

is welcome to that description.

**Indian Affairs Division** — we have no such thing in Newfoundland. (Laughter from Mr. Hollett) There happen to be 300 Indians in Labrador, and many more Eskimos, and I will remind him that in Canada, for the purpose of administration, Indians and Eskimos are all treated as Indians for purely legal reasons. We have many hundreds of them. Mr. Bay Boy may not feel like laughing when I say that the Government of Newfoundland has no such division or department for the welfare of the Indians or Eskimos, of whom there are many hundreds in Labrador.

**Mr. Hollett** I did not laugh. Now that you have got that off your chest...

**Mr. Smallwood** I apologise, but I do not apologise to the member who laughed, whoever it may have been.

**Mr. Bailey** Is it true that we look upon our Indians as not being citizens?

**Mr. Smallwood** Any Indian in Canada can apply for citizenship. Many prefer not to because they get more benefits by not being citizens. In Newfoundland we never even allowed them to be citizens. Until this National Convention we never even gave them a vote. All we gave them was a bit of dole. Let me pass on.

I will pass National Defence, because obviously we have not got an army, or a navy, or an airforce. National Health and Welfare. Treatment of sick and injured mariners. We may treat them as citizens, but we have no particular scheme for treating sick and injured mariners in Newfoundland as in Canada. We will find out more about that as we go through these discussions. Food and Drug Standards — we have that. Public Health Engineering — I don't think we have much of that.

**Mr. Butt** It is only a big word.

**Mr. Smallwood** Oh no, it's more than a big word. Public health engineering means this: a government department that goes into a city or a farm area, or a fishing area, and plans out the actual engineering problems involved in controlling public health, and to prevent all infectious and contagious disease. It is a matter of placing central water supply in places that need it, disposal of sewage, and general public engineering in matters of public health. We have no such department in Newfoundland.

**Mr. Butt** That's the point I am trying to make

all the time. We have no such department, but it can be done and it is done by the government in various departments. According to the standards we have reached in this country we have practically all the things you have mentioned, but they have not got those names, because you have got the very extra big names to handle; but it's the same service.

**Mr. Smallwood** I will watch that. I will tell you the service and we will see if the Newfoundland government does for the Newfoundland people what the Canadian government does for the Canadian people. I will not say whether they have got a department, or a division, or a board, or a committee; we will just take the function. It is the Government of Canada that does it.

**Public Health Engineering. Venereal Disease Control** — yes, we have a limited amount of that in Newfoundland. **Child and Maternal Hygiene** — yes, we have some of that. **Industrial Health** — we have none of that. **Nutrition Service** — and thereby hangs a tale.

**Mr. Miller** On that point of industrial health. Is not that matter being taken care of by the companies concerned?

**Mr. Smallwood** No.

**Mr. Miller** Yes.

**Mr. Smallwood** In part.

**Mr. Miller** The Buchans Mining Company regularly inspect their mines and workers get time off when the doctor suggests it from the public health angle.

**Mr. Smallwood** I am glad Mr. Miller raised that point. I, for one Newfoundlander, am not satisfied to leave the health of the workers in bakeries, mills, and mines and other industrial undertakings in the hands of the owners of these plants. Some owners take their responsibility seriously and do fairly good work. But if it could safely be left to the employers in Newfoundland to look after the health of their employees, it could also be left to the employers of Great Britain and the United States, and you would not have any public department in any country protecting the health of the workers in them. We have not got any public department of industrial health.

**Mr. Fudge** I can assure you that the health of our workmen in the mill or outside, in Corner Brook, is taken care of by that particular company far better than in Sydney. I have seen some of their dumps over there, and around Montreal