

more in taxation by way of income tax, corporation taxes and succession duties than are being collected now by our own government, and will leave us as a province to collect additional taxation to the tune of \$5,269,000; or if you want to build roads and bridges, develop your fisheries, \$9,383,000. How can these monies be raised? Let us turn to page 149 of the Black Book, vol. 1:

Taxes on corporations; income taxes on persons; succession duties; real and personal property tax; gasoline tax; fuel oil tax; tobacco tax; retail sales tax; amusement tax; etc.

They have to do it in order to get the revenue. These things are so numerous, it is impossible to put them all in the Black Book. It is important that our people should know where that money is going to come from. I refer you now to the Assessment Act of Nova Scotia. I believe I have the right to quote from it. Section 3, property liable to taxation....

[Mr. Hollett read sections from the Nova Scotia act listing all provincial taxes]

That is our hope. That is the basis of our hope for running this province. Unless the Dominion government changes its mind and gives us \$5 million — we say it must be \$9 million — and that is how it has to be collected. These are facts and truths that are indisputable by even the most ardent confederate. I do not remember any confederates yet having gone out of their way to mention any of these things.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, for the glories of confederation are we to abandon that position of governmental prosperity which we have enjoyed since 1940; that enviable peak from which we have been budgeting for surpluses and still more surpluses, even though there has been a gradual lessening of taxation? Are we, I say, to freely and of our own volition abandon this position, enter into union with Canada and budget for a deficit of \$5 million and thereby have to tax still more? Are we mad? There can be no other answer, otherwise we would not waste the time we have on this thing. Of what use a baby bonus if we are to be taxed still more? Taxes on our land, our homes, our cattle, our boats, our nets, our everything, possibly your fur coat.

The delegation to Ottawa was asked to find out if there existed a fair and equitable basis of union with Canada at the present time. Thank God that at least two members of that delegation

have been able to look at the whole question in its true perspective and have said openly that no such fair and equitable basis of union exists. As for myself, Mr. Chairman, I have never believed there was a basis at all at this time. But heretofore I looked at it only from the economic viewpoint, from the point of view of our exports of fish and fish products, our ore and the products of our forests. Looking at it thus, I am compelled to say that the closer we can get to the USA the better will it be for the welfare of our people. Last year Canada took from us \$7 million worth of products — but how much fish? How much paper? The United States took \$20 million worth of fish, of ore from Buchans, and of paper. I say therefore, and I repeat, that the closer we can get to the USA the better will it be for the welfare of our people, and I advocate such a policy.

Mr. Smallwood and

Mr. Cashin together Mr. Chairman...

Mr. Hollett What point of order? Don't fash yourself, laddie. May I finish, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman Certainly.

Mr. Hollett What shall I say, Mr. Chairman? What shall I say now when I look at it from the financial angle? What must we all, as responsible men say, I ask you? Only this, that there is not now, and I doubt if there ever can be, having regard to what we live on, our fish, our ore, our paper, our natural resources, a fair and equitable basis for union with the Dominion of Canada, unless she can buy more of our goods. Never mind your baby bonuses, tell them the truth. How do they live? By the sweat of their brow, by digging out the ore and catching fish in all kinds of weather, and cutting down the trees. Those countries which take our products will make it possible for them to live and support their babies without any handouts from anyone else. I am not talking about baby bonuses at the moment. Yes, gentlemen, I call upon each and every one of you to tell our people the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and then, Mr. Chairman, we need have no fear whatsoever. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, I would like to reply to Mr. Hollett.

Mr. Chairman There seems to be a marked competition for the floor this afternoon, and I am compelled at this time to speak, so that members may understand the position in which I find myself. I remind members that we are in commit-