

a job in British Columbia, must go or forfeit his insurance benefit, is a wrong idea. That is not the case.

Mr. Fudge I take it for granted that if a man is sick and unable to appear in person at the unemployment office, he is out of luck as far as getting his unemployment insurance is concerned?

Mr. Smallwood The Unemployment Insurance Commission has a good many offices — a couple of hundred or more opening up in various parts of Canada — but not every worker becoming unemployed is near one of those offices. In Newfoundland, suppose they opened two, one in St. John's and one in Corner Brook. A man in Fortune Bay or Green Bay cannot be expected to come personally to St. John's or Corner Brook; but he must report that he is employable, able and willing to work. Forms are provided for that purpose. An unemployed man cannot be expected to travel from St. Anthony to St. John's or from St. John's to St. Anthony, that would be too utterly foolish....

Mr. Fudge I would suggest, if at all possible, to have produced one or two forms which an unemployed person has to fill in — let us see what obligations there are. Let us see if there is not something in what I have referred to. Furthermore, if the logger in Corner Brook is unemployed and he is seeking his insurance, and he has to go to Prince Edward Island or North Sydney to work on a farm, I am of the opinion, should he refuse, he would not get unemployment benefits. When we get the form, we will see exactly what the obligations are.

Mr. Smallwood I will do better than that. I will put a question to the Government of Canada who will put it to the Unemployment Insurance Commission on these points.

Mr. Fudge I am aware that there are quite a number of unemployed throughout Canada at this very moment — I have figures here, which I am satisfied are correct, that there are 114,828 unemployed. Some of those, I am informed, are not getting unemployment insurance. I do not know why. It may be because of the fact that they refused to take employment elsewhere. I am also in possession of information which says that 2,906 Polish veterans were brought into Canada...their contract is for two years, they are hired at the rate of \$45 a month. I do not think

that would suit a logger from Corner Brook or Point Leamington or anywhere else — to have to take employment on the farms for \$45 a month and found. One more item, I wonder if Mr. Smallwood made any inquiries as to what taxes or licence fee the fishermen would have to pay by way of trap berths?

Mr. Smallwood In the matter of charging fees or licenses for setting various traps and other kinds of fishing gear, ... it is the provinces who set the amount; it is then gazetted by the Fisheries Department of Canada. If Mr. Fudge wants it, I have it for the Province of Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the actual fees charged. If Newfoundland were a province, if any fees were charged for placing fishing gear in the water, that would be a matter entirely for the province.... The whole matter of regulating berths is entirely provincial; and is done on the word of the local provincial authorities, and is then gazetted by the Department of Fisheries....

Mr. Higgins Could we not raise these questions at the particular time?

Mr. Fudge This is a very important matter. I would like to tell the fisherman, if we had confederation, if it is good or bad. I may be fishing next month myself.

Mr. Chairman I think you are properly entitled to put your questions.... It is proposed that the debate on 7 to 14 be deferred. That should not be regarded as closure as far as members are concerned, to re-opening questions on preceding sections. As I have already ruled, you are entitled to raise the questions.

Mr. Fudge There are a number of men within the hearing of my voice who may have to pay 50 cents per capita whilst fishing. I take it that whatever the province collects by way of taxes is for the purpose of raising sufficient money to run the province.

Mr. Cashin The Newfoundland Hotel has cost the country somewhere around \$450,000. In addition, it has lost money since. Same thing applies to Canada. In Ottawa, they have the Château Laurier, that hotel has cost enough to buy out Newfoundland in losses over the last number of years. But they have to have it. With regard to public wharves, in Canada today they have a Harbour Commission. Take Halifax or the City of Montreal, all those places are operated under