

that would be an advantage to their trade, the revenue of course, would correspondingly decrease, and the Finance Minister would not have at his disposal the convenient mode of equalizing the revenue and expenditure which the Government of Newfoundland now exercised, by adding 30 per cent to the duties when it suited their discretion. The Finance Minister said that last year the revenue was estimated at \$450,000, and actually reached \$600,000. But how was this affected? By the simple process of adding 30 per cent to the duties. He thought it could not be doubted that in carrying out this bargain the Dominion would have to pay a very large sum in excess of what it would receive. If his hon. friend could show him that those figures were not correct, and that the arrangements were of a better character than he supposed, no one would be more delighted to be convinced of that. He could see, however, no such pressing necessity for the junction of Newfoundland as to justify us in the present state of our finances, in making a bargain, by which we would have to pay a much larger sum than we would receive; a bargain by which we would pay a large sum in order to bribe Newfoundland to join us. He should like the Finance Minister to deal with these figures which made out a *prima facie* loss on our part, and if he could not set them aside to show why we should encounter that loss. He (Mr. Blake) was prepared to encounter some reasonable degree of loss. He wanted to be liberal towards Newfoundland, but he did not want that liberality to assume so gross a form, as that it could be said that we had bribed and bought that Colony. (Hear, hear).

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said the figures he was about to submit he hoped would show that we were not buying Newfoundland, but were merely carrying out a fair arrangement with that Province. Foregoing for the present the consideration of political and national advantages which we would derive from the admission of Newfoundland, he would only trouble the Committee with figures bearing on the points adverted to by his honourable friend who had just sat down, and by the member for Westmorland, who stated that all we would receive from Newfoundland, after the Union, would be about \$300,000, while we would have to pay about \$600,000. Now, what were the facts as to the revenue? He would show what had been the Customs revenue during the last eight years, under lower rates of duty, except in 1868, than now existed in Newfoundland, and lower also than the rates that would be imposed under the Dominion

puisse pas nous accuser d'avoir soudoyé cette colonie (bravo).

**L'hon. M. Rose** dit que les chiffres qu'il va présenter montreront, espère-t-il, qu'en fait nous n'allons pas acheter Terre-Neuve, mais simplement procéder à un arrangement équitable avec cette province. Avant d'envisager les avantages politiques et nationaux que nous tirerions de l'admission de Terre-Neuve, il tient à préciser au Comité les chiffres portant sur les questions évoquées par son honorable ami qui vient de céder la parole et par le député de Westmoreland qui a déclaré qu'après l'Union, nous ne recevrons de Terre-Neuve qu'environ \$300,000 alors que nous aurons quelque \$600,000 à dépenser. Mais qu'en est-il exactement de ces recettes? Il veut montrer quelles ont été les recettes douanières au cours des huit dernières années alors que les droits étaient plus faibles que ceux actuellement en vigueur à Terre-Neuve, exception faite toutefois de 1868, et plus faibles également que les taux qui seront imposés en ver-

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