

cally opposite as to be impossible of reconciliation, that has nothing whatever to do with it. You are not justified in imputing dishonesty or any intention on Mr. Hollett's part to convey a misleading situation to this House, or a lie, and before I can allow you to go on I will have to ask you to withdraw that statement.

Mr. Smallwood I will withdraw it — unqualifiedly.

Mr. Chairman Now please be a little more...

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Hollett made the statement yesterday that whatever we import from Canada, whatever else we would import we would pay duty on. I say that is not so, that about half of all the things that Canada imports come into Canada duty free; and if we become a province of Canada and we import goods from countries other than Canada, whatever came in from Canada would be duty free (that would be the bulk of it); but if we still imported things from other countries ... we would pay the customs duty according to the Canadian customs tariff....

Mr. Hollett Everybody understands that.

Mr. Smallwood Well, if everybody understands it, why did Mr. Hollett make the remark yesterday that if we become a province, except for the things we would import from Canada itself, we would pay duty on the rest?

Mr. Chairman That is Mr. Hollett's opinion.

Mr. Hollett On dutiable goods, yes.

Mr. Smallwood But I am trying to show that his opinion is wrong.

Mr. Hollett That I am a *liar*!

Mr. Chairman In matters of opinion a man may reasonably differ. Mr. Hollett is entitled to his opinion for the same reason that you are entitled to yours.

Mr. Smallwood He expressed his opinion and I am expressing mine. My opinion is based on the fact that about half the imports that come into Canada come in duty free.

Mr. ChairmanI am trying to preserve to members the dignity and respect to which they are entitled. No member can afford to disregard what each needs for his own protection.... Now I suggest to you Mr. Smallwood, I think it is in the best interest, if you would please refrain from personalities. If you want to discuss the merits of Mr. Hollett's speech and to express yourself in agreement or disagreement that is your inalienable right, but please, in so doing, do not

identify your observations with personal discrimination, and if you do that I am sure we will get along very well.

Mr. Smallwood Yes sir, I will certainly attempt not to do so. I have a note here which I wrote yesterday while Mr. Hollett was speaking, and the note I have made was that he said such and such, and that is his right to express that opinion. Now I am now offering my opinion, which is the exact opposite.

Mr. Chairman Which can be offered offensively or inoffensively, depending on the manner and language employed.

Mr. Smallwood Well now, since I withdrew the thing I did withdraw have I been offensive, sir?

Mr. Chairman You are on very thin ice, but however, Mr. Smallwood...

Mr. Smallwood Yes, I say if we become a province of Canada everything that we import from Canada would come in duty free — everything. If we import anything from other countries then we will pay duty, if there is a Canadian duty on it.... Half the value of all they import into Canada comes in duty free, and the rest of it comes in at a lower rate of duty than our own present customs duty.... We know if we become a province of Canada, anything we do import into Newfoundland not from Canada would come in at much lower rates of duty on an average than we are paying now in our own customs tariff. Now that's that.

I have another note here. Mr. Hollett said that, "If Newfoundland goes into confederation Canada will man the American bases, probably with skeleton crews, and in that case 3,500 Newfoundlanders will lose their jobs." I presume he means the 3,500 Newfoundlanders that he assumes are now working on these American bases. That is a remarkable statement for a man to make. No one has brought any evidence, still less brought any proof. It is just a statement of a personal opinion, that if we become a province the Americans will be forced out of Newfoundland, out of these bases that they occupy now, and that therefore the Newfoundlanders that are working on the bases will lose their jobs because Canada would occupy those bases with her own soldiers.

Mr. Chairman That is not strictly correct. The conclusion arrived at by Mr. Hollett was based upon a communication received from the