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**Mr. Chairman** Do not go into detail.

**Mr. Smallwood** I am doing this to take the stink, the smear out of it, to put it in its true perspective. It came to the point where it could be submitted to a court.... Finally the governments of Newfoundland and Canada agreed to submit the matter to the highest court in the whole world insofar as the British Empire and the British Commonwealth of Nations is concerned, ... namely the judicial division of the Privy Council itself.... Quebec was not in it; she had nothing to do with it. The Government of Canada engaged its lawyers and the Government of Newfoundland engaged its lawyers. I have read every word of that evidence. The Judicial Committee handed down its verdict 20 years ago. What was the verdict? They could see exactly where the boundary lay in some respects ... but there was one part they could not see where the point was, and they said, "The height of land: find that height of land and you have the boundary." The Government of Canada accepted that verdict. They had no choice...

**Mr. Cashin** The House knows that just as well as you do.

**Mr. Smallwood** ...The matter is closed. There is no one on this earth who could reopen it; it is settled, finished and finalised. And now we have it dragged in here, and why? There is an election on in Quebec. He is not an officer of the Government of Canada, this slimy politician, this fascist, this Nazi, this vote-getter. He wants to be re-elected, and he has dragged this in as an election tactic. We know all about election tactics, and we are asked by Major Cashin to accept what Mr. Duplessis says as being important when the cold truth of the matter is the Government of Canada says, the Province of Newfoundland will include the territory of Labrador. What territory of Labrador? The territory of Labrador defined by the award of the Judicial Committee. Now this dark, dismal plot that Major Cashin throws at us; we are not surprised, because Major Cashin can see plots where no one else can see them...

**Mr. Chairman** There is no motion before the Chair. I was prepared to allow Major Cashin the right to express himself on the point, but you are not arguing it before the Privy Council. If you want to comment on it briefly, I will be glad to allow you the right; but as far as I am concerned

Mr. Duplessis is wasting his time since the party concerned is the Dominion of Canada, not the Province of Quebec. The only way in which Mr. Duplessis could take over Labrador is by forcibly invading it.... I don't think we ought to waste very much further time on this.

**Mr. Smallwood** There will be an awful lot of time wasted between now and the referendum about Premier Duplessis and the territory belonging to our government in Labrador. Our people are going to hear an awful lot about this because there has been a grievance there and this is a good time to ventilate it, as has been done so many times in the past by politicians.

**Mr. Chairman** Newspaper reports are of no concern to me at all. They have no official standing. It is true that I did allow Major Cashin to read it, but from the purely parliamentary standpoint he had no right to refer to it. After all, a newspaper report is simply the reporter's conception of what the thing is. When Major Cashin referred to it I did not know his purpose, but I think I should have allowed him a certain amount of latitude by virtue of the fact that it did headline the *Evening Telegram* on Saturday afternoon.... I don't think it is incumbent upon you to try to make out an indictment against Premier Duplessis. A lot of us know all about Premier Duplessis. We know his antipathy to English-speaking people, and he would cut off if he could, for no other reason, the entry of Newfoundland, or the United States or any English-speaking body, so as to allow his French-Canadians to have all he thinks they should have. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Smallwood, I don't think there is any point in belabouring the point....

**Mr. Smallwood** I won't labour the point any more. I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission to ask the Government of Canada whether the recently published statements of the Hon. Mr. Duplessis — the *Honourable* Mr. Duplessis...

**Mr. Chairman** Yes, go on.

**Mr. Smallwood** God help us, God help us. To ask the Government of Canada whether the recently published statements of the Hon. Mr. Duplessis, Premier of Quebec, on the Labrador boundary, modify in any particular the letter and enclosure of October 29, 1947, of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada, particularly in clause 2 of the enclosure, which reads