

item what would not be in it if we become a province, and the total is \$11 million. Now that \$11 million off \$25 million, and what is left? What is left is what the provincial government would have to find and the amount, if my arithmetic is right, is \$14 million. On the basis of the estimate of the Economic Committee, which I did not make and which is not my estimate, if we take off from that those expenditures and expenses which the Government of Newfoundland would not have to pay if we became a province, what would be left for the provincial government to find would be \$14 million, not \$17 million as Mr. Hickman suggested, not \$19 million as Mr. Hollett suggested, not even the \$15 million that I brought in myself.

Mr. Higgins It is still repetitious. Can't we go on?

Mr. Smallwood I will walk out. I will resign myself. I will hold myself in sir, but...

Mr. Chairman Now, Mr. Smallwood...

Mr. Smallwood I don't want to turn on Mr. Higgins, but if I do someone will be hurt, and I won't be the one that will be hurt.

Mr. Higgins So what, Mr. Smallwood?

Mr. Smallwood You will find out if I turn on you.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Smallwood, you are not going to turn on any other member, nor is any other member going to turn because he wants to. I quite agree that if the figure is \$14 million there is no occasion for you to go on and say \$19 million and \$17 million and \$15 million...

Mr. Smallwood I said, sir, that it is \$14 million.

Mr. Chairman Please don't repeat it again.

Mr. Smallwood Sir, I am most eager to co-operate with you. I am equally eager to stand on my rights in this Convention, and I do represent a section of this country, but I bow to you as I have always done.

Mr. Chairman I quite agree, but I still say that if you are going to avoid the charge of tedious repetition, in quoting a certain figure it is not four or five or ten other figures. If it is something come right out positively and say what it is.

Mr. Smallwood But as I was replying to a speech made by Mr. Hollett, and as Mr. Hollett

in that speech put it at \$19 million, am I not entitled to point out that it is \$14 million and not the \$19 million that Mr. Hollett said — that and nothing else? That is exactly what I was doing.

I am glad now, sir. \$14 million is what would take for the provincial government of Newfoundland to carry on. Not the \$15 million that I formerly estimated, not the \$17 million that Mr. Hickman estimated, and not the \$19 million that Mr. Hollett estimated, but \$14 million.

Mr. Chairman That is not what you said before.

Mr. Smallwood Well, sir, I was under the impression that I had. Possibly my memory on that is defective. We have to find it in one way and another, some from the people of Newfoundland in taxation, some as I have shown in other ways from other sources. Incidentally, it has been pointed out to me by Mr. Hollett that I have taken the \$28 million cash surplus that we have and put it on deposit with the Government of Canada at 2.63% interest, and I have taken the interest for the first four years as \$600,000 a year, and then for the second four years I have averaged it as \$299,000, roughly \$300,000 a year. I admit on the objection from Mr. Hollett that I won't have \$28 million to put on deposit with the Government of Canada. I will go a little further, and say that I will have \$38 million, which Major Cashin has told us is the surplus in this country. I will now take the 2.63% interest on that.

Now sir, it is 5.45 pm, and you have asked me kindly to rise the House at this time. If we are meeting tonight...

Mr. Chairman I don't think it is possible to continue the debate tonight, and perhaps not for the rest of the week, and I don't think we will be able to come this evening.

Mr. Smallwood You mean that we can't meet for the rest of the week in the night, but we can in the day?

Mr. Chairman Oh yes, definitely.

Mr. Smallwood In that case I move that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again tomorrow.

[The committee rose and reported progress. The remaining orders of the day were deferred, and the Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, in moving that the first order be deferred, I give notice that I will on

tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor to ascertain from the United Kingdom government