

places. I maintain that when prices get back to normal, we can't reasonably expect 325,000 people to keep on raising \$40 million in taxes. The progress of a country is limited to the amount of money the people can earn. As a government we shall want to balance our budget, or as near as possible. We realise that the amount of money that Canada is prepared to give us over the first 12 years of union will be a help in trying to get the provincial form of government operative, providing that the Newfoundland people decide to enter into confederation. Our surplus can be used if necessary for certain things which would help our province. There is a provision that a certain amount of it has to be put on interest. This surplus will be a great help to Newfoundland because there are certain things which we need to have done. We want a further extension of our road programme. We shall have certain other needs which will be evident from time to time. I don't fear any great difficulty to arise from the change in taxation if we enter the Canadian confederation. We're going in with a country which is a big and wealthy country. The fact that Canada has got a seat on the United Nations Security Council this year proves that it is not immature politically; but that it is attaining full maturity amongst nations. I had the honour myself of attending one of the sessions last fall when I happened to be in New York. I went to the United Nations meeting. It was quite an experience. I found that the afternoon when I was there the committee on Palestine was meeting for its first session, and all the seats which were ordinarily available for visitors had been occupied....

Mr. Chairman Will you state your point, Mr. Ashbourne?

Mr. Cashin I don't think the United Nations Council has anything to do with this discussion, and there are other speakers to comment.

Mr. Chairman Which is a point well taken, Mr. Ashbourne. Frankly, I can't see what possible connection there can be between the meeting on Palestine affairs to which you refer and the business before the Chair.

Mr. Ashbourne Sir, I was just going to say that I was at that meeting of the United Nations in order to counteract the remark that Canada was immature politically. Canada today is the third largest trading nation.... Her aid to Europe has

been greater than even that of the great United States itself.

It has been mentioned here about the duty that's put on pork and beef coming into Canada from the States. Does any member think here that the cows that grow in the States are better than the cows that grow in Canada? Or the pigs that grow in the States are better than the pigs that grow in Canada? No. Years gone by, sir, I saw some of these animals slaughtered myself in the Canada Packers plant in Toronto, put out in huge quarters, some of them put out in cuts for the Royal York Hotel. Now it's only reasonable to think that there would be some protection granted to Canada on pork and beef coming in there, and I think ... that if we could get all the beef that we want in Canada, there won't be very much coming in from the States at a duty of \$4 a barrel. Flour is being subsidised to a certain extent in Canada, with the result that the Canadian people are paying less for flour than we are. Flour at \$20 a barrel in Newfoundland, it's quite an item, quite an item. I believe also that they're paying a subsidy on soap. You can buy a cake of soap in Canada for 8 cents.... Somebody said the other day there was 126 taxes on a pair of shoes...

Mr. Chairman Mr. Ashbourne, I'd like to address myself to members generally on two points. One is, I would like members to be as brief as they possibly can. The time is running out and I'm not going to permit a filibuster. I'll stop that, if I have to put the closure motion.... I've withheld this motion for 48 hours in order to permit members who had not had the opportunity of addressing themselves on the matter to be afforded the opportunity of so doing.... I have to ask members, will they please at this stage make their remarks as terse and as brief as possible, bearing in mind the fact that there are a number of members who have not had the opportunity of speaking, and again bearing in mind that my purpose in deferring this motion is going to be defeated if one member is going to occupy the floor to the exclusion of other members who are entitled to equal treatment.

The next point, is a request that I want to make, and it arises out of some remarks made by Mr. Smallwood before we went into committee this afternoon, when he directed my attention to the fact that the Hon. R.B. Job would like to speak in

¹Gap in the recording.