

have made the statement that the maritime provinces are to be generously treated by having one member on this commission; and I must protest. Perhaps you may think that we in the maritimes are inclined to be, to use a vulgar word, "kickers", but we are so often ignored that we have been called the forgotten provinces of Canada. I do not want to be accused of going back too far into history, because we are told, whenever we complain, that we go back to confederation; but let me tell hon. members that when we came to discuss the question of confederation, certainly more than one member from the maritimes was called forward to discuss the plan.

Let me remind hon. members that we are one million people in the maritime provinces—no small population. We may not be known because on the map of this broad country we occupy a very small place. That may be the reason why we are not known. It may be because so few from the other provinces know our maritimers. I have been amused a couple of times since coming here by being asked, when I told a confrere that I had just returned from the northern part of New Brunswick, whether I had found the crossing of the bay of Fundy very rough. We know too little about the maritimes and that is why we are too often forgotten.

The hon. member for Kings, Prince Edward Island (Mr. Grant)—perhaps he was too humble—said that he came from perhaps the loveliest province in the dominion. Let me say emphatically that I think we in the maritimes come from the garden of Eden in the whole dominion. If it is beauty you wish to implant in Ottawa, then why not choose men who were born and who have lived amid the natural beauty of the dominion, in the maritime provinces? To them the knowledge of real beauty comes natural and I am sure they would be a great help on the commission.

I should probably also plead for the west, which is supposed to be represented by only one member, but they can defend their own rights. I do not want to be parochial or provincial, and therefore I will support the proposal that this commission represent every province in the dominion. The hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. McIlraith) said that under the bill the commission could represent every province, that whoever might have the appointing of the commission might take a member from each province. I do not like the word "may". We in the maritime provinces have suffered too long as a result of depending on the word "may". There is too

much uncertainty about it. We wish to have the word "shall" instead, and I hope that will be done.

Mr. NORMAN JAQUES (Wetaskiwin): While we are making up our minds as to the amount of money, or the amount of work which may be done in beautifying the city of Ottawa, I hope that in the meantime nothing will be allowed to impair the natural beauties of the Gatineau park. We speak of beautifying the federal district, but luckily for Ottawa in particular and the Canadian people in general, it is not a case of beautifying the Gatineau park but of preserving the natural beauties which are already there.

Even our C.C.F. friends would have no objection to the preservation of the natural beauties of the Gatineau district and the Gatineau park.

Mr. D. KING HAZEN (St. John-Albert): In the county of St. John in the province of New Brunswick there is a small settlement called Chance Harbour. The people who live there are fishermen, who make their livelihood on the stormy waters of the bay of Fundy. For some time past they have been endeavouring to have a breakwater established there to protect their boats from the sea. I have brought this matter to the attention of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Bridges) and the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier). I have looked in the estimates this year and I find no appropriation for the establishment of that project. I am willing to enter into some dickering with the government, and I would possibly consider voting for this large sum of money if the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Fisheries and the government would give some attention to the needs of the people in that constituency.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is out of order.

Mr. HAZEN: I will not pursue that matter any farther. I have gone as far as I need in that direction. I believe that Ottawa should be beautified and improved as the capital of this great dominion. I think we all agree that, while the fathers of confederation were very wise in many respects, they were short-sighted when it came to laying a plan for the development of this city. I presume we all have our ideas of how it should be done, but if I had the planning the first thing I would do would be to establish a boulevard from the main entrance of the parliament buildings to the museum. The establishment of a boulevard right down Metcalfe street would be the first step to take if we want to improve