

foundland superannuated or retired on pension before the service concerned is taken over by Canada will remain the responsibility of the Province of Newfoundland." That is being paid at the present time by the Finance Department and amounts to over \$202,000 a year. In this book here, it shows it as \$101,000. I do not know who drew this up.

Mr. Smallwood We did.

Mr. Cashin You made a mistake of \$101,000.

Mr. Smallwood Quite right. We thought that in the departments of the Newfoundland government that would be taken over by the Government of Canada, they would also be responsible for the pensions of the people who were now retired, and not the provincial government.

Mr. Cashin This is the position, when you eventually got around and talked money, they said, "No, we are not going to take this over, nor are we going to take over provincial deficits." You are short \$175,000 in interest and sinking fund and \$100,000 in pensions.

Mr. Smallwood I do not accept your figures, but I accept the position. You must remember, under clause 3, the pensions refer only to those of people who are not pensioned before the department is taken over by Canada. We have to break down the figures of pensions. We will come to that.

Mr. Hickman I thought these Black Books were official.

Mr. Smallwood Does Mr. Hickman not know that part of the Black Books consists of material prepared by the Ottawa delegation here in St. John's before we went to Ottawa at all?

Mr. Hickman Yes.

Mr. Smallwood That was something we prepared as a delegation for our own information in part, and for the information of the Government of Canada in part; that is not from the Government of Canada; it is from us. That is not official. What is official was put there by the Government of Canada.

Mr. Hickman I want to make it clear, it is not all official in the Black Books.

Mr. Smallwood That sounds dark and foreboding — "It is not all official there."

Mr. Job How much of it is from Canada?

Mr. Chairman How much is emanating from the Ottawa delegation and how much from the Canadian government?

Mr. Cashin We are trying to make up our own budget.

Mr. Smallwood That is the duty of this Convention; not only that, it is the duty of every citizen to have ideas on the possibility of Newfoundland to balance the budget — we can all have ideas on that.

Mr. Hickman How many pages in the Black Books could be regarded as being provided by the Newfoundland delegation?

Mr. Smallwood You will find that in Volume 1, describing appendix 2 — "Memorandum presented at the commencement of discussions", pages 17 to 70 inclusive.

Mr. Ballam Mr. Job worked with us on that.

Mr. Bailey I think what Mr. Smallwood said about employees not being put out of employment through other services being opened is all out of kilter — men going to be taken over by other departments. Take a tidewaiter, I do not see any authority whereby he would be taken over and become an old age pensioner. And those family allowances and so on. I do not see how it can work, myself. I was struck forcibly when I came in here and got the Black Books. I think the work would have been a lot easier if the Newfoundland data had been put in one book and the data from Canada in the other, so we would have an official book. One day we are told it is official, next day we are told it is not official.

Mr. Smallwood We are not told it is not official. In part 1 it says "Memorandum presented by the Newfoundland delegation at the commencement of the discussions." That is not official. It does not pretend to be. Be fair!

Mr. Bailey I am fair. I was told they were official. I think everyone else was told they were official. But it would have been easier if the memorandum only was in one book and to have the memorandum from Canada in the other.

Mr. Butt I wonder if Mr. Smallwood could tell us if the pensions in the civil service are on a contributory basis?

Mr. Smallwood I do not know if I have the superannuation act here. I have it down at my house. It is a magnificent civil service pensions and superannuation scheme; one of the very best of any country. In fact, it might be a good idea if we got a copy of that act for every member of the Convention.

Mr. Butt You say it is one of the best. I am not