

tion that they are paupers. I know that any country with rich soil is a rich country, and our soil is not rich, and it is a handicap. But to compensate, we have the rich seas at our doors, and there we have to look for our needs. As I see it, we have to produce more fish. We think we are a fish country, but for each pound per capita we produce, Iceland produces 30 pounds, so we are not doing nearly as much as we should. Except for the Bank fishery, our shore and Labrador fisheries are carried on about four months in 12, and people just cannot live for 12 months on what they produce in four. Fishing time has to be lengthened. Fishermen have to be equipped so that winter fishing can be carried on, the way it is down now in the Burgeo district. This has to be pioneered by great Newfoundlanders like Mr. Job, Mr. Crosbie and Mr. Monroe, the latter gentleman who is already with his fleet of draggers operating all year round on the south coast, and revolutionising the fishery there, making a large area of the Burin Peninsula prosperous. I suggest that in Placentia Bay alone, the long reach running from Flat Islands almost the whole way down to Sound Island can be fished in the winter by 500 boats of about 15 tons, like those which are used in the winter fishery on the western shore.

It may sound strange to some, but to my mind, in order to make a proper beginning towards making our people more industry conscious, we have to begin in the schools. We need a course in economics with particular regard to Newfoundland, to be taught in every school and in every grade. The course can tell the story and point out the causes of our past reverses. It can suggest the remedies, or at least indicate the course along which the solution lies. Scholarships can be set up to encourage the study of this subject, and everything should be done to make our children economics conscious. Our schools should have boys' and girls' brigades, such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides — even if the government contributed something toward the cost of the little uniforms for the children. I think navigation should be compulsory in all CHE exams, and that an increase in the educational grant to carry this into effect should be made, because it will be an investment that will pay better dividends to Newfoundland than all the rosy pictures that come from the pipedreams of

the would-be senators to Ottawa.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, a point of order. If this House wants a debate on confederation I am prepared at the drop of a flag at any moment....

Mr. Chairman I am not prepared. Please take your seats. I will remind members ... that Rule 30 provides "that no member may use offensive and unbecoming words in reference to any member of this Convention." I want to make it clear that any words of this nature will be ruled out of order.

Mr. Reddy Thank you Mr. Chairman, I am not referring to any member.... I believe the Commission of Government started a good thing with the town councils; the only thing wrong with them is that they are far too few. We need more and more of them, because from them will come the men and women legislators of tomorrow.... Yes, more education is essential, and from it will come a consciousness and understanding for the need of great individual effort, and I believe that we are capable and worthy of such a programme, and if we carry out this programme we will be able to deal with our economic problems, so that we will make Newfoundland not only better known to Newfoundlanders but better known the world over. No doubt these thoughts do not appeal to our local Pied Piper who day-in and day-out plays his luring tune. But we are not hypnotized, and will not be lured into the waters of the Cabot Strait because we are not mice, but men.

In viewing the report I think our economic condition is both actually and comparatively very fair, and I fully approve and endorse it. The old saying says, "God helps those who help themselves", and may God help those foolish enough to think that, if we don't help ourselves, Canada or any other country will do it for us.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. If you, sir, are willing to be defied in your ruling by Mr. Reddy, I am afraid you will have to be defied by me. If any other member defies you I have the same right.

Mr. Chairman I don't intend to be defied. Mr. Reddy ... has been brought to order twice, and he persists in going out of order with his parting shot. Political discriminations will not be indulged in at this time, or as long as I am in the Chair....

Mr. Hollett ...I would like to refer to the point of order which was just raised. The member for Burin East referred to Canada. He might just as