

foundland, in order to bring such information up to the standard attained for existing provinces."

Mr. Butt If that is important, as I think it is, I was perfectly right the very first day in asking where the appendix was (which you said was forthcoming) giving a plain statement of fact.

Mr. Smallwood They say "a special effort".

Mr. Butt To do what? To me, it has no real meaning when I am thinking of the responsibility I have to recommend; I have to cast a vote, that is the point I am quarrelling with. Take the geological surveys; on that point alone, and bearing this one in mind as well, we are promised two geological survey parties. In Newfoundland last year we had 11 survey parties in the field. In the budget you drew up, you left in the salaries for the geological department; but you took out every cent in the provincial budget for the survey parties. We are promised two. We are given this vague paragraph and asked to take it on trust.... The same holds true if you follow all the way down. For instance the question of air surveys — "Air photography required for the surveys and mapping outlined above would be supplied by the Dominion."¹ It may be callous, but I think as long as we are finding the facilities for foreign countries to do business, and we have no air fleet of our own, I think they should pay for the surveys and pass them on to us. To me it is not a concession at all.

Under Defence, in the Black Book, pp. 26-28, Prime Minister King gives an explanation of military arrangements with the United States; and when he was just about finished, he was asked:

Mr. Pearkes: May I ask the Prime Minister whether the Government of Newfoundland was represented in the discussion leading up to this agreement or had it been a party in any way to the agreement?

Mr. Mackenzie King: The Permanent Joint Defence Board is composed of representatives of Canada and of the United States. There are no representatives of the Government of Newfoundland on the Board.

Mr. Graydon: Will this necessitate any extension in either the personnel or the functions of the Permanent Joint Defence Board?

Mr. Mackenzie King: I cannot think of any extension at the moment. It may be that as

time goes on, as in the past, the Board may have to be enlarged for certain purposes.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that is pretty plain as to their intention. Mr. Higgins said here yesterday afternoon that every man and every woman in Newfoundland feels in his or her heart that if any international trouble starts, we will be, this time, in the thick of the fight. If anyone will look at the publications by the Office of War Information published in 1940, he will see there that prior to 1940 the American government was well aware of the fact that Newfoundland was in the possible path of the approach to the American continent. He will see it in print and in diagram in the form of an arrow coming right down straight through the St. Lawrence. Surely the people to whom concessions have been given without our consent, a friendly country who will dominate us to the extent that they are not in any way to be charged with anything, even to be given the use of the roads without having to pay the cost, not only the license for the number plates that are on them; surely Newfoundland should in a matter of this kind have some say and some representation. I happen to be aware of the fact that a civilian in an important position in Newfoundland, on more than one occasion during the last war, had the courage to protect civilian rights when they were trying to be usurped by the military, unnecessarily. I say that a thing like this going into the Black Books should have been thoroughly aired, and we in Newfoundland should have been given something more than has been given.

Right on that point, I come to another made by Mr. Harrington and Major Cashin when they referred to the number of material things which Canada would control. These are purely material things and to me they do not count very much. Whether Canada controls the Railway, the post office or other things does not, to me, amount to very much. I agree with both gentlemen on that point. But I have to ask myself, and I think we ought to ask ourselves, in the control of these things, what are we really giving up? Here is what we are giving up — any possible advantage or bargaining power we might get out of our strategic position. We may not get a thing, but I for one at least, want to make an effort, or the people of this country should make an effort in that behalf. We are giving up communications,

¹In the Black Books.