information from Ottawa; whilst in his opinion, it was now here to be made available and he saw no reason why we should go to Ottawa to seek information which, according to him, is available and can be made available.

Mr. Smallwood ....You ruled we table it. We have nothing to table except one solitary document; Mr. Crummey has a copy...

Mr. Higgins I believe we all have copies of the public debt. I am prepared right now to give it to the Secretary.

Mr. Chairman In that case, I ask you, Mr. Burry and Mr. Smallwood, to give it to the Secretary and he will see that it is mimeographed, and copies of the document to which you have directed our attention will be distributed.

Mr. Higgins Will that be everything we brought back?

Mr. Smallwood Why not everything and be done with it? We have nothing to hide.

Mr. Chairman I made the point very clear if there is a slight difference between the semi-official and the official; the official is what is in the Black Book. There is only one case of that which Mr. Higgins referred to. The point is, it may be found redundant and unnecessary, in the sense that the Black Book contains information which might overlap. Against that, by making this information available, it eliminates or dissipates any suggestion that the information is being improperly withheld. Therefore I ask the three gentlemen named to make all documents in their possession available to members.

Mr. Bailey Have they got everything in their possession, the same as we got back from London?

Mr. Chairman I have already made my ruling....

Mr. Higgins We have no stenographic report at all.

Mr. Chairman I understand that.

Mr. Job May I just read the reply to a question I asked regarding the rumour that Commission of Government would not be placed on the referendum paper. It was important and we did not want to waste time if there was to be any question about it. "In reply to the question submitted by the Hon. R.B. Job, forwarded November 28, I write to inform you that the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations knows of no basis for this rumour." That, I hope finishes that rumour.

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Mr. Smallwood The only remaining main clause, sir, of the terms that we have discussed as yet is to be found in clause 5, sub-section 7;

At the union, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the following services will be taken over by Canada and become subject to the jurisdiction of Parliament, Newfoundland to be relieved of the public costs incurred in respect of each service after it is taken over...

(7) Pensions and rehabilitation of war veterans and merchant seamen on the basis set forth in Annex I hereto.

That is the clause. I will confess to you frankly that as I am not a war veteran myself, and although I did attend the meetings of the committee on veterans' affairs of the Ottawa delegation which conferred with the Canadian committee ... I made an honest attempt to understand it, but it is highly complicated — there was the Veterans' Charter all outlined, rehabilitation and pensions scheme, all highly complicated.... The thing I was most interested in was the Veterans' Land Act, that would apply very much here in Newfoundland and might prove very beneficial. I tried to understand that above everything else. Between Mr. Ashbourne, Mr. Ballam and Mr. Higgins, I have the feeling the House will be answered on any particular point it cares to raise in connection with this clause of the terms.

Mr. Northcott In connection with pensions, say you get 100% disability, how much would that be in dollars?

Mr. Smallwood I hope Mr. Northcott is not directing that question at me.

Mr. Northcott I understand 100% disability in Newfoundland is $75 a month. What would it be in Canada?

Mr. Ashbourne I understand it would be $900 a year, same as Newfoundland — $75 a month.

Mr. Ballam The answer will be found in Volume 2, pages 72 to 77. You will see there a comparison of pensions given ex-service person-