

municipalities and/or rural or urban communities thereof.

Mr. Smallwood That is quite a tall order to ask the Government of Canada to do, to give you the taxation in every municipality in Canada. If you were to ask the provincial governments of the nine provinces you would get it; after all, it is no concern of the federal government what taxes are collected by some little town council. That concerns the provinces, not the federal government. Frankly, they don't know.

Mr. Bailey Pardon me, Mr. Smallwood, I am

asking the Governor in Commission.

Mr. Smallwood They have got a nice job.

Mr. Bailey No, fairly simple, it is only to ask the government of each of the provinces. I think it is very easy. I think it is something that we should have in the light of what we have got ahead of us. I think this has more bearing on what we have got to do than anything else, when you have to show our people what form of government they have got to go to. Remember we are breaking a new path.

[The Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Fogwill I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission for the following information:

1. To table a statement showing the approximate total amount collected in passenger fares for the year 1946 by all forms of passenger transport....

2. To table a statement showing the approximate total amount collected in passenger fares in Newfoundland for the year 1946 from persons taking passage either by air, steamship, or by rail and steamship to points outside the island.

3. To table information containing the act or the regulations of the Government of

Canada which provides for a 15% transport tax, so that an appreciation of the position as outlined in questions 1 and 2 can be readily assessed.

Mr. Smallwood I give notice to ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission to ask the Government of Canada to state whether in the event of union and the consequent operation of the Newfoundland railway and steamship system by Canada, it would be the policy of Canada to continue in their employment all the employees of the system at the time of union, with the rights and privileges with respect to continuity of employment that are accorded to employees of the Canadian National Railway.

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Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, yesterday we had got as far as clause 7 dealing with what would happen to the public debt. I do not know if the House wants to continue debating that clause or if it is ready to move on to clause 8.

Mr. Cashin I understood from Mr. Smallwood yesterday that we were going to defer this financial section and go on with the others; that we could leave the financial end until we wound up. The financial thing is the main thing. There have been a lot of questions asked to which we have not yet received replies, and I imagine it is going to take time. I would suggest to Mr. Smallwood that we defer from there up to the end of section 14. All that is financial. We could go on from there to representation.

Mr. Smallwood I sympathise with the point made by Major Cashin that the debate on these

clauses under the general heading of Financial Arrangements — clauses 7 to 14 inclusive — might be deferred until replies have been received to the various questions tabled, but I wonder if it would not be as well to go as rapidly as possible through these clauses so that they would be a matter of record. As far as any clause dealt with up until now, the house can revert to them and so with these particular clauses.

Mr. Chairman I am inclined to agree the debate should be deferred; perhaps it might not properly be disposed of by virtue of the fact that there may be some questions arising out of the clauses.

Mr. Cashin This is the most important matter in these terms — the financial section. I suggest a small committee of the House be appointed ... to go into it thoroughly to see where the whole thing fits. The public wants to know all about it; how