

Minister, but (I am coming to a very important matter) for political reasons the members of the Opposition, some of whom now hold responsible positions in the government, organised a deliberate attack, physically and otherwise on the government of the day, with the result that a general election took place in June, 1932. Statements about that general election have been repeated over and over again. After the election in 1932, it was pointed out to the people of this country that immediately after Commission of Government assumed office, they would restore our financial stability; they would establish new industries and, if necessary, appoint a royal commission to go into our position. But (and this is the real thing!) they told us that ... under no circumstances would our status as a dominion be surrendered without first consulting the people. Mr. Chairman, I don't want to go into the history of it any further.

Mr. Smallwood Would that be a plebiscite?

Mr. Bradley The words were, "Nothing will be done".

Mr. Cashin I am just speaking from memory: that nothing will be done unless by way of plebiscite or referendum.

Mr. Bradley That's right.

Mr. Cashin But what happened? The next thing we find ourselves saddled with is a royal commission. There were no new industries started, in spite of the fact that many prominent men in the country went into the matter and were promised that as soon as this government was returned to office this would be started. The next thing we find is the Amulree royal commission, and the Amulree Report will go down in history as — well, I can't think of anything bad enough to call it. Lord Amulree has passed away since that time and many of the men of the government of that day have passed away, but I say now that was done deliberately, not mind you by the people who voted for it in there, they were merely used by half a dozen, used to take away our integrity.

Now the other day Mr. Smallwood stated that we were bankrupt. Mr. Chairman, I contend that we were not bankrupt. We had not got money, but did the British government have it, or Canada, or any other countries in Europe have it? No, they all defaulted on their war debts, and the war up to that time had cost us nearly \$40 million and we were sweating to pay the interest on that, and the

other countries were defaulting on it. And I want to condemn the Amulree Report because in one paragraph it states that no British dominion or part of the British Empire had defaulted. Why the man who wrote that knew he was lying, because three months previous the British government itself had defaulted on a payment to the United States of between \$75-90 million, and the individual who was principally concerned with writing that report is now High Commissioner for Great Britain in Ottawa, and I refer to a gentleman called Mr. Clutterbuck, and I apologise for calling him a gentleman.

Commission government took over here in 1934. Mr. Smallwood said the other day that they were honest. I say they are the most dishonest government that ever administered the affairs of this country. Now I have proven it, and I think I have already proven it here before and we are going to have a little tedious repetition.

Mr. Chairman Don't have any criminal libel, now.

Mr. Cashin I am able to take care of myself in that. The dole was given right from 1933 to 1940. If you look at the records of the Financial Report which I have compiled you will find that \$17-20 million were advanced by Great Britain in that period, and the interest on our national debt during that period was more than the advance made by Great Britain. Now what is the answer? Out of our own revenue we got the money to pay the six cents a day dole, and those monies that they advanced (the British government) were really paying their own bondholders in England, and they were defaulting on their payments to the United States at the same time.

Now we come to 1940-41. Here was a trusteeship created in 1934. What is a trusteeship? Mr. Chairman, you know all about it better than I do, and so does Mr. Bradley and Mr. Higgins. A man comes in and runs an estate, and if he is out any money he is liable. Now what happens? In 1940-41 the Commission government and the Dominions Office there gave away to the United States government 99-year leases on these bases for nothing. Now I have no objection, be it understood, as pointed out by my friend Mr. McCormick, to giving these bases for the period of the war. I would give it whole-heartedly; but I object to any government, particularly this government who are acting as the trustees of the