

is genuinely concerned as to the accuracy of these figures making up this total of \$20 million, that he can solve the matter and put it beyond doubt. He can ask the Government of Canada, table a question and ask them, will they please give us some of the details on which they worked it out. Mr. Hollett has already done it in regard to the Canadian government figures on what they will spend in Newfoundland. He has not done that exactly, but what he has done is ask for further detail on one item. Here is a table of \$26 million or \$27 million, that is made up of various items, and one of the items is \$9 million that the various federal departments figure they will have to spend in Newfoundland.... The Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries, Transport, Health, and Labour of Canada have to spend money in Newfoundland. Mr. Hollett would like to have the details and he has put in a question. We will get those details. If Major Cashin will put in a question on the details of what taxes they expect to get from Newfoundland we will get it. Then as sensible, practical men we can stand up here and debate this thing to our heart's content, and the people will know the truth. That's the way to do it. In the meantime let's adjourn the Convention and go home and take a rest. I know I need a rest, for one.

Mr. Hickman Mr. Chairman, I think we are doing a lot of yelling and talking about very little. We seem to have overlooked the more important phase of this. We have asked for these questions to be tabled and sent forward, and I think we were agreed that this would take some time to get, and it might not be before we re-assemble in January. I think everyone feels we cannot get out of here without a Christmas recess, but we seem to be overlooking the fact, when we talk about adjourning, that as I understood on Monday we would have some figures to go on with our discussion on a provincial budget, and that's a lot more important than this federal one. This federal one is important because it means the money that the Canadian government will take out of Newfoundland and spend.

Mr. Smallwood And spend?

Mr. Hickman Yes, and spend. But what is more important is: as a Government of Newfoundland, what are we going to get as revenue and expenditure? I think that has a much greater bearing on the people of this country, and they should have

every opportunity to know that. Now that debate, as I thought, we had decided to have on Monday. Why can't we forget this? The questions have gone in and we realise we won't get the answers till January. Let's rise and adjourn until Monday, when we can go on with the provincial discussion, and I don't know, but we might be able to finish by December 15.

Mr. Chairman Before you resume your seat, Mr. Hickman, would you mind? Mr. Hollett, I think, feels that there are matters of interest, other than the purely financial questions, which could be dealt with this afternoon.

Mr. Hickman Well, sir, on that, and going back to yesterday's Steering Committee, there was no such agreement on what we would do, if anything, for one good reason mentioned this afternoon, and yesterday afternoon in the Steering Committee — that the Committee can make no agreements binding on this Convention, and there were suggestions that there was much in this that has no bearing on that question of finance; and the suggestion that this should be brought up or not brought up was discussed; and the very point was made the Steering Committee could decide nothing because it would only be the decision of a few, and the other 34 or 35 members could bring up anything they like as long as it is relevant to what we are discussing, which is these books and the Grey Book, and for that reason there was no such agreement made. In fact there would have been no unanimity because there were men in disagreement there.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Hollett is perfectly correct. All I want to say is that I will have to put the motion for us to rise. If it is adopted, it must of necessity mean that those voting for its adoption do so on the understanding that there is nothing further that can be discussed until the proposed breakdown of figures is introduced by Mr. Smallwood sometime next week.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, if I may, if Mr. Hollett would permit me...

Mr. Hollett I will permit nothing. I have not spoken. I have the floor. I have taken just one word too much from you this afternoon.

Mr. Smallwood You may have to take a lot more yet.

Mr. Hollett I may have to take a lot more yet, but I trust it won't be from you. I don't want any more of that nonsense. I was going to say that I