

that money on the public services.... But in those same ten years, the total value of all exports came to \$107 million; so that the government took \$24 million or 22% and for the first ten years of this century, the average taxation put on our people was \$10.50 a head.

Now take the next ten years which would bring us down to 1919. The total value of all the goods exported from Newfoundland was \$189 million. And out of \$189 million the government took \$42.5 million or 23%. The percentage went up a little. But here's what happened. For the first ten years of the present century, the taxation on the people of Newfoundland was an average of \$10.50 a head. But for the next ten years, from 1910-1919, it was \$17 per head.

Now come on to the next ten years, 1920-1929, and in those ten years the total value of all the goods exported from Newfoundland was an amount of \$263 million. And out of that the government took in taxes \$108 million or 41%, and the total taxation on the people was \$39 a head.

Now when you come to 1930-1939, what you find is this, that the total value of all the goods exported from Newfoundland was \$293 million; and that the Government of Newfoundland in those ten years took \$121 million from the people in taxation, or 43%. In those ten years the taxation on our people was \$41 per head....

Now, sir, when you begin at 1940 you can only come down to 1947; and in those eight years we find that the total value of all goods exported from Newfoundland in the eight years 1940 to 1947, to the end of the fiscal year in March, was \$359 million....

**Mr. Cashin** Mr. Chairman, is there a quorum in the House?

**Mr. Chairman** I was just about to ask to have the members summoned. We just...

**Mr. Smallwood** Will I proceed, Mr. Chairman, or will I wait until the...

**Mr. Chairman** I think it's better to wait, Mr. Smallwood, we're not probably constitutional. There are 13 members in the House.

**Mr. Cashin** An unlucky number.

**Mr. Smallwood** Thirteen years is the length of time Commission of Government has been here, you know.

**Mr. Cashin** No, it's nearly 14 now.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, it's lucky or unlucky.

*[The members were summoned]*

**Mr. Smallwood** As I was saying, sir, in the last eight years of our country's history, the total value of the goods exported from Newfoundland was \$359 million, and in those years the government took from us in taxes \$169 million, or 46%. Let us look just at the last three years. In 1945, the total value of all the goods exported from Newfoundland was nearly \$49 million, and the expenditure by the government — taxes taken from us — was \$22.75 million or 46% of our total expenditure, our total exports. Now in 1946, the value of our exports was \$61 million. It went up a bit. But the government that year took or spent \$29 million or 48%. And in 1947, the total value of our exports was \$62 million, thus the government took \$37 million or 60%. If you average it, for the last three years, you will find that over 51% of the total value of all the goods exported from Newfoundland was taken by the government and spent on public service.

**Mr. Cashin** That is not correct. The ordinary expenditure wasn't counted. You mustn't forget that there was about \$50 million each year on capital account, and that's leaving the impression that the ordinary expenditure of the country is \$37 million. That is not true. The ordinary expenditure of the country last year was around \$26 million.

**Mr. Smallwood** I appreciate the point that Major Cashin has made. I understand why he has made it, and if it comes to this, that the government should separate their expenditures under ordinary and extraordinary, capital and reconstruction, I agree with Major Cashin completely. But he will not deny that in the fiscal year 1947, the Government of Newfoundland did spend \$37,141,000.

**Mr. Cashin** Yes, and \$13 million of that was capital expenditure.

**Mr. Smallwood** But whatever it was, the fact remains that in 1947 the Government of Newfoundland spent \$37,141,000 and in the year before they spent \$29,087,000 and in the year before \$22,739,000.

**Mr. Cashin** Well, what did they spend the year before?

**Mr. Smallwood** The year before, it was \$20,965,087. And the year before that, \$14 million, ...

**Mr. Cashin** What year was that — \$14 million?