

our federal taxes, we will have to find another \$5 million to give the service to the country that the people require.

When we look around we know what we have to have. Take just Public Health and Welfare. We will go through the villages of Newfoundland. It is not because it can't be done, or should not be done, but because the people don't understand. You want a staff of people going through this country just to educate people. If you don't, it will cost money just to prevent ill-health in many cases. There are hundreds and thousands more items that I could think about if I had the time, but I don't want to keep this Convention too long, I just want to emphasise the fact that those taxes have to be raised, and yesterday I brought it down to two localities; I did no harm in what I was trying to do, I wanted to show the responsibility that would fall on the people of the different villages and settlements and towns throughout this country if we have got to put those services in. I believe they should be put in if we have responsible government or Commission of Government. I am sure it should be done if we have Commission government. And then we will have our people saying, "I don't know how much taxes I am paying". Nobody knows. Canadians know, yes the Canadians know. Why does the Canadian and Nova Scotia man know? Because the Nova Scotia man collects the taxes, and not only collects the taxes, but he employs an army — six councillors here and six there and 12 somewhere else to see if those taxes are used right.

That's all I am going to say on this, and I believe there are others wanting to get the floor. I want to emphasise this fact to our people that we cannot go on, and we are not going to go on getting a handout from the federal government of Canada to run this country. Now that's all we talked of so far — handouts. When that time comes we will have a royal commission and what will we find? Perhaps \$100,000 or \$200,000, perhaps \$500,000 being collected for municipal services outside St. John's. What is the royal commission going to say? "Why you are not taxing your people at all — look what our people are paying. You have got to bring it up." And that is the question before us today. Now whether our people are going to have that royal commission down is none of my business, they have got the

vote and let them use it, but for everyone's sake let us realise that they are going to come in and they don't promise anything else. This Grey Book doesn't promise us anything else, and common sense doesn't promise us. That is all I am going to say on this question today.

**Mr. Reddy** Mr. Chairman, during the past several days I've asked myself often if I were dreaming. Everyone of us hears some strange and funny things as we go through life, but a story as fantastic as any I've listened to has been delivered in this house during recent days by the member from Bonavista Centre, Mr. Smallwood, with a straight and solemn face, and up to this moment I am not sure whether or not the member for Bonavista has been playing one of his practical jokes and poking fun at us all the time.

**Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, a point of order. Mr. Reddy is imputing motives to me, and he is out of order in doing so, and every time he does I am going to rise to a point of order.

**Mr. Chairman** Just a moment now, gentlemen, please. Your point of order is predicated upon the assumption that Mr. Reddy is imputing motives to you, Mr. Smallwood.

**Mr. Smallwood** Yes, sir.

**Mr. Chairman** No, I hold that that is just what he has cleverly avoided doing, by virtue of that expression, he says, "I don't know whether or not Mr. Smallwood is playing one of his practical jokes upon us."

**Mr. Smallwood** That itself is a definite imputation. It is casting doubt upon my bonafideness. It is casting doubt upon my honesty and sincerity. He definitely casts doubt. He does not know whether I am doing such and such or not. If that's not an implication, if that's not casting doubt upon my integrity as a member of this Convention, and as one piloting this report, if that's not casting doubt, I don't know what is.

**Mr. Chairman** No, I am afraid I can't sustain you on that point. In effect he says he can't plumb the psychological depths of your mind to know exactly what you are doing. I can't see that he has imputed bad faith or anything else, because he says he does not know. He says, "I don't know whether or not Mr. Smallwood is playing a practical joke."

**Mr. Smallwood** But isn't he bound to assume that I am a man of integrity?

**Mr. Hollett** I rise to a point of order.