

connection is there between that and section 22?

Mr. Bailey Mr. Smallwood brought up the matter of PEI.

Mr. Chairman You have gone astray from the point. PEI entered into the picture in connection with communications under section 4.

Mr. Hollett On that point, we were talking about the surveys of the natural resources of the province. I take it the whole standard of any country or any province will depend on the amount of natural resources?

Mr. Chairman And the development which takes place.

Mr. Hollett And the living standard. For instance, the salaries of teachers would depend on the natural resources of the country. I put it to you that with all these surveys that have been made, say in PEI, they have not yet been able to raise the salaries of their teachers to the standard which we have in Newfoundland now. I was wondering if that was why the delegation to Ottawa cut \$500,000 off the amount of the teachers, so that we could get down to the standard of Prince Edward Island. We are talking about natural resources. We must relate everything else to these natural resources.

Mr. Chairman Did I understand you to make the statement that the educational standard, the salaries of teachers generally in eastern Canada, are lower than Newfoundland?

Mr. Hollett The salaries of teachers in PEI are very much lower than they are in Newfoundland. If you wish me to prove it, I can.

Mr. Chairman I am not interested in the difficulties of the teaching profession in PEI; I am interested in PEI only insofar as it may have a bearing on the correct interpretation of section 22 which is now before the Chair.

Mr. Hollett This economic survey which we are to get from the experts of Canada is not likely to tend to raise the standard of living of our people, if we are to judge by the provinces now existing in Canada.

Mr. Chairman I quite agree with that. The point is this, industrially this country may have great potentialities. Mr. Smallwood tells us PEI never had any.

Mr. Hollett Did Mr. Smallwood say PEI never had any?

Mr. Chairman I understood him to say it should be regarded as a million dollar farm.

Mr. Smallwood I did not say PEI had no industry; I said there were no natural resources except soil and fish.

Mr. Hollett Before Prince Edward Island went into confederation she was one of the richest little countries in the world. She had a huge ship-building industry; a good deal of forestry; good fishing; a splendid farming trade with the USA — the most prosperous little country on the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Bailey said, and I am paraphrasing him, this survey, those experts scouring the island to find out what we have in the way of natural resources, would that put a piece of pork in the barrel? Would that create work and employment? Surely the answer is simple. How long back in his life can Mr. Bailey remember hearing stories of our inexhaustible wealth, our vast natural resources? And it is only this year, 1947, that any government in Newfoundland's history has ever brought in a man to begin to measure how much water-power we have; there is no known check of our minerals; no known check of our timber resources.... It is time we found out just what we have got. When we have found it out, will that put an extra pound of pork in the barrel? Yes, for this reason. We have gone beyond the day when someone could start a little company with \$10,000 or \$15,000, get a grant of a piece of land supposed to contain a mine, and then go out and sell the mine for a million dollars. Today you have to know exactly what you have before capital will show any interest. Let someone show what Newfoundland has, and if we are a province of Canada, and it is found out officially, definite data can be printed and published as to what we have, and there is capital in Canada, the United States and even in Britain to capitalise every last little ounce of the natural resources we have. That is why we need this economic survey. Let us find out what resources we have here....

Mr. Cashin In connection with mining in Canada, Mr. Smallwood, was it through the efforts of the Canadian government that the outstanding gold mines of Canada were brought about?

Mr. Smallwood I will answer in my own way. I will not answer "yes" or "no". I will not be forced into it.

Mr. Cashin Let us take the Lakeshore. That was