

per annum to the people, who thus became unemployed, to do nothing. Mr. Smallwood did not suggest that the industries receiving protection be investigated thoroughly, and the unessential and uneconomic ones be eliminated, and the others maintained and encouraged. No, he eliminated them all.

I cannot agree with this attitude. There are some very worthwhile local industries which are great assets to our country. I am a shareholder in many, and no one realises more than I how dependant they are on the income from the forests, the fisheries, and our mines. I receive — and I don't mind admitting it — some local dividends which, in turn, are used to help finance the things I am endeavouring to do in our fisheries. I would like to congratulate the Committee; they have done their best, and have brought in an excellent report when you consider the many handicaps they had to face. As far as local industries are concerned, I would suggest to our present government, and to whatever form of government we will have in the future that they thoroughly investigate all local companies receiving high tariff protection, and if they are not operated in the best interest of the people, remove this protection.

As a closing word I appeal to you gentlemen, no matter what form of government you favour, do not let us knock our country; Newfoundland too often has been knocked by her own sons and daughters. If we cannot praise our country for something, the least we can do is wash our dirty linen in private.

There will be a report on fish offal in the Fisheries Report. Some 70 years ago Mr. Job's firm lost a lot of money on utilising fish offal; but in the last six years I have been greatly interested in this, and it is only within the past 18 months that we have found a new process which will greatly reduce the cost of producing, or processing this.

**Mr. Bailey** Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the convenor of the Committee could tell me what material is used in the blankets that cover the paper machines?

**Mr. Hickman** Perhaps Mr. Fudge might be able to answer that better than me.

**Mr. Higgins** They are made of wool.

**Mr. Fudge** Very heavy wool.

**Mr. Bailey** Because I noticed in the report that

these blankets are made in the United States and Canada because they have the materials in their own country. I happen to know that they have not got the materials. Any time you are in Boston if you go down to the station, you will pass through a section of the city which is nothing but wool warehouses, mostly Australian wool. I am interested in the Riverside wool....<sup>1</sup> Here is an industry which is worth building up. I came to know about this during the war, I was in New York and one of our women, who originally belonged to Newfoundland, happened to go to her closet and take out a white blanket and spread it over the bed. An American woman who was there said, "Where in the world did you get a blanket like that?" She said, "That's a Newfoundland product, the wool is grown there, and the blanket made there."... These are industries which can be expanded. If in the future we can get machines to utilise cotton with the wool, and if we get wool direct from Australia, without passing through American and Canadian brokers, here is an industry worthwhile. I can't see why in the future all our clothes cannot be made in this country.

Now here is another industry. I was in Costa Rica during a time of famine and I was talking to a man about what our country is doing as regards fruit, and he happened to say, "We were fortunate to get 800 barrels of loganberries, I wish we could get 8,000." He said, "You have a wonderful fruit in partridgeberries." I know one of our women went to the States to join her son, and because she was not satisfied to lie around and do nothing, her son opened a Newfoundland store up there. She got the berries and started putting up so much jam in the kitchen. It went from one to another, and she could not make as much as she could sell.... There is something that can be made worthwhile if it was looked into.

**Mr. Jones** I was going to refer to the blueberry industry. I quote from the report of the Industrial Development Board: "A report of blueberry production over a period of years shows that this industry has decreased alarmingly over the past few years." I wonder if anything has been done to revive this industry, which means so much to the people, especially the people of the Avalon Peninsula. I know the department has urged the burning of certain areas. Has this been beneficial to the industry or not? This matter concerns this

<sup>1</sup>Riverside Woolen Mills, Makinson's, Conception Bay, owned by the Royal Stores of St. John's.