

work, what does he get? \$11 a month to live on. How would you live on \$11 a month if you had to? Would you know what to buy? I think not. If there are two people needing relief what do they get? \$20.80, and that's for 30 days.... I hope the Finance Committee will consider putting some of that surplus to help those people who, through no fault of their own, are unable to get work.... Now Fishermen's and Mariners' Insurance, and other Social Services — \$400,000. That is something that many of us have been advocating for a long time, and it is about time something was done about it....

Now there was \$1 million allotted for "Encouragement of Tourist Traffic by building Roads from Port-aux-Basques to Corner Brook — linking up Grand Falls and Gander, also Lewisporte with Gander." You do remember the remarks made about that paltry million dollars? How much would it take? Our friend from Bonavista said: "\$1 million, you would want \$10 million", but don't you see he is in a hurry to get across the Cabot Strait. I say \$1 million is not enough too, but you have got to cut your garment according to the cloth. This is only one-tenth of the schemes; when and if we ever do get a government, their expenditure may be along different lines.

Then "Further encouragement and development of Fisheries, particularly Fresh Fish — \$1,000,000." I am partly in accord with that because our saltfish products go to people who are low wage earners in Europe and the West Indies and other places. They are not able to pay high prices for saltfish. Saltfish is not worth a high price, consequently if we are to raise the standard of living of our fishermen we must enable them to be paid more for their fish.... Mind you I am not damning the saltfish trade, that's what I grew up on. I dare say I cut my eye tooth on a piece of salt cod. Our people here lived on salt cod, don't forget that. There were no woods industries, or mining industries, or anything, just salt cod, and still they did not want to go across the Cabot Strait. Now we have those new industries and I am quite sure there is an unlimited future ahead of us. Mind you, it is not going to be easy going for everybody.... Our efforts for mankind are to raise the number of people who can so get to that standard of living where they will be able to live in comfort, and I hope in peace.

Local Public Works — \$500,000. I have nothing to say about that because I know very little about public works. Now the next one, Mercantile Marine — \$500,000. That man yesterday said, "\$500,000, what are you going to do with \$500,000? You might just as well put it down some pool or tank". That was the opinion of the member from Bonavista Centre. "It is absolutely useless to buy them now and sell them for half price in two years", that's what he said. We are a maritime people — wholly surrounded by ocean. We are catching fish and cutting trees and making newsprint, and digging out the ore, and we have not got a ship — we may have one or two, but we have no mercantile marine, and yet when the Finance Committee suggests that they should spend some money in order to build up a mercantile marine the man from Bonavista Centre says, "No, you are only wasting money." I put it to you, is that sensible? \$500,000 is not enough at all. That will only build you a couple of small ships, won't it?

Mr. Cashin You can get a ship, a nice ship for \$300,000. The Clarendville ships cost \$300,000 each, and they can only carry 300 tons.

Mr. Hollett Then there's the Railway capital expenditure too.

Mr. Cashin Well, it would need all that.

Mr. Hollett That is with regard to what you are going to do with your surplus. Now turn to page 41. The honesty of that Committee, as I said before, was brought into question, and in order finally to prove that I think that any man who insinuates anything against the honesty of these men, or says they did not make an honest report, once you read that paragraph on page 41 you will see that these men were absolutely sincere:

In presenting this report on the economic position of Newfoundland, we are aware that in all respects we cannot, as in the case of the Financial Report, deal with fixed values. There are instances wherein we are unavoidably compelled to deal in the realm of surmise and even conjecture. To some, this may give the impression that we may be colouring the picture to suit our particular idea or political inclinations. Such however is not the case. For throughout, our object has been to try and give as accurate a picture as we possibly can of the state of our country. Any figures used by us have, in most cases,