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way the situation that has been outlined by so many hon. members with respect to park facilities.

Let me deal briefly with one or two specific matters that have been raised here today. Let me deal first of all with the Windemere park suggestion from the hon. member for Vancouver East. Windemere park has been under discussion by the branch. We had hoped it would be considered by the historic sites and monuments board in the meeting this May. Unfortunately, we have not received the necessary data from Major Matthews; therefore, consideration will have to be postponed until the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Winch: The necessary data could be handed over to you right now.

Mr. Dinsdale: Action cannot be taken until we get the information. Unfortunately, I am informed that that information has not been made available, and the board meets on May 23 with a very heavy agenda, as would be indicated by the many suggestions that have been made here this afternoon.

The hon. member for Marquette referred to Fort Ellice. It is close to my own district. I know it; it is one of a series of fur trade posts across the country. I might inform the hon. member that there are the names of 10 that have been presented to the historic sites and monuments board for consideration, and they will be considered on a priority basis. We are aware of their historic significance.

We have encouraging news for the hon. member for Halifax. I have been informed that a vintage cannon has been obtained. The problem remaining in resolving the little difficulty he mentioned is in assuring that the proper type of firing is carried out, which will be authentic, and at the same time assuring the safety factor. The problem is under consideration.

He will also be interested in knowing that we shall be unveiling the restored clock sometime during the maritime visit which will take place as soon as the house rises.

Mr. Pickersgill: Can the minister say whether it is a short gun or a long gun?

Mr. Dinsdale: Well, I think it is a compromise, as all good political solutions should be. I believe it is a compromise on that score.

I must apologize to the hon. member for Lisgar for not replying to his representations on behalf of the Nellie McClung home. Here is one of those historic sites that will have to be considered by the board. Whether it is of national significance or not I am not in a position to state, but I thank him for bringing it to the attention of the committee.

The hon. member for Medicine Hat spoke briefly on the subject of museums. Here is

[Mr. Dinsdale.]

another area of rapidly expanding interest at the present time. He dealt with the matter of preserving agricultural implements from the historic past. I am happy to inform him that the Department of Agriculture has an interest in this matter. I am informed also that one of those agriculture museums will be opened in Alberta during the coming summer.

The hon. member for Saskatoon had some comments to make about Waskesiu, which is one of our fine prairies national parks. Perhaps I can just give him briefly information on one or two things which have taken place at the Waskesiu national park. There is a comprehensive program of redevelopment taking place at Waskesiu. Sewer and water facilities were installed last summer. There is a new camp ground and trailer camp under construction at the present time which will help to take the pressure off existing facilities. There is a major difficulty, I am informed, in the waterfront area because of the concentration of tents and camp facilities there. A sanitary difficulty has developed which will require some attention almost immediately to take the pressure off the waterfront area. We are moving forward with a limited relocation problem to deal with this sanitary problem.

In addition, we are establishing a new marina and boating area which will make it possible for boating enthusiasts, who are rapidly increasing in numbers, to have the necessary facilities for launching their boats. Then, a new park area is under development and we are constructing a road to Crean lake which will again, we hope, take the pressure off the main facilities. The length of this road is some nine miles and the cost is about \$60,000 per mile.

The hon. member also referred to Emma lake. The Emma lake dam has been completed, and there will be an official opening ceremony during the current season. We pay our respects to the prairie farm rehabilitation administration which co-operated in this project.

The hon. member for Athabasca raised the question of Wood Buffalo national park and the mineral resources which may be contained therein. This is a subject upon which I can make no pronouncement at all this afternoon. If there were to be any change in the status of the park, of course it would have to be only as a result of discussions with the province of Alberta which, initially, turned this area over to the national parks program as a wilderness area.

The summer works program for students was an interesting suggestion, I believe made by the hon. member for Kootenay East as well. The hon. member for Charlotte gave