

life of me how the people in this country, who are not actual producers, can expect anywhere near the returns which were coming in during the prosperous years of war.

I think it was the member for Grand Falls, Mr. Hollett, who made the remark that one person on relief received \$11 per month in St. John's, and two persons received \$20.80 per month. I am repeating this to remind this House and the country at large what is being paid as relief in St. John's, so that they in turn who have to seek relief, through no cause of their own, in the outports, will have an idea of what to expect themselves. I wonder, did the Committee get a scale of relief that is to be paid out this winter?

Mr. Cashin No.

Mr. Starkes How many good, hard-working Newfoundlanders are on the dole already? Let us not blind ourselves to the fact that thousands of our people already feel the pinch of hard times. How many more will have to go on the dole this winter and next spring? It is all very well to build up a bright optimistic picture, but what the people want is a truthful picture. The people are not going to thank us for trying to pretend that everything is all right without a shadow on the road

ahead. There are some things in Newfoundland today which give us cause for satisfaction, and there are things which give us cause for worry. Let us see the whole truth. If we play politics and refuse to face the truth about our country, the people themselves will know what to do when they come to vote in the referendum. I have listened to a very rosy picture that has been painted of our economic future, which appears to have very little in the way of a solid foundation. I would remind you that the house that was built on sand disappeared when the storm came.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, in connection with the statement made by the last speaker, there are one or two figures I would like to quote. The last speaker was trying to insinuate that the economy is a wartime economy. I refer you to the figures in the Finance Report with regard to the exports of iron ore, and the value thereof. I quote you the figures:*

....Here we have two after the war years where the value of iron ore has doubled practically. Is that a wartime boom? I refer you to the figures in reference to the export of concentrates from Buchans:**

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*	Year	Value in Dollars	
	1940-1941	\$ 3,558,998	(The war is well on now)
	1941-1942	2,918,128	
	1942-1943	1,777,965	(The war is still on)
	1943-1944	2,019,695	
	1944-1945	1,474,346	(And the war fades to the finish)
	1945-1946	3,051,630	(The war is over)
	1946-1947	3,100,000	

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	1940-1941	\$ 4,009,638	(The war has just started)
	1941-1942	3,720,006	
	1942-1943	3,224,608	
	1943-1944	4,189,186	
	1944-1945	4,091,898	(These are facts you know, yet the war is over)
	1945-1946	5,375,903	(Is that a wartime boom?)