

it is compulsory to tax property, or compulsory to have such municipal governments. Nevertheless, some communities might consider it to their advantage to ask for a town council, and the people there would elect their representatives and decide the amount of tax to be imposed on the people. I'm merely pointing this out to show that I am not against municipal government, if certain improvements could be carried out with the small taxation the people of the place can afford.

Newfoundlanders residing in Canada. It is being stated that there are over 100,000 Newfoundlanders or descendants of Newfoundlanders residing in Canada. In Verdun, Quebec, alone there are over 11,000, most of them hold responsible positions there. Some of them employ large numbers of men. With very few exceptions they are strong in their conviction that Newfoundlanders would benefit by confederation.

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, can Mr. Starkes produce that figure?

Mr. Chairman I have the statement made by him, which will be passed or rejected by members as they see fit.

Mr. Starkes Mr. Chairman, the other day when Major Cashin was talking, he got up on his high horse and put up a wonderful kick because I just said a few words — once, and I was stopped. It seems that there's something getting under his skin this afternoon.

Mr. Cashin Did you say the people of Verdun said that they were in favour of Newfoundland going into confederation?

Mr. Starkes Mr. Chairman, I have the floor, not Major Cashin.

Mr. Chairman I had to rule you out of order when you interrupted Major Cashin at that particular time, I recall the incident quite clearly.... I ruled against you on that occasion and consistency will not permit me to do otherwise now. I have to rule Major Cashin out of order.

Mr. Starkes Unemployment. There is unemployment at the present time in Canada as well as in Newfoundland, the number there being around 65,000 or a half of 1%. The number unemployed in Newfoundland is very much higher proportionately. Canada is bringing monthly over 10,000 people from Europe, so this would indicate that the country is in flourishing condition. Prime Minister King stated some time

ago that there were more people employed than at any other time. The federal government has set up an advisory committee of experts who are advising on public works to be started in a period of recession. They have allocated in the last few months \$400 million worth of new public works to cushion this recession period, and they propose some very large expenditures this year. Taking all in all, if conditions get bad in the world the Canadian unemployed will be better off than in Newfoundland. For instance in 1934 there were 80,000 unemployed Newfoundlanders living on 6 cents a day. At that period, in the whole of Canada, you could not find from coast to coast 80,000 living in such poverty. This is a very serious matter, and the people should endeavour to find out the truth for themselves, and not be guided by the ravings of a few who may not be working in the best interests of the people as a whole.

Mr. Burry As this debate proceeded ... I found myself, sir, more and more satisfied with the conclusion that I was able to come to from a few months ago, after we finished our work in Ottawa. That conclusion is that the political, economical, and industrial life of this country should be more closely tied in with the great neighbour of ours to the west, if we are to avoid some of the pitfalls that we have experienced in the past. I am very conscious that it is easy to make a statement like that. But I can assure you that I have not come to that position easily, or by any haphazard process of reasoning. It has not been a hasty decision, and I don't think I have been persuaded by sentiment. I certainly do not have any political aspirations. I have been often kidded since I went to Ottawa that I might get a senatorship but I have no aspirations for that at all. I certainly do not want to take any part in federal or provincial politics.

Mr. Higgins You'll get your senatorship in the next world.

Mr. Burry That may be, sir. I hope that we all will. I have got enough politics during the past 15 or 16 months, although I must say that I am not too disappointed with the way that things have gone here in this National Convention that has been so much abused by the public. I am not disgusted with our discussions here, and the way they have been carried out. There have been some pretty rough spots and I've felt sometimes like