

Mr. Smallwood I do not follow you.

Mr. Chairman He wants to know what is the exact relation of the figures set forth on page 30 under the caption or heading "Sick Mariners' Dues by Province" and giving a list of provinces. This is supposed to be a public service provided by Canada. Mr. Harrington directs our attention to the fact that on page 30, immediately opposite the various provinces listed, there are various figures; he wants to know in what way these figures relate to or are tied up with the providing of public services by the Government of Canada.

Mr. Smallwood That is easily explained.... That is revenue received by the federal government in these provinces by that scheme; and expenditure made by the federal government in those provinces.

Mr. Jackman Just before recess I put a question to Mr. Smallwood regarding the personnel of sanatoria. I did that for a certain reason. I do not want Mr. Smallwood to put false hopes in the hearts of those suffering from TB, because there is a real problem we are up against regarding personnel.

Mr. Chairman To which he has already replied. He does realise it, but that will be a matter for the Canadian government to worry about.

Mr. Vardy I think Mr. Smallwood will confirm that that statement was nothing more than conjecture on his part. There may or may not be

sanatoria erected. I think we must stick to this document as nearly as possible — to the written word we have before us.

Mr. Chairman I quite agree. If we concern ourselves with the contents of this document instead of wandering, it would be better.

Mr. Butt This is not my previous conception of what the sick mariners' service was intended to be. I thought the service was intended to take care of people who should become sick while, say, out on the Banks ... but not to take care of long-term illnesses such as TB. That would be open to tremendous abuse. Suppose I was unfortunate enough to believe I had some serious illness while at home. There is no earthly reason, if I could stand on my feet, why I could not get myself signed on as a cookee, and in that way get myself into a hospital free, although I could jolly well afford to pay for hospitalisation. I would like to think about this and get something more precise on the matter.

Mr. Chairman That is your right.

Mr. Butt I think it is rather late in the evening to start a new section like assistance in housing. I therefore move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again tomorrow.

[The committee rose and reported progress. Various items on the order paper were deferred, and the Convention adjourned.]

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[Mr. Fogwill gave notice of questions to be directed to the Governor concerning unemployment in Canada, and the amount of telegraph traffic from Canada to Newfoundland]

Report of the Ottawa Delegation Proposed Arrangements for the Entry of Newfoundland into Confederation Committee of the Whole

[The committee first considered section 4.5, dealing with assistance to housing. Mr. Smallwood read extracts from the Black Book dealing with the National Housing Act. There was no debate on this point, and the committee went on to section 5 dealing with services that would be taken over by the federal government in the event of confederation.]

In connection with the Newfoundland Railway, Mr. Smallwood read a section of the Black Book covering its integration into the Canadian

National Railways system. This report indicated that the Canadian authorities anticipated an expenditure of \$10 million over ten years to rehabilitate the railway. In addition, \$7 million would have to be spent on rolling stock.

Rates of pay would become standard CNR rates.

The Railway deficit would be transferred to CNR.

The Newfoundland Hotel would not be transferred unless the Newfoundland government so

¹Parts of the afternoon session are unavailable either in the transcript or the recording. The report in *The Daily News*, November 26, 1947, has been used to fill these gaps.