

my saying another word at this time.

Mr. Hollett On that point may I ask Mr. Smallwood what is the per capita tax the average Canadian citizen in Canada is paying today? Comparing our per capita tax of \$122 per head, what is it in Canada today?

Mr. Smallwood What I was doing was to compare our present per capita tax with what would, or might be, our per capita tax under confederation. I was not comparing it with taxation in Canada now or any other time.

Mr. Hollett That is a very good comparison to make. We will be Canadian citizens then, and I take it we would pay the same taxation as Canada pays now.

Mr. Smallwood No.

Mr. Hollett Why?

Mr. Chairman I think, in view of the fact that Mr. Smallwood has not been able to prepare his estimates of probable provincial revenues it would be just as well to receive the motion to rise the committee and ask leave to sit again tomorrow, particularly in view of the fact that members may be hampered in the debate until they receive this information. It won't be available until tomorrow. In addition to this, if it were agreeable to members, I would like to get a motion to adjourn until tomorrow afternoon, in view of the fact that there is business of a private nature that

I would like to take up with members, and if it suits you and is to your convenience I would like to hold the meeting this evening at such time as may be decided upon by the Convention.

Mr. Butt I am prepared to move that the committee rise, but before doing so, I was wondering if we could get copies of Mr. Smallwood's speech when it is done by the stenographer?

Mr. Chairman It will take a week, I understand.

Mr. Butt Even so I think we ought to make some effort to get that done, because, from my point of view, it has some of the most amazing statements I have heard in some time. Also I would like to ask one question of Mr. Smallwood, one single question. In your item of Refund, I think you counted on \$666,000 from the federal government...

Mr. Chairman We have only one reporter.

Mr. Butt I see. I am sorry. I just point out that no payments have been made according to the Auditor General's Report.

Mr. Smallwood The payment will be this year we are in now. The first payment was this current year. That's why we won't see it in the accounts. I move that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again tomorrow.

[The committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned]

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Report of the Ottawa Delegation Proposed Arrangements for the Entry of Newfoundland into Confederation Committee of the Whole

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, I have nothing in particular to say at the moment. The figures I tabled yesterday are before the House.¹ I assume members will want to discuss them.

Mr. Hickman Mr. Chairman, as you know, we only went through this proposed budget of revenue and expenditure, as it would be under a province, yesterday afternoon, and it has not given us much time to study it. But in going through it there were a few notes I made, and I have only got a few comments on it for the time being. I can appreciate Mr. Smallwood's difficulty in bringing it in, and he did very well with what he had to work on. I am glad that the Finance

Committee did not have to bring in one like it, because, while that was torn to shreds, I think we would go for years before we would be allowed to forget one like this.

On the expenditure side there is \$15.1 million, I think, for the first four year period. In that section there was an item of \$3.1 million for Education. That is the same amount as contained in the Commission of Government estimates for 1947-48. I don't think that is sufficient. I have not got the figures yet to give you what will exactly be required, but I think you will find that that will be increased considerably in the estimates for 1948-49. I understand the Department of Educa-

¹Volume II:522.