

the places outside St. John's if the people want these conveniences they will have to pay for them too. I see Mr. Northcott looking over in this direction.

In Lewisporte the people don't expect the Government of Newfoundland to use taxes that they collect from the whole island and Labrador to provide special conveniences or improvements in Lewisporte, so what the people of Lewisporte did was form their own town council, and so have the people of 20 other places. Now where there is a town council, the town council does these things for their people, but where do they get the money? Well, we know that the government of the country, to encourage people to form the town councils, to encourage them, the government has been helping these town councils financially, giving them money and lending them money, but in all these towns where they have town councils they have the property tax.... As you study the financial statements of the various town councils what do you find? You find that already, here in our own little Newfoundland, we have the property tax.... Now these town councils collect that property tax, so much per head and so much per family, for what? To give it to the Newfoundland government? No. To spend it in their own community, and for conveniences and improvements and comforts that they can't very well expect anyone else to give them. Now if we had confederation any community in Newfoundland that wishes to form a town council is permitted to do it. That is the way it is now. We have not got confederation. Today if the people of any community decide to have a town council they go right ahead and have it. Of course in having it they have got to follow the law of the land. You can't form a town council like that! *[snapping fingers]* Mr. Quinton, who is now the Commissioner for Public Health and Welfare, for three or four years was what they called Local Government Officer, and the government passed a law, and these town councils are formed under that law, and that law tells them what they can do and what they can't do. Any community in Newfoundland can go right ahead and form that town council. That is the way it is now without confederation, and that's how it will be with confederation.... They have the right to form their councils and they have the right not to form the councils. If the people in any community in New-

foundland today do not want a town council then they don't have a town council.... That is how it would be under responsible government, and that's how it would be under confederation. The people of a community can decide to have a town council if they want it, and if they are willing to follow the law, and they can decide not to have a town council if they don't want it.

**Mr. Higgins** Mr. Chairman, can we have a little less repetition in this matter?

**Mr. Chairman** Well, I am afraid, Mr. Higgins, I must hold that the point is well taken. I have to remind you, Mr. Smallwood, that when I gave you the floor I pointed out that while it was true I had no right to impose a time limit on a speaker, or any authority to decide the number of times he could speak, I did however point out, and I again reiterate, that in view of the fact that you have addressed yourself on this matter a number of times it is my right to intervene if you indulge in unnecessary or tedious repetition, and I asked that your reply to Mr. Hollett should be as brief as possible, and your remarks should be confined to matters of a novel nature raised by Mr. Hollett, and I will have to ask you to be as brief as possible and not to indulge in anything which may be fairly regarded as tedious repetition, because if my attention is drawn to it I will have to rule you out of order. Therefore in your own interest I will ask you to be as brief as possible, and not be unduly repeating yourself, but to confine yourself as nearly as possible to matters of a novel nature raised by Mr. Hollett.

**Mr. Smallwood** I have heard your comments, and I will of course, as always, bow to your ruling. It may be that there are some who would not want our people to know these things that I am talking about, and there may in fact, sir, be some who do not want the people to know the complete and simple truth.

**Mr. Chairman** If you don't mind, Mr. Smallwood, I must ask you to refrain from plumbing the psychological depths of people's minds, and confine your remarks to the matter in hand. You have been indulging in tedious repetition and on that point I will have to hold that you have been out of order. I must therefore ask you not to be repeating the same statement two or three times when I am sure it would be just as effective if it were said only once.

**Mr. Smallwood** You will either have to destroy