

Mr. BENNETT: No, my friend is wrong there.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): With the exception of regulations.

Mr. BENNETT: Exactly.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): These regulations deal very largely with the natural resources of the park; in very few instances do they touch the individual. In the town of Banff there is a population of 2,500 people, but not one single individual owns the land on which he is living; he has it on a long term lease.

Mr. ADSHEAD: He owns the improvements.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I am coming to that. I want to get this clear in the minds of hon. members. He leases his land. Could he go to the city of Calgary or the town of Drumheller or anywhere else and put up any kind of structure? All we ask is that reasonable precaution be taken that decent and seemly structures are erected on the property. There is no city in Canada which would allow the indiscriminate erection of tents. There are hundreds of thousands of visitors who come to Banff every year; it is a beautiful little town and it has been made beautiful at the expense of the Canadian government. That government has installed a waterworks system and an electric light system; and they maintain these two systems, as well as the streets of Banff, at no expense to the citizens.

Mr. BENNETT: The citizens of Banff pay for the electric power and sewers supplied by the government.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I say they are supplied at no expense to the citizens of Banff. My hon. friend would not suggest that they should get electricity or water free of charge.

Mr. BENNETT: They pay for it.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I wish to point out that these improvements have all been provided by the government of Canada. As far as I am concerned I can say that certainly the work was all performed before I became a minister of this government.

Mr. BENNETT: These improvements were provided before that time.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): They pay a certain rate for the water they use and they pay for their electric lights, but I say to my hon. friend that so far as improvements are concerned I have no doubt he will agree that

they are unlike most municipalities. The citizens pay very little for their improvements. Before my appointment as a minister of this government it was deemed wise to give the local citizens some control in the running of their community. They were not created a municipality because it was not deemed wise to create a municipality within the boundaries of the park. If these municipalities grow to such an extent that they are able to pay for an administration of this kind, which is not beyond the realm of possibility, and if their growth does not interfere with the plans of the park, they might very well be given municipal government, and that area might be taken out of the park and returned to the province. I do not believe that conflict arises between the towns of Banff or Jasper and this government any oftener than difficulties of a like nature arise in any municipality controlled by a municipal government.

Mr. BENNETT: In one case the residents of the municipality are in a position to displace their officials, while in the other case, because of complaints, the citizens are subjected to increased tyranny. That is the whole story.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): I would not say that the regulations amount to tyranny. The citizens as well as the visitors like to see wild life right in the streets of these towns, and it is desirable that it should be so.

Mr. BENNETT: Wild life?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): Sometimes we have difficulty with citizens who are determined to keep dogs. On one occasion a lady appealed to my hon. friend because she had been ordered to tie up her dog.

Mr. BENNETT: One was shot the other day.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): She was ordered to tie up the dog because it was chasing the wild animals in the park.

Mr. BENNETT: They were afraid the elk might kick the dog.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): If the citizens want dogs they certainly cannot expect to have the wild animal life. If the citizens of Banff and the citizens of Jasper, which latter town is unfortunately a railway centre, were desirous of taking upon themselves the responsibility of running their respective towns and organizing themselves into municipalities, I for one should not object. Much as I would regret to have a municipality of that sort in the centre of a park area—be-