

that do not go through Churchill or Vancouver. The ships that pay the light dues, even pay the dues to keep nine lights that are kept in Newfoundland waters. It is all right to compare this with that, but consider the comparison — go in Chaleur Bay, Miramichi Bay, talk to the fishermen, farmers, loggers there, you'll find the same, just like our own folk doing the same. As a Newfoundlander told me at Shediac in 1934, "It's tough", only he emphasised it. Come to Pugwash, lumber, bricks, you see its counterpart in Smith's Sound, PEI, where the annual earnings are even lower than ours, who are looking to Newfoundland for their market for produce, where the farmer is getting about \$1.50 per cwt. for potatoes. Time forbids me quoting other prices. Go to Cape Breton and it is the same, hundreds of farmers gone back to the country their fathers got good livings from. The younger generation has left for the industrial centres, although when God made Cape Breton he smiled on it, he gave it coal, lumber, good farming land and fishing and with Newfoundland ore, it could be a paradise. The raw material is brought to a certain point, then it is taken away to be finished in Ontario or Quebec and as the profits are exported also, what is left is not enough to give the people a good living, and certain parts are slums or a little better.

We go to the Magdalen Islands, they have been forgotten the past few years. They have had a representative who has taken a keen interest in them and who has alleviated their condition somewhat, but before that, like our Labrador, they only lived to produce taxes to be spent somewhere else. Come to south Nova Scotia. The fine fishermen of years ago, unable to bring ends together, have moved away to form the bulk, with Newfoundlanders, of the Boston and New Bedford fleet, which today is using a large number of Newfoundlanders to man their vessels. Always the cry was that taxation was killing them.

I could go on, as their coasts are to me like my own coasts, and I know that if nature would allow us to fish from our homes nearly all the year around ... our people would have a living as good or better than anybody in the world. Our fishermen's season is roughly from three to six months. You'll see there are no bankers outfitting yet in Newfoundland, but the Lunenburg fishermen are gone nearly a month ago. A draft of

saltfish is today \$14 in Nova Scotia and the same at Harbour Grace. I could go on like Tennyson's brook, forever, and tell lots of things about why fishermen here can't make the wages they make to the west.... To pay taxes, you must earn. I did not come to this Convention to study confederation. I discovered Canada early in life, and from the Gaspé coast to the River St. Croix I have a very intimate knowledge of the men who with their hands produce the wealth wrested from land, woods, mines and sea. I have yet to meet one that did not curse confederation, I mean from the rural districts, and my mind goes back to 1912, and we were anchored in the Magellan Strait, awaiting daylight. The second mate and myself were on the bridge, and there the talk turned to confederation. He had been master of one of Nova Scotia's last iron windjammers. He said, "Charlie, if our fathers had any savvy and formed a confederation of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI and Newfoundland, the world would be a worthwhile place for us today." He told me that at the time of confederation we had a large fleet of ships, and if we had joined hands then, nobody could have touched us. All four provinces owned their own homes and lands, we could have sailed ships cheaper than any of the rest of the world. We could have been a maritime nation as we had the men, and that's a country's best asset. "But", he said, "we were forced into confederation, you stayed out. Britain did not want any rivals in the maritime field and here are you and I working under what is to us a foreign flag." The ship was registered in Britain, owned in the United States. I could see it then, as he pointed it out to me, I believe that would be confederation worthwhile.... Nova Scotia cannot get a break now as all the money is in Ontario and God did not intend them to be sailors.

I have given this deep thought and I am firmly convinced even if the people vote against it, we will go into confederation unless we watch our balance. For it is a \$64 question how Nova Scotia got in at that time. The Nova Scotia elections went terrible against the confederation, 54 out of 57 seats being against it. The House of Commons was advised by a very able member, Mr. John Bright, not to include Nova Scotia, but to allow the general election to take place to ascertain the opinion of the colony; but the government and the House was deaf to this counsel.... They went