

point of my hon. friend's question is whether or not the office has been removed from Dauphin to Neepawa. I have the assurance of the Minister of the Interior that such is not the case; that Mr. Smart is at the present time only acting superintendent. For the time being the administration work is being conducted by Mr. Smart and his staff from an office in the park, but so far as the head office of the park is concerned, the situation, so far as I am aware—and I have been in close touch with the minister—has not changed at all since the time Mr. Smart first came to Dauphin. I am curious to know why the hon. member for Lisgar is so much interested in Dauphin. I do not know that he has ever been in that constituency.

Mr. BROWN: He has.

Mr. BOWMAN: If he has, it has not been for a number of years.

Mr. BROWN: I have been there.

Mr. BOWMAN: When was the hon. member there?

Mr. BROWN: I do not think I have to answer that.

Mr. BOWMAN: The hon. member, for some particular reason best known to himself, seems to be somewhat interested in the constituency of Dauphin. I may say that for the time being I am the representative of that constituency, and to the best of my ability will look after its interests without any help from the hon. member for Lisgar.

Mr. BROWN: I would not wonder if I represented the views of the electorate of Dauphin better than the hon. member.

Mr. BOWMAN: I resent the remarks of the hon. member.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: I am interested in this park, but from a purely altruistic point of view. I hope the hon. member gets everything he wants, and the same applies to the hon. member for Marquette. The reason I spoke in favour of Jasper park is that it is a large park with greater potentialities than all those other small parks put together. I should say the park in the constituency of the former Postmaster General rates as a puny hill compared even with our little mountains.

Mr. VENIOT: There is no park in my constituency.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: Well, in New Brunswick.

Mr. VENIOT: Nor in New Brunswick.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: Then you have no troubles at all. I think Jasper park is larger than all of New Brunswick.

Mr. VENIOT: I protest against that insinuation against the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. LUCHKOVICH: The question I want to ask the minister is this: What difference is there between an indigent, say, in a municipality, and an indigent in one of these parks? Whom does the minister class as indigents, and what attitude does the government take with respect to them?

Mr. MURPHY: As the cases arise they are investigated by one of our officials and by any police officer in the locality. After investigation the needs of the indigents are given proper attention.

Mr. BROWN: Why is Mr. Smart spoken of as acting superintendent?

Mr. MURPHY: Simply because that is what he is.

Mr. BROWN: I suppose the minister is aware that Mr. Smart was brought there to be superintendent of the park, but all through this discussion he is spoken of as the acting superintendent. I suppose that as soon as a person of the proper political persuasion is found Mr. Smart will be sent somewhere else and someone favourable to the views of hon. gentlemen opposite given the post of superintendent.

Mr. MURPHY: Mr. Smart is acting superintendent of the park. There are many officials in the government service who are acting in a certain capacity, and are so styled. For many months, if not years, a former Minister of Finance was called Acting Minister of Finance in this house before he finally became Minister of Finance. The hon. gentleman's suppositions in regard to what may be done in the future do him no credit. They might represent the action he would take under similar circumstances, but it does not necessarily follow that those who sit on this side take the same view.

Mr. BROWN: If when the minister leaves his office his record from the standpoint of political patronage is as good as mine, he will have a good record indeed.

Mr. MULLINS: The hon. member for Lisgar seems to be interested in Mr. Smart. Mr. Smart is a Liberal. If anyone should have to say as to the patronage in Riding Mountain district or in Marquette, it should