

**Mr. Smallwood** I think not. That is not supposed scales of pay which are in fact paid. That is a list; if anyone gets such and such a scale, he pays such and such an amount — nowhere does it say these are rates payable in Canada. I am sure Mr. Jackman does not think those are the rates being paid.

**Mr. Jackman** It is quite possible that the Canadian government would not allow workers to be paid \$5.40 a week; but it must be possible, or it would not be here. Would you say there is a possibility employers pay \$5.40 a week?

**Mr. Smallwood** If on the dial of a new motor car — the speed limit is 90 miles — it does not say it goes to 120 because that is on the dial. And for the same reason they must be paid \$5.40 because it is in the books. Could we go on?

**Mr. Hollett** I do not think Mr. Smallwood is going on until we get this properly clarified. Mr. Jackman, being a labour man, has raised this point and Mr. Smallwood wants to evade the whole issue. If somebody is earning such and such he will be taxed this or this. Where did Mr. Smallwood get these figures from? Are they figures for Canada?....

**Mr. Smallwood** I have no comment to make.

**Mr. Chairman** He has promised that the information will be sought from official quarters.

**Mr. Jackman** Mr. Smallwood has no comment to make — apparently he is not quite sure if they will get this amount.

**Mr. Chairman** He did not say that.

**Mr. Jackman** I say it. If the Canadian government is satisfied to allow an employer to pay out \$5.40 to a human being, I would not consider that under the heading of "wages". I would consider it under the heading of "slaves". That is the slave wages that I object to.

**Mr. Hollett** I would like to draw your attention to the fact that these books are brought to us, and we are supposed to base our opinion as to whether or not we should like confederation on these books....

**Mr. Smallwood** Sub-clause (4), "Sick mariners' benefits for merchant seamen and fishermen, as provided under the Canada Shipping Act, 1934, and amendments".... If the members will turn to Volume 2, page 28,<sup>1</sup> they will find further information about the sick mariners' scheme.

**Mr. Hollett** May I ask who are the officials

concerned in this particular division?

**Mr. Smallwood** They would be the officials in the Department of National Health and Welfare.

**Mr. Hollett** They would be?

**Mr. Smallwood** They are.

**Mr. Hollett** Are the conclusions of these officials to be accepted by this assembly?....

**Mr. Job** May I ask whether these levies apply to every ship that enters, whether foreign or otherwise?

**Mr. Smallwood** That applies only to Canadian ships.

**Mr. Job** Are you quite sure of that?

**Mr. Smallwood** Quite sure. It would apply to our ships and boats only if we were a province. The scheme very briefly is the skipper of any fishing boat or schooner, by paying at least \$2 a year or 6 cents a ton of his registered tonnage, brings himself and his whole crew for a whole year under the scheme. He and his crew are entitled to free hospitalisation and treatment. I am sorry Mr. Higgins is not here at the moment. He was present when we were informed in Ottawa by the Department of Health.... They told us, in connection with fishermen's hospitalisation scheme, that they planned to erect in Newfoundland two or three small TB sanatoria along the coast, because quite a proportion of the sickness that would occur under the scheme would be TB, and treatment would require not an ordinary hospital but rather a sanatorium...

**Mr. Hollett** Was that for fishermen?

**Mr. Smallwood** That is for any person coming under this scheme, free hospitalisation, or an almost free scheme for mariners and fishermen.

**Mr. Bailey** This last section seems to be all up in the air. "The ship to which he belongs." It is customary all my lifetime, if you get a sick man on the Banks, you send the man in, in another vessel. Apparently in this case you would have to come to land yourself to get him hospitalised.

**Mr. Smallwood** In the case of a fishing vessel it has not left the country at all. She is in coastal waters.

**Mr. Hollett** I would like to draw to your attention the fact we in this country have a scheme whereby people who contract TB are properly taken care of. It not only applies to fishermen, it applies to the country as a whole. I wonder would Mr. Smallwood tell us about that. Do not tell us

<sup>1</sup>In the Black Books.