

I would like to see this gone into very carefully, is this: ... that out of these 17 services, four are referred to here because they will affect the province in a financial way. Eight of them are, as the Director of Medical Services knows, consulting services. We have never been refused any information of any kind that any of the civil service departments wanted from the Dominion government at any time, and that service is available to Newfoundland. I make this as a flat statement, and if anyone can correct that, then I will apologise, but I think I am on fairly safe ground, because I have made a fairly reliable survey of it.

Now, Mr. Smallwood wanted to know whether the province had paid anything under any one of these services. The National Physical Fitness Programme. There is some incongruity in talking of a physical fitness programme when we are talking about an economic survey, but I am giving this as an example. You will find on page 93 of the Black Book:

The National Physical Fitness Programme provides for the establishment of a National Council on Physical Fitness, on which the provincial governments have representatives. Financial assistance is given to any province that has signed an agreement with the Dominion Government as provided in the Act. Within the limits of the National Physical Fitness Fund, set up in the consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose, the Dominion Government undertakes to pay one dollar for every dollar a province spends on its program ... etc., etc.

Now this is one case in which the Dominion government only assists in carrying out one of the services mentioned, and what is worrying me is just how far these public services, and this particular survey, will mean something to Newfoundland. I believe that we will make progress by the things which are found, as Major Cashin has pointed out, and by the things which are deliberately organised by a government or by a great concern; but I express this as a matter of opinion. Having said that I believe firmly in an economic survey, I question if that survey of Newfoundland should not be done by people partly from Newfoundland, Canada, the United States, one at least from New Zealand, and from the Scandinavian countries. In that way I think we would get a much better idea of the economic

potentialities of Newfoundland than by having it done by the ordinary administrative servants of the Dominion of Canada.

**Mr. Chairman** If it is the pleasure of the House we shall proceed to read the next section.

**Mr. Smallwood** Clause 23 — *General*.

Suitable provision will be made in the formal instrument of union or in other appropriate legislation for the following:

(1) The extension of Canadian citizenship to the people of Newfoundland;

(2) The continuation of Newfoundland laws, courts, commissions, authorities, etc., until altered by the appropriate authority;

(3) The first constitution of the Province of Newfoundland, in accordance with the wishes of the appropriate Newfoundland authorities and subject to the provisions of the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1946, which are applicable to provincial constitutions generally;

(4) The retention by Newfoundland of its natural resources on the same basis as other provinces;

(5) The application to the Province of Newfoundland of the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1946 (except as otherwise provided in the terms of union), and of the federal laws of Canada.

Sir, on these five paragraphs I have not much to say. The extension of Canadian citizenship to the people of Newfoundland is not a matter of utmost importance. You know the very recent trend within the British Commonwealth. The people of Australia are becoming Australian citizens, of South Africa, South African citizens, and of Canada, Canadian citizens. One of the reasons is that up to now we have all been British subjects. Of course we have been and we will always be British subjects; but in addition we become citizens of England, or Canada, or Australia; citizens of the dominion in which we live.

On the second one, Newfoundland laws, courts, etc. .... I don't think that there is anything much that calls for comment in that.

"The first constitution of the Province of Newfoundland, in accordance with the wishes of the appropriate Newfoundland authorities...applicable to provincial constitutions generally." Now on that I think I ought to point out that the