

any dole in the next few years. When Major Cashin brings in the Finance Report showing the prospective expenditure, let him start off by saying that \$6 million a year is the amount the government has to spend, and not a cent less, on social welfare.

Referring to this section "Impact on Disease" — we are talking only to Newfoundland people and let us face it. It was only in the second last government (of which Major Cashin was a member) that they brought in the Health and Welfare Act. In the next government — the Alderdice government — that was acted upon a little further. When the Commission came in with some money from the British Treasury they went further. This has started in the last 15 or 16 years only, and since that attention has been paid to social services and social welfare. Because it is new we have a lot of leeway to make up before we catch up with other countries in the standard of social services. There is not a man here who would suggest it is wrong for the government to give more and more attention to social welfare.

I do honestly and sincerely congratulate the Commission of Government upon expanding — not starting — what the Squires government began, and what the Alderdice government continued. We in Newfoundland have become more prosperous in the last five or six years thanks to the war, when the money began to flow in, and we began to give the Commission of Government more money in taxes. I congratulate them for spending more on public health. It is a trend in the right direction....

Mr. Butt As we had some discussion on the *Lady Anderson* about the justification for the money spent on her, I would like to ask just one more question, has the *Lady Anderson* any X-ray equipment? I am thinking of TB and the possibility of doing an enormous amount of good if the X-ray equipment were installed on that *Lady Anderson*.

Mr. Ashbourne In replying to Mr. Butt's question, I might say there is no X-ray equipment on the *Lady Anderson*. I quite appreciate the fact that it would be a good idea to equip this vessel with an X-ray....

Mr. Butt When we were discussing the opening of the new sanatorium on Topsail Road there seemed to be some doubt as to whether there were any more patients in the hospital since the new

building has been opened. Is there any difficulty in the way? Why are there not more patients?

Mr. Ashbourne I have here a letter from Dr. Bennett. There are now 350 patients at the Sanatorium; 250 of these are in the new naval hospital; 150 patients were transferred out of the former sanatorium and 100 new patients have been admitted. There are still 100 patients in the old hospital, making a total of 350 now left. The new hospital, which was taken over from the Canadian naval authorities, will hold 35 more and these will be admitted soon, making a total of 285. These new patients will be admitted as soon as staff is available. There are 100 patients now in the former sanatorium and 130 will be admitted after renovation; which will then give capacity to the old sanatorium of 230 — which added to the 285 capacity of the naval hospital, will give a grand total of 515 patients. Further accommodation above this figure will need new construction of the wings of the naval hospital....

One point as regards the Sanatorium, it seems to me that they have only a skeleton crew of nurses. It is a sad affair. It seems to me there is great danger of some of these nurses being run off their feet. Some of the patients I spoke to there had been in the nursing service, and picked up the germ and have become victims and naturally they require hospitalisation. There is a big shortage of nurses....

Mr. Butt I wonder if the Committee gave consideration to the question of care or follow-up treatment of people who have been in the Sanatorium?.... In my opinion one of the most hopeful signs that I have seen as far as welfare is concerned in the last few years is the organisation of the TB Association, for the reason that it has grown out of the people of Newfoundland and is not a purely governmental organisation. It involves a principle which to me is of the utmost importance, that it is out of the people themselves must grow all the institutions which will make Newfoundland better and increase her social welfare developments.

Mr. Ashbourne I do not know definitely what follow-up treatment the doctors have as regards the patients, but I would take it that in these institutions they have some such plan. In the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital at Twillingate, every patient who leaves that institution is given a slip signed by Dr. Olds advising what that