

was in those days; I do not think we had anything to be ashamed of along the line of beacons and buoys and lighthouses, considering what the revenue was. Since the Commission of Government came into power, I know of only one lighthouse put on our east coast. I have been out of this country most of the time since Commission government came into power. I hope whatever government we get will remember its first duty is to keep up what our people did in the past. I am sure that those who were in responsible government days have to be proud of what they did in this respect.

Mr. Butt In the estimated expenditures, marine works, 1947-1948 there is the amount of \$670,000.

Mr. Smallwood I am glad Mr. Butt mentioned that. I do not remember offhand what this present government has spent on lighthouses in the last few years; but on marine works generally they have spent immense amounts — breakwaters and harbour improvements made in the last four or five years, it is a striking amount. I cannot answer for lighthouses. I do not know if any or many have been built or improved. What they did spend, they spent during the last two or three years. Before the war they did not have it to spend. If the amounts spent each year by the Government of Canada in the Maritime provinces on these things can be taken as an example, I think we could figure on something over \$1 million on marine works to be spent in Newfoundland for a good many years. We have today something like 300 public wharves. We have public launchways, public slipways, I think we have between 150 and 200. Many of them have been swept away or gone into a bad state of disrepair. There will have to be an awful lot of money spent on marine works to bring them up to a half-decent standard.

Mr. Bailey You mean we had them. I can point to one in Hants' Harbour where the marks only are left; you have to look for stumps. There was an \$80,000 wharf in Hearts' Content — where is it? There is one in New Perlican and I dare you to put a horse on it. They have spent a few dollars in Winterton. The breakwaters in Bay de Verde and Bonavista are memorials to the Commission of Government. They have been sadly neglected.

Mr. Smallwood Sub-section (11). Canada will take over "Marine hospitals, quarantine and the

care of ship-wrecked crews."

I have nothing to add to that. I do not remember anything in the Black Books. The only thing I would add is that we have one marine hospital in Newfoundland. That would become a federal hospital, paid for and operated by the federal government; quarantine and care of shipwrecked crews.

Mr. Bailey I do not think we should pass that without giving credit. I have been hospitalised in many countries; I have had occasion at times to get medical attention for men, and I can pat the authorities on the back, both past and present, for the care given shipwrecked crews in this island. I believe in the care of shipwrecked crews — we had a case of it on Sacred Island¹ — those men will not forget they were shipwrecked in Newfoundland. I can tell our people, those men who had the misfortune to be hospitalised or shipwrecked here; wherever I have been in this world, that has been brought up, the general hospitality and kindness of the people of Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood Sub-section (12). Canada will take over "The public radio broadcasting system" — that is, the Broadcasting Corporation of Newfoundland. I do not know if there is anything in the Black Books. The Broadcasting Corporation of Newfoundland would become part of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission. Although it would be owned and operated by the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, it would remain — we were assured of that — that although it would be taken over and operated by the CBC, it would remain in many ways what it is today; and so far as being a Newfoundland station, it would remain entirely what it is today. The main difference would be that the employees would be federal, paid by the CBC, and stations of the Corporation would carry the Canada news roundup, Canadian news broadcasts, national news and international news. Any programmes originating in Newfoundland, interesting enough to carry on the CBC throughout Canada, would be carried throughout Canada. Then when politics came up, general elections and so on, the speeches of the leaders of the political parties would be broadcast on our stations at the same time as on all stations throughout Canada. Except for these things, our station would go right on as though confederation

¹Near St. Anthony.