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can be given so that Canada's share of that international peace garden may match the project that has been undertaken on the other side of the border.

However, I do not propose to speak at length except to draw to the minister's attention the fact that an admirable map in the back of the report of the department of resources and development, for which of course he is not responsible, does not indicate the international peace garden. I would suggest that he draw to the attention of those officials who are responsible for producing a map of this sort the fact that the international peace garden should be properly marked in the future.

Item agreed to.

Canadian wildlife service—

309. Wildlife resources conservation and development, including administration of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, \$437,271.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): Will the minister tell us what the buffalo population is at the present time, or does he know that?

Mr. Lesage: About 12,000.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): Are there any musk-ox in Canada now? And where are they?

Mr. Lesage: There are musk-ox in the north.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): I know there are, but has the minister any under his control?

Mr. Lesage: I would not like to be asked to control a musk-ox.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): Are they under the minister's department?

Mr. Lesage: That comes under the northern administration and lands branch, Northwest Territories; that is where the musk-ox are.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): I wondered whether they came under the minister's department.

Mr. Lesage: Yes, under the northern division, not under the parks division.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): We have to wait until we come to that.

Mr. Lesage: I would rather wait until the director of the northern division is with me to answer detailed questions on the musk-ox.

Mr. Fraser (Peterborough): What about elk? How many elk are there in the parks, and has the disease that they had a few years ago been cleared up?

Mr. Lesage: I am not in a position to give the population figure at the moment, but they are very healthy. There was a disease amongst them a few years ago, of which I am not personally aware, but it is not of much concern today.

Mr. Herridge: Will the minister tell us what species of fish are being propagated to be placed in the lakes of the national parks?

Mr. Lesage: It is trout, salmon trout, speckled trout, rainbow trout and all the very nice species of trout which it is pleasant to catch with a fly.

Mr. McIvor: And good to eat.

Mr. Lesage: And good to eat, as the hon. member says.

Mr. Herridge: I understood that eastern brook trout were being raised.

Mr. Lesage: Yes, that is one of the species.

Mr. Herridge: It does not compare with the Kamloops trout. We do not want them in our lakes.

Mr. Stick: Has any survey of wildlife in Newfoundland and Labrador been carried on lately, or is there any contemplated? I understand a survey was supposed to be taken in the last year or so.

Mr. Lesage: Yes, there is one investigation of Brunnich's murre populations. The investigation is being made for the purpose of securing data on the status of these birds which are used extensively by the coastal residents of Newfoundland for food purposes. There is also a study going on of the eider duck farming possibilities, of natives collecting their down in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions.

Mr. Nesbitt: There is one item I want the minister to satisfy me on and that is the matter of northern allowances. Can the minister explain exactly what it entails?

Mr. Lesage: The cost of living in the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and the Arctic of course is much higher than in the rest of Canada, and that amount is to help the civil service employees to cope with the very much higher cost of living in those regions.

Mr. Nesbitt: I have one further question on the matter of rental of equipment. I see the amount has more than doubled over last year. Can the minister make any comment on that?

Mr. Lesage: Yes, the increase is due to the extended use which will be made of boats, equipment, horses, dogs, and especially