

upon the question, I must allow it.

Mr. Reddy Mr. Higgins has quoted something; Mr. Smallwood elaborated on it; could I quote a headline from *The Family Herald*?

Mr. Chairman No. We must draw the line somewhere. You will appreciate that I allowed the distinguished member to quote from a speech made by the Premier of Prince Edward Island; if Mr. Smallwood or any other member proposes to introduce something from the same source, then I must allow it. But as to the *Family Herald*, I am not prepared to recognise it.

Mr. HarringtonMr. Higgins has quoted from some documents, the greater part of which we have before us; some sections we did not have. Apparently, as far as I can make out, these sections are in the possession of other members of the delegation. If that is the case in connection with the Railway, have members other sections? I think that is a fairly serious matter. We had quite a fuss a while ago about another delegation that went to London; some members were in possession of certain information, others were not, and it was agreed that it be produced.

Mr. Chairman If you send a delegation anywhere and they bring back any information, surely it belongs to members. If there are excerpts which should be in these Black Books for our benefit and for the benefit of the country, I think we should have them all. There may be in existence some supplementary documents or information not generally in possession of members. If that is so, we would like to get it for members.

Mr. Smallwood The position is this: there was a committee of the Ottawa delegation appointed to meet with a committee from the Government of Canada to discuss the question of the Newfoundland Railway, with a view to finding out what problems would be brought up if the railway system were to be taken over by the Canadian government. That Canadian committee consisted of the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier; Deputy Minister of Transport, Commander Edwards; the Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways, the President of the Clarke Steamship Company and other officials. We handed over to them what information we had about the Railway. They asked for still more and we sent back to Newfoundland and got that information. With all the information we had given them, the Canadian National Railways and ship-

ping experts got their heads together....

Mr. Chairman I am not interested as to what the personnel of any particular committee was, or the negotiations of the respective committees or delegations; what I am interested in dealing with is the point raised by the member for St. John's West, Mr. Harrington, in which he expresses the fear that because we have already discovered in the possession of one or more members some information which has not been generally made available, there may be other such information, and he raised the question, quite properly, whether such information is to be made available to members. The point I would like you to address yourself to is whether there is in the possession of that Ottawa delegation information in any form which has not been made available. If so, have you any objection to this information being made available to members, and if so, why so?

Mr. Smallwood It is exactly on that point that I am addressing you. I do not know any other way to do it.

Mr. Chairman You know all right.

Mr. Smallwood As one member of that delegation, I am not going to have it hinted or suggested that anything is being kept back — not by you, sir.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Harrington is raising the question; I want it disposed of.

Mr. Smallwood I say, the Canadian National Railway and steamship experts having been given what information we could give them, then made on their own ... a study of our railway and steamship system, insofar as they could make a study on the information they had. There was not the time to come to Newfoundland and make a study of the Railway on the spot. They took the data and information that we gave them, and on that information they wrote a report on our railway and steamship system, not for the Newfoundland delegation, but for their employers — the Government of Canada. I have never seen it, but I was informed that it was a long report. A small extract from that report was provided to the members of the Transportation Committee of the Ottawa delegation. I received a copy of it, and no doubt Mr. Higgins received a copy of it, and he has quoted from it this afternoon, and whoever was the other man.

Mr. Higgins Mr. Ballam.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Ballam was the other mem-