

Cashin. As an appointee of the Chair, it does not follow that he is the agent of the Canadian government.

Mr. Cashin These figures were handed by the Canadian experts to the Newfoundland delegation to take home; and the Ottawa delegation took these figures without even asking a word of explanation. Mr. Smallwood eulogised these Canadian experts as individuals who knew more about our country than we do ourselves. We are sick and tired, Mr. Chairman, of hearing about experts in this country. Nicholas Murray Butler, the late President of Columbia University in New York gives the definition of an expert as follows: "An individual who knows more and more about less and less."

Anyhow, let us see how these estimates from these Canadian experts stand up against the hard facts. Today we are collecting \$10.5 million annually in personal income tax, corporation tax, and death duties (or, as they call it in Canada, "succession duties"). The Canadians say that under confederation they expect to collect from these sources about \$11 million annually. Now, I ask, is this reasonable? Is this an accurate estimate in view of the actual position? The first point is that, under confederation, this particular field of taxation would be far larger than it is now. Also, the Canadian rate of taxation would be higher. Just consider, for instance, the matter of Newfoundland income tax. With us, this tax applies to single persons earning over \$1,000 yearly. But in Canada it takes in everyone who is single and not married, earning over \$750 yearly. In Newfoundland a married man does not pay income tax on earnings up to \$2,000 yearly. In Canada, it takes in persons earning over \$1,500 annually. The ordinary clerk on Water Street earning \$1,000 a year if he is a single man, or if he is a married man and earning \$1,500, under the income tax law he is not allowed to put in his own income tax; the Canadian government does not trust the employee; it is deducted off his salary each month. In Canada today there is \$80-odd million in refunds to be made, some of them to persons who are dead and buried and I hope are in heaven, and to whom the income tax refunds are no good. These were taken by the Canadian government and used during the past seven or eight years.

Will not then this increase in the income tax

brackets place hundreds, and possibly thousands of Newfoundlanders under taxation who are now free? This means that under Canadian income tax laws, all fishermen, loggers, farmers, miners, longshoremen, labourers, stenographers, nurses and clerks who are single and earn over \$750 annually will be subject to income tax, and will not this increase the amount of taxes collected? The same applies to married people earning over \$1,500 yearly. And does it not indicate that when these Canadian experts say that they expect to collect only \$3.2 million from personal income tax annually, that the rest of it is incorrect? I asked about that the other day and the answer they gave me was evasive. They told me, in so many words, to read the Grey Book and I would get the information, as if I had not read it. The most insulting document that ever entered the doors of this assembly. Mr. Chairman, I say they will collect not less than \$4 million annually or nearly \$1 million in excess of the figure they give. And the same thing applies to corporation tax and succession duties, they will also be higher than the misleading figures given us. And there is another feature. With us, no death duties attach to life insurance policies made payable to beneficiaries. But this is not so in Canada. If we enter confederation we will have to pay death duties or succession duties on these policies. And we were told we were not going to have any new taxes! And as we know, in this country there are some hundreds of thousands of dollars paid beneficiaries annually by Canadian life insurance companies. Here again we have an instance where, under confederation, new taxes would be imposed on Newfoundlanders, and consequently we have another source whereby the taxation payable to Canada would be increased. Mr. Fogwill made a breakdown of these taxes. The experts did not come down here and tell us all about these taxes, neither did they give the Ottawa delegation any information.

Mr. Smallwood said that there will be much duty free goods coming in here and that will decrease revenues correspondingly. I want to say that all kinds of goods are coming in here today and those goods originate in the United States — take cotton goods, steel products, Canada has to pay duty on them entering Canada. Did these experts take the invoices in the Customs? Did they get the points of origin of things? Certainly