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Mr. Smallwood There are not any.

Mr. Cashin There are. You told us about some in the Steering Committee the other day.

Mr. Smallwood The first I heard of it — only the one showing the public debt of Canada.

Mr. Cashin Why was it not in the Black Book?

Mr. Smallwood Well, we have it.

Mr. Cashin Yes, but it has to be blasted out of you. There's other documents they have going back two or three years, and we should have them.

Mr. Smallwood I don't know, and if any other member knows of any secret document I ask him to name it. There are seven of us, and I don't know of any document going back three years.

Mr. Higgins I believe what Mr. Cashin is referring to is the one you referred to in the Steering Committee the other day.

Mr. Smallwood What document?

Mr. Higgins That Blue Book.

Mr. Cashin You mentioned some document we have not seen, and I think we should have it.

Mr. Smallwood That's true.

Mr. Cashin We did not send you people up to Ottawa as a beggarly delegation — we sent you to Ottawa representing what I consider a fairly prosperous country, and what you did, you went up with your hat in your hands and said, "What are the best terms you can give us?" That's what happened. I bring that out right now, but as I go along I just want to make this clear: I find now that there's ten or 15 people who will be laid off, but there is nothing definite laid down as to where they will be employed. Those people who are included in the Black Book will find that when the provincial government (if we ever get one, and I doubt it) takes over the affairs of the province, that their jobs are gone, and they will have to go with their hats in their hands looking for similar employment.

Mr. Chairman Before you take your seat, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the document which occasioned so much mystery was, at my request, turned over to the secretarial staff, and is being mimeographed at the moment, and I understand it will be available to members tomorrow or the next day at the latest.

Mr. Cashin I hope we get them all.

Mr. Smallwood I want to make a very brief reply to Major Cashin. He says that in the Finance

Department 12 or 14 men and women who work there now would ... be out of their jobs. That is true, but I would draw Major Cashin's attention to the fact that here in Newfoundland the Government of Canada would open up a number of federal departments over and above the departments we have here now, that they would take over and run.... I estimate that the Government of Canada, after taking over certain public departments that we have now (and in taking them over they take over with them the employees that are in them) would have to take on at least 1,000 civil servants in the new offices and departments that they would have to open up, and any civil servants ... who would lose their jobs would have the first offer of employment in these other Canadian government departments that would be opened up. It is true that in departments that would become provincial departments there will be fewer employees, so many will have to go; but they and many more will be taken on in entirely new federal government departments that will be opened in Newfoundland.

One other point only: Major Cashin tells us that the number of employees in the Customs Department is 256. I do not dispute that 250-odd are employed in the Department of Customs to collect \$20 million a year off the people of Newfoundland. I hate the sound of it, but they will need employees to collect that money. Let me tell Major Cashin that if the Government of Canada, when it takes over the Customs Department, if in taking over the Government of Canada collects only \$2-4 million a year, they will need just as many employees as there are now to collect \$20 million.... You will have exactly the same number of customs ports of entry, so therefore you will have the same number of collectors and tide waiters, the same number of customs watchers and searchers, and clerical staff. We are an island, and confederation will not change that. If I am wrong, and they can get along with 200, well then the 56 will have the first chance of being employed in the other departments of the federal government.

[Short recess]

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, I was asking Mr. Smallwood a question when the floor was more or less taken away from underneath my feet. Of course we have to put up with these things. One is dubious about saying anything here today,