

Mr. Smallwood No, I want it put in the budget. We may have to pay them a royalty or stumpage, but we have got to have timber for these people.

Mr. Burry I would like to express my satisfaction about this supplementary report dealing with Labrador area. When the report came in first I was very reluctant to accept the figures of 50 to 100 million cords in Labrador, but now that we have the result of this survey made by the Bowater Pulp and Paper Co., which is reliable, I am satisfied that we do have a very fine bulk of timber in Labrador.... On this 6,000 square miles there is 25 million cords of wood, and that territory is drained by the great rivers of Labrador, Hamilton, Nascopie, Goose, etc. It is a wide area and takes in the lower waters of these rivers. I was pleased that Mr. Lewin says that it is possible to put in a sulphite mill in that area. The supplementary report speaks of a paper mill going up on the southwest coast. Labrador will be pleased to be able to feed that mill. I always had doubts of that but Mr. Lewin knows what he is talking about, and he says it is possible. Of course that will be one of the conditions under which any concessions are given for this timber.

I have been tempted to ask for roads, etc. for Labrador, but I don't think we should take up the time for that. I do ask your indulgence for a few minutes about the possibilities of the sulphite mill. We have 130 - 140 families in this area that are going to be robbed almost completely of their means of livelihood down through the ages. They are trappers, and go far afield, and when this wood cutting project starts in these rivers, naturally it is going to destroy the trapping grounds, not only in the immediate vicinity but it will bring in other outside people who will not observe the customs and unwritten laws of these people under which they have been trapping all these years. These have been observed religiously among the people. Their trapping grounds 200 miles away are going to be destroyed and their work spoilt. It will take a long time for them to change from that to wood cutting, and they are very much afraid of it. I think it is of great importance that whatever government is in power in the future Labrador is going to be represented on it, and this will be a point brought out at that time. I want the members to bear this in mind, when they do become members of the next government of Newfoundland....

Mr. VincentThe outlook as far as forestry is concerned appears for the year just opened to be one of continued and reasonably profitable activity. The records for 1945-46 show a total export value of our forest industries that exceeded \$20 million, and at present the demand for woodsmen far exceeds the available supply. The overall picture is fairly optimistic. Mr. H.M. Spencer Lewin, General Manager of Bowaters voiced opinions which amply justify our optimism.

The forest industries have progressed to such a degree that today they occupy the position of the major asset in terms of comparative values; and the fact that they are not subject to the extremes of booms and depressions which so characterise our fisheries, makes them figure still more prominently in the economic life of our country. Worthy of special notice is the fact that the output of our mills have been sold ten years in advance. This bespeaks sound markets and a healthy demand for our products, and while it must be clearly understood that the ten year contract is naturally at the then market price, it nevertheless portrays a very flourishing condition for our newsprint industry.

The tragic fire at Glovertown recalls to us the value of reforestation and the importance of a competent forest fire patrol. It would be criminal negligence on the part of corporations and people not to do everything to prevent a repetition of such wanton destruction of our God-given wealth. Reforestation is of great importance, and if our forests are not to be depleted, the government should replace the present passive policy of awaiting natural regrowth by a vigorous well-planned programme of reforestation. Labrador, a vast potential of unknown wealth, may in the near future contribute in substantial measure to the stability and growth of our economy.... But are the men who have to live from our forest resources just one big, happy and prosperous family? After such a pleasant prospect it is tragic to introduce a negative note, but I have a letter here from a constituent of the District of Bonavista Centre, and many such letters came to me last week.

I have said that I am not greatly interested in forms of government; as far as I am concerned, whatever's best administered is best. But I am gravely concerned about the alienation of the last