

admit that it looks to me that the land settlement in Canada is slightly better, but to what extent I am not prepared to go. You know the government granted an amount up to \$4,500 up on the west coast. They will clear in the first instance ten acres of land, and they will clear that gratis, and by the time the whole scheme is through the veterans will own 50 acres of cleared land and will have a house. The government provides a house and barn partially built and he finishes it, and he will have certain equipment and certain live stock. It is not so bad even for poor little Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood I would like to point out that under that Veterans' Land Act it is not only farmers who receive benefits, but fishermen also, on equal terms with farmers. A veteran who is a fisherman may receive under the act grants and loans and assistance for acquiring a home, a boat, an engine, fishery gear, etc.

Mr. Higgins It is a loan?

Mr. Smallwood No, no, that is veterans.

Mr. Higgins It is a loan under the Farm Loan Act. For fishermen it is also a loan isn't it?

Mr. Smallwood No, no. Under the Veterans' Land Act veterans who are fishing and not farming may receive on equal terms with veterans who are farmers, benefits under the act, the only difference being that the equipment and material that they acquire under the act are for fishing purposes and not for farming purposes.

Mr. Higgins But it is a loan is it not?

Mr. Smallwood No, no. There are loans also, but there are outright grants.

Mr. Chairman Your question, Mr. Watton, is whether or not there is something of a comparable nature in Newfoundland?

Mr. Watton I think that a veteran gets ... well, it is up to \$700 in Newfoundland for a veteran who wants to go fishing.

Mr. Ashbourne It is \$700 in Newfoundland. "A qualified veteran settling on provincial land ... may receive a grant ... for building material ... etc." As he said, the fishermen might figure in under that as well.

Mr. Smallwood Well, I will read the clause. I just found it this minute. It is the Veterans' Land Act. That is in the case of lending war veterans up to \$6,000 for fishery purposes.

Mr. Butt Just to keep the records clear, I think that Mr. Hollett said \$4,500 a minute ago. I would

point out that their estimated figure for the Corner Brook area was \$1.8 million for 300 full-time settlers. That means \$6,000 that the government is to spend for a person in Newfoundland, as I understand it.

Mr. Hollett That is right, but the government will still clear the other 40 acres for them, and that takes up the balance. In connection with that point of fishing, under the Veterans' Land Act: "Those who have had practical experience in commercial fishing, whose normal occupation is in that industry, and who wish to ... officially certified"; I have the list who applied. I do admit that the Land Settlement Act in Canada is better than we have here.

[Mr. Ashbourne then read the time limits applying to various benefits in Canada and Newfoundland.]

Mr. Chairman In view of the fact that I presume that the debate from this time on will be on the financial aspects of the business before us, and it is pretty well a quarter to six, I propose to rise the committee until 8 o'clock; or if members want to open the debate on the financial aspects, they may do so.

Mr. Job Might I ask one question about the last clause: "General Benefits: Newfoundland merchant seamen, like other Canadian merchant seamen, will be eligible for Unemployment Insurance, and Merchant Seamen's Compensation." That, I understand, is contributory. The unemployment insurance, I know, is contributory. As regards merchant seamen, I am not sure. I was wondering if Mr. Smallwood could give us any information as to whether that is contributory. I know our ships will be taxed for that purpose in dealing with that fund; to what extent, I do not know.

Mr. Smallwood I am afraid Mr. Job has missed the point of that clause with respect to unemployment insurance for merchant seamen. That means this: merchant seamen are defined as men who served in the war zone or the danger zone.

Mr. Ashbourne "Dangerous waters."

Mr. Smallwood Yes, that is the term. Merchant seamen who served in dangerous waters are treated, as far as unemployment insurance is concerned, exactly as though they had been soldiers or sailors or airmen. That is to say, for the period they served since June 30, 1941, they are treated as though they had been working in an insurable