

highly unfair to the intelligence of our people to bring up these matters. Everybody knows that in this country, as in every other country, there are people out of work. I am told that last fall in the Maritime provinces there were 30,000 people out of work. They had some work in Ontario and Quebec, and as a result 3,000 workers in the Maritimes had to migrate to Quebec to get work. You have it there, in the USA, in Great Britain, and all over the world. Let us look at the general aspect and not pick out a few isolated cases. It is unfortunate that we have those isolated cases, but you will have them under whatever form of government you have to rule this country. You are bound to have them. If the Finance Committee were unfair in painting what has been called too rosy a picture of our economy, if they were not honest in that, does that smack more of dishonesty than getting up and picking out a few isolated cases, and holding them up to our people, and trying to persuade them that this country is rotten at heart?

That's all I have to say, Mr. Chairman. Major Cashin and his Finance Committee have done a good job. The things that were not in the report they left to the imagination of this Convention. They did not think they were talking to a crowd of children. Everybody knows about these isolated cases, and it is much more dishonest to bring in isolated cases, and try to convince our people that all is not right with the world.

**Mr. Chairman** I wish members would clearly remember that I am not going to permit imputations of dishonesty towards the Finance Committee, any member of the Finance Committee, or any member of this House.... I can express no opinion on the merits or demerits of the report, but in fairness to the compilers, I have to say that it certainly represents an honest to goodness endeavour on their part to present the potentialities of this country as they see them, and the fact that their conclusions may not be universally agreed to by no means lays the foundation for the allegation that they were dishonest in the discharge of what may fairly be regarded as a very onerous duty, to say the least. I hope that I will hear no more suggestions of dishonesty, or imputations of dishonesty....

**Mr. Burry** Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one short comment in reply to Mr. Hollett. I don't see by what stretch of his imagination he could

charge me with even thinking that the Finance Committee was dishonest.... I think Major Cashin and his Finance Committee did that work with all honesty, sincerity and patriotism. I give them that credit, and I only hope that they can give me the credit of being honest, sincere and patriotic in my criticism.

**Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, I said last night that I had no intention of making any further contribution to this debate, and I don't intend to make a speech now. There are just two points made by Mr. Hollett in comment on the speech delivered here yesterday by Mr. Bradley, upon which I would like to offer my own interpretation. Mr. Hollett referred to the fact that Mr. Bradley took a period of 50 years of the government's history, beginning 1890 and ending 1939, leaving the war, this late war, out of the picture altogether. Surely it was clear to everyone who heard that speech that Mr. Bradley did that for a purpose, that he named his purpose, he described his purpose; he was examining the contention of the Economic Report that our present revenues are due to anything but the war.

**Mr. Chairman** As a matter of fact, on that point Mr. Miller rose to a point of order and I ruled on it, and said that it was obvious that he was setting out to prove that very thing, or trying to prove it.

**Mr. Smallwood** Yes, he pointed out how the Economic Report was claiming that our swollen revenues are due to anything but the war.... That was the whole point he was making, to show that the report was wrong in its conclusion, he giving his conclusion that the war did swell these revenues.

I would not be attempting, Mr. Chairman, to make any comment whatever on Mr. Bradley's speech if it were not for the fact that he is not here. He had not been out of doors for two weeks when he came here yesterday. He came here, delivered his speech and went back immediately to his room and had to change every stitch of clothing — he was soaking wet. He is not at all well.... Just this point about the government in 1941 signing the bases agreement with the United States government. Mr. Bradley said they had not done it under compulsion. I remember that he did say that, and I remember also that I got this impression from what he said: that it was not under the compulsion of the United States government, and I agree with him completely. The Government of