

*Official Languages***NATIONAL PARKS**

BONNE BAY, NFLD., LEASING ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, this question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the hesitancy on the part of the province of Newfoundland to place the site of the Bonne Bay area of western Newfoundland at the disposal of the government for the establishment of a national park would the minister be prepared to enter into a lease agreement with the province similar to that entered into with Quebec for the creation of the Gaspé park.

Mr. Speaker: I would think the question should be placed on the order paper. The other day when we entered into a long series of questions about national parks across the country I indicated that perhaps it might be wise if these questions were placed on the order paper, unless there should be a specific urgency about the question. If I am wrong and there may be urgency in this case I would give priority to its being placed on the list of questions to be debated at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Marshall: Ten o'clock.

BOUNDARIES FOR WOOD BUFFALO PARK

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Aihabasca): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I wonder whether he could state when he intends to resume negotiations with the province of Alberta concerning the establishment of new boundaries for Wood Buffalo park.

Mr. Speaker: In view of my statement in respect of the previous question I would think this question might be placed on the order paper or discussed at the time of adjournment.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**PROVISIONS RESPECTING STATUS AND USE—
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER, ETC.

The house resumed, from Monday, May 26, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacEachen (for Mr. Trudeau) that Bill C-120, respecting the status of the official languages of Canada, be read the second time and referred to the Special Committee on the Official Languages Bill.

[Mr. Kierans.]

Mr. H. A. Moore (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, when the debate ended at ten o'clock last evening I was attempting to point out the possible effect of this legislation on national unity. We cannot expect this legislation to somehow miraculously solve the problem of French-English relations within Canada. We in Canada are part of the life of the North American continent. We cannot stay the elemental force of North American social evolution.

Why should we spend public funds to preserve something that can never be more than a symbol? It would make just as much sense if we spent tax money to enshrine the historic rights of farmers by perpetuating the 100-acre farm. The brutal fact of economic life in North America today is that the 100-acre farm cannot survive as an economic unit. It might be argued that it is necessary as a social adjunct but in the world of today it would have to be entirely supported. That is my view of what is being done by means of this bill.

I recall the Prime Minister's recent flippant remark with regard to putting English speaking civil servants to work on elevators not used by French Canadians. He explained that one away as being merely a jocular off the cuff remark. It may have been only that, but it was too close to reflecting the real feeling that runs just below the surface of the whole racial and linguistic question in Canada. Always present is the implication of dominance by one side or another or of jobs in the civil service and elsewhere being more in the nature of the spoils of war than the result of an unemotional search for justice.

I often wonder what has happened to the rights of English speaking Canadians. Why are these never mentioned? After all, there are vast areas of this country where the problems of the French language group have no relevancy whatsoever. In his earlier remarks on this bill the Prime Minister said that English Canada should not attempt to crush or expect to absorb French Canada. That is true, of course, but most English speaking Canadians have never wasted time or energy considering such negative and fruitless policies.

The setting up of special language reserves and the passing of a mass of entangling laws and regulations will do nothing in my estimation to solve any problem, be it linguistic or some other kind. What we need most is to develop our country to its maximum potential, and to lay the foundation of prosperity