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concession, purchased from British Ungava Exploration Limited; it is also said that Baffinland belongs to a consortium composed of Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd., Consolidated Mining and Smelting of Canada Ltd., Madsen Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd., Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Asbestos Corporation Ltd. and many others.

Mr. Chairman, I suppose that all these mining companies are interested in these developments, all the more so since it is said that the ore is of such a high grade that it would not be necessary to refine it and that it could be sent directly to the blast furnaces, to be converted into high grade steel. But I am sure that if those mining companies were encouraged to take an interest in the deposits located farther to the south, they would surely be interested in their development and the country's economy would benefit thereby.

I do not intend, Mr. Chairman, to continue my remarks at this time. This afternoon, other topics dealing more particularly with the national parks division have been discussed.

Another member, my hon. friend for Norfolk (Mr. Roxburgh) very ably covered the problem concerning Canadian wildlife and migratory birds; I think nothing can be added to his remarks, and I hope the minister will heed the recommendations made by the hon. member for Norfolk and by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge) who spoke along the same lines at one stage. I fully endorse what they have said and I am sure the minister will give their remarks special consideration.

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Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Chairman, my remarks will be brief, not only because I wish them to be brief but also because I see the clock is against me and I, for one, recognize that in any case of conflict between myself and time, time must always prevail. First let me make one comment. I wish to pay tribute to the services which were rendered in the Northwest Territories by the retired Mr. Justice Sissons. Mr. Justice Sissons was a colleague of mine in the Peace River bar. I practised before him while he was sitting as a judge. I have known him very well for a great many years. Mr. Justice Sissons has made a remarkable contribution in bringing to the native people of the Northwest Territories in particular our system of justice. He has made many journeys, and I believe the judgments he has made will always remain in our law books as precedents to guide those who come after him. By themselves they pay tribute to

[*Mr. Laprise.*]

the great perseverance, courage and knowledge of Mr. Justice Sissons. I would be derelict in my duty if I did not make reference to him, particularly in view of the fact that at one time he was a distinguished member of this house. I wish well also to the gentleman who is taking his place.

I heard with interest the remarks of the hon. member for the Northwest Territories. I always listen to him with interest. I particularly enjoyed his peroration to the minister. I suggest that the minister should have three copies made of it, one for his desk in the House of Commons, one to frame and hang on his wall and one to carry with him, because in the days of darkness ahead when the minister has an inclination to worry and run away he will be able to bring out those glorious words spoken by the hon. member for the Northwest Territories and inwardly renew himself, refresh himself, and go forward with the courage which I am sure he is going to need. I say that quite honestly, because the minister has a tremendous responsibility.

● (5:40 p.m.)

He is the man charged with the necessity of ushering into this century, particularly the vastly changing and complex part of it in which we now live, the development of that great, starkly beautiful and lonely area, the Northwest Territories, which has been so badly neglected in the past. He has coupled with that the twin responsibility of bringing forward and making adjustments to the association of the Indian and native people of Canada with the rest of the population. These people have also been shamefully neglected in the past.

I wish the minister well in his work and, although I will from time to time have to clobber him about these problems, I hope he will understand that I do so in a spirit of sadness at having to reprove him but also in a spirit of necessity. I am sure he will appreciate my view. His task is a tremendous one and in a job of this kind it is best for all of us to lose sight of partisanship. Partisanship is very essential in this house. We could not get along without it, but there are matters in respect of which partisanship must yield to our duty as Canadians. I hold this view deeply and I respect others who hold the same view. One can only make one decision when there is a conflict between our responsibility as members and our duty as Canadians.

In view of the time I will be able to deal only briefly with some of the subject matters I wish to touch upon. Let me refer to the