

every man, woman and child in Newfoundland is liable for \$220, and that every man, woman and child in Canada is liable for \$932. So that if we join Canada we cease to have this burden of \$220 around our necks, and we take on a new burden of \$922 instead. I was surprised some time ago to hear the good member for Twillingate attempt to say that a change from \$220 to \$932 was really nothing to worry about. Since this Convention began I have noted that no man here has shown a more scrupulous regard for clearing expenditure, watching our surpluses and our resources. But suddenly the good gentleman blossoms forth and goes on a bus, so to speak.... Oh, that is a mere bagatelle, a per capita tax of \$932. Mr. Ashbourne attempted to justify it by stating that to a big man, or a big business, a big debt is no more than a small debt to a small man. That may or may not be so. But it is not so if the people of Newfoundland become bigger men, if we enter into confederation. We will have to fish on the French Shore, on the Labrador, or if Mr. Ashbourne wants it nearer home, Twillingate Long Point. And the fact that these fishermen are into confederation is not going to put any more fish in their traps. They are still the same fishermen, doing the same things as before, and I doubt if Mr. Ashbourne or anybody else will pay them any more for a quintal fish in order to pay this additional burden.

And now with respect to the famous baby bonus that we've heard so much about. The Canadian trade index says that it cost Canadians annually \$25 million in taxes to meet this allowance. This means that there is on average a tax of \$20 per person on each man, woman and child. If the tax were raised by taking from the rich, it might have a Robin Hood justification. But it is raised as part of the general revenue and is collected in part as import duties. The poor pay as well as the rich. This baby bonus has good features, but like a lot of these things, we would find out in time it has a hurtful effect as well, and all is not gold that glitters. I could go on much further with respect to what we would have to pay in the shape of taxes if we became part of Canada. As I said before, every Canadian I talked to reeled off taxes that they have to pay. Every Canadian government statistical book I take up is a story of taxes and more taxes. I have come to the conclusion that as far as I can learn, compared with

Canadians we don't know what taxation is. I am willing to admit that in Canada they have generally better schools, better trains, better hotels and better public services all around. But don't let anyone tell you that these come like manna that fall from heaven. In a recent issue of *Maclean's Magazine*, there was quite an article giving the statistics of the number of immigrants from Europe entering Canada. They are many thousands annually. But the article also shows that there are more Canadian immigrants entering the USA from Canada annually than there are people coming into Canada. If it is the promised land that has been described to us, why is it that they are leaving Canada in the thousands each year?

Mr. Smallwood They'll be back now. It's too dear to live in the States, prices are too high. They're coming back.

Mr. Reddy You know, Mr. Chairman, most of us in Newfoundland have been born and brought up in small harbours, and a mile or so behind the harbour are the wide open spaces. All of us during our young days have gone into the woods and roamed the hills and valleys, picked berries, snared rabbits, and caught trout in the ponds. All of us that felt that this was our country, our own ponds, valleys and rivers. We did not have a fence around it, and it was ours to use when we wanted. It is a part of that freedom that we have been brought up to in Newfoundland. If confederation comes, my guess is that all that will change. We will have the surveyors from Ottawa who will have the boundary lines marked, and like you see in Canada, there will be "No Trespassing" signs all over the country. The laws governing what you can and what you can't do will be far different from what they used to be, and what they are today. Then you will know that Newfoundland is ours no longer. I know quite well that you cannot put a money value on this sort of a thing. Maybe it does not feed a hungry man, but nevertheless it is worth a lot. It is well worthwhile holding on to. The value of this freedom that we have known so long is something that has to be decided by the heart and conscience of each of us.

As we have read in the papers recently, Canada has just had to borrow \$300 million from the USA. The chief advocate of confederation said here some time ago that Canada was borrow-