place that I have visited in Ireland, in England, or in Canada presents a more remarkable view from the standpoint of scenery. If the trans-Canada highway is going through that way, it would be a thrilling stopover for any of our tourists. Mount McKay is 1,400 feet high. The water supply of Fort William is away up behind the peak. We have a good road halfway up; and when you get up to that halfway mark, there is a thrilling view. We think it would be a great attraction for the wise men of the east if they could see the things we have there.

The other attraction that we have and that I should like the minister to consider is Kakabeka falls. Many times during the week hundreds of cars are parked there and thousands of people enjoy the beauty of these falls. My request, Mr. Chairman, is that the minister send out some of his experts this year, during July or August, and back up the request of our city, the parks board, the trades and labour council, the chamber of commerce and all sensible people at the lakehead.

Mr. Hatfield: Mr. Chairman, I want—

Mr. Hodgson: Just a minute. I should like an answer to my question first.

Mr. Winters: Sundries for the national parks, \$67,041; the question was for the sundries breakdown as against the estimate?

Mr. Hodgson: I should like to get the sundries broken down and to have some details of the travelling expenses.

Mr. Winters: Which sundries are you referring to, the estimates for this year?

Mr. Hodgson: The estimates for this year, and you can give us anything you may care to for last year. The increase is \$22,000 on the sundries, and on the travelling expenses the increase is about \$13,000.

Mr. Winters: Sundries for last year of record were expenses of advertising, \$17,000; rental of equipment, \$15,000; unemployment insurance, \$14,000; electric power for parks, \$12,000; laundry and towels, \$8,000; professional services, golf course experts, \$6,000; technicians' fees, including architects, \$6,000.

Mr. Fulton: Is that the actual expenditure?

Mr. Winters: Those are actual expenditures for last year of record.

[Mr. McIvor.]

Mr. Fulton: What is the total of those items?

Mr. Winters: I would have to add them up. I have not the total here. The expenses are the normal expenses of the wardens and so on in national parks. The increase is occasioned by what we think will be the additional expenditure in Newfoundland by possible air charters and examining territory, and the additional expense resulting from taking over some work of the battlefields commission.

Mr. Fulford: I am sure I am in order this time, because I am going to deal with matters that have to do with both national parks and historical sites. First I want to ask the minister to commend his department on the splendid progress which is being made in the St. Lawrence river national parks, the series of islands which stretch from Morrisburg, Ontario, on the east to Kingston, Ontario, on the west. The item in connection with the maintenance of all historic sites and national parks amounts to \$10 million; but the cost of maintenance and further improvements to these parks amounts to but a fraction of the \$10 million appropriation. Yet I venture to say that there is no group of national parks in Canada that give more pleasure, and to a greater number of people.

All one has to do is to go by the parks which are on the islands and mainland to see at all times during the summer months the canoes, rowboats, motor boats and the expensive cruisers drawn up at these docks, and to see the fireplaces, pavilions, the bathing houses and the other facilities which are used by the rank and file of the public. These facilities are used not only by Canadians but they are becoming increasingly popular with the citizens of the United States.

I want to commend the minister on the recent acquisition or transfer of property from the Department of Transport to the Department of Resources and Development. I refer to Windmill point, just below Prescott, Ontario. It is a very historic point and very near a town which in the past has not had the facilities of a nearby national park. I would like to suggest that further property be acquired. I understand that the property is owned by a department of government, namely the national harbours board. I would suggest that further property be acquired so that there would be adequate land available for the public to use.

At this time I should like to recommend to the minister's attention the possibility of acquiring Hill island. I might explain that Hill island is the island over which the road runs connecting the Canadian span of the