

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL PARKS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

| National Parks: | 1946-47 | 1945-46 | Increase |
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| Banff | 246,397 | 148,113 | 98,284 |
| Cape Breton Highlands | 23,896 | 18,863 | 5,033 |
| Elk Island | 39,976 | 24,939 | 15,037 |
| Georgian Bay Islands | 6,591 | 3,842 | 2,749 |
| Glacier | 461 | 330 | 131 |
| Jasper | 29,191 | 16,127 | 13,064 |
| Kootenay | 64,530 | 28,326 | 36,204 |
| Mount Revelstoke | 8,542 | 6,474 | 2,068 |
| Point Pelee | 87,150 | 59,948 | 27,202 |
| Prince Albert | 31,474 | 18,858 | 12,616 |
| Prince Edward Island | 50,281 | 48,068 | 2,213 |
| Riding Mountain | 161,237 | 108,060 | 53,177 |
| St. Lawrence Islands | 15,824 | 10,809 | 5,015 |
| Waterton Lakes | 126,337 | 46,744 | 79,593 |
| Yoho | 23,015 | 10,868 | 12,147 |
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| National Historic Parks: | | | |
| Fort Anne | 8,754 | 5,544 | 3,210 |
| Fort Beausejour | 12,023 | 5,343 | 6,680 |
| Fort Chambly | 22,546 | 16,203 | 6,343 |
| Fort Lennox | 1,223 | 655 | 568 |
| Fortress of Louisbourg | 4,238 | 3,126 | 1,112 |
| Fort Malden | 17,335 | 15,279 | 2,056 |
| Fort Wellington | 5,699 | 2,594 | 3,105 |
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| Port Royal Habitation | 6,025 | 3,296 | 2,729 |
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| Totals | 992,745 | 602,409 | 390,336 |

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions you would like to ask Mr. Smart?

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (*Kings*): I do not like to be too insistent, but I am very interested, as I think Mr. Gibson knows, in the development of a park in the Evangeline Land. It is one of our grandest historic places in Canada, and I know that the provincial government is interested. I am just wondering if you have had any recent correspondence with the provincial government regarding that site.

MR. SMART: We have not had any recent direct communication from the provincial government. However, I have myself made some unofficial investigations. You are referring to the Rondeau and Point Pelee area? And that is as far as it has gone.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (*Kings*): What do you do, Mr. Smart, when you know that there is a place that reasonably should be set aside as a park? How do you encourage it? Do you try to encourage the provincial government to—

MR. SMART: We really want the provincial government to encourage us, I think.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (*Kings*): I am afraid we have come to a dead end.

MR. SMART: Because they have the obligation of acquiring the area free of encumbrance to hand over to us.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (*Kings*): And yet you people want to have national parks.

MR. SMART: We are anxious for national parks, but we do not go out of our way to dictate to the provinces as to where they should have parks. We have recently made requests for certain areas in British Columbia to round out some of our mountain parks. They are areas that the province could very easily turn over to us, that would not hurt them very much financially.

MR. GIBSON: That is, if they knew whether there was any mineral there.

Hon. Mr. BISHOP: Who owns that Evangeline park now? The railway?