

further new road building to the extent of \$3.5 million a year for years to come, a lot of which goes in for labour. Let us forget all that, and go on to Public Health and Welfare, and this too is our obligation as a province. One would have thought that since the Ottawa delegation had cut out \$3.5 million road and building construction, they would have budgeted for an increase in the estimate for Health and Welfare. That, to me, would have been the obvious thing to do. But no, this is what they do: they cut out \$235,000 on account of reconstruction, and \$828,000 on account of assistance to the poor and allowance to widows and orphans, maintenance of hospitals and general public health services and reduce the estimate from \$5,830,239 to \$4,767,239 as the amount required. For the moment let us turn to page 60, book 2. They cut out assistance to indigents, \$250,000; general public health service, \$50,000. If I remember correctly it was intimated to us that \$278,000 maintenance to hospitals was cut out by the delegation to Ottawa because under confederation supplies coming in for hospitals would cost less, and we would be able to reduce the amount by cutting off \$278,000. They have intimated that. I see nothing in the estimates for the maintenance of servicing of the Corner Brook hospital. You cannot see where they cut out \$50,000 except for nutrition for schools and child welfare. Why must we give up the proper servicing of our hospitals simply for the honour of being a province of Canada? I have the greatest respect for the Dominion of Canada for what she did in the last war. You may respect a person or a country, but that does not justify your cutting out services to your own people and reducing them to pauper-ism. This is something we cannot pass over lightly, and so we must add to this estimate of theirs \$1,068,000, even if we allow for no further improvements and allow no increase whatever by way of relief. That brings to my mind that they also cut out \$10,000 for relief on Labrador. The minimum on account of expenditures with Newfoundland as a province would be:\*

You cannot do it for less. I defy any man to prove

to me he can. People have to be taken care of in this day and generation, and in every day and generation, I hope. Against this expenditure we shall have as revenue, as already pointed out, for the next three years, \$12 million. Thus the balance sheet for Newfoundland for the next three years will look like this:

Expenditure	\$17,269,000
Revenue	\$12,000,000
Deficit	\$ 5,269,000

Thus by cutting out the following on reconstruction plans already envisaged on the following accounts, that is to say:

Fisheries	\$ 614,500
Public Works	3,500,000
In all	\$4,144,500

Cutting out all that, we shall still have a deficit of \$5,269,000 per year for the first three years as a province of Canada. But were we to try to carry out the programme for fisheries and for public works, we should have a deficit of \$9,383,500.

Figures do not lie; rather do they give us the lie if we do not heed them. Surely we, as a body of 45 men who should have the best interests of our people at heart, need no further evidence to prove that this so-called fair and equitable basis of union with Canada is nothing more than a financial and economic mirage, leading us on to the desert of economic stagnation and financial ruin from which we should never recover and from which we can never as a country return. Underneath a thick spread of oleo-margarine we find nothing but a crust of black bread in which rot and mould have already set in. What attempts have the Ottawa delegation and their wizard financial friends in Canada's capital made to make up this deficit of \$5,269,000, not to say anything of our plans for reconstruction? Taking a leap in the dark they pounced on gasoline and stuck on a tax which they say will yield \$750,000; and having got thus far they merely hinted at possible additional provincial taxation of \$1 million. What this taxation which will bring in \$1 million is, they do not tell us.

This is a plain fact, gentlemen. Under confederation Ottawa will collect from our people

*	Amount suggested by the Ottawa delegation	\$15,400,000
	Extra on account of Education	900,000
	Extra on account of Natural Resources	801,000
	Extra on account of Health and Welfare	1,068,000
	Making a total of	\$17,269,000