

**Mr. Smallwood** 1942-43 — the year ending...

**Mr. Cashin** They spent much more than \$14 million in 42.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, Mr. Chairman, I give the figure. If Major Cashin disagrees he can produce the figures to show that I am wrong.

**Mr. Cashin** The figures are in the Finance Report.

**Mr. Smallwood** The figures are in the Finance Report. I have it open at the very page and I was going to ask Major Cashin before this debate finishes to justify these figures. Because according to my understanding, the figures beginning in the year 1919-20 are wrong from there down to the present year. And I was going to ask Major Cashin to explain where he got these figures. But if he doesn't mind, we'll let that stand over for the present moment. I say that the figures I have here are correct and if they can be...

**Mr. Cashin** What year, you say, 41-42?

**Mr. Smallwood** The years are 1940-41, \$15,688,596; 1940-41, \$14,534,000; 1941-42, \$14,668,000.<sup>1</sup>

**Mr. Cashin** These figures are wrong, Mr. Smallwood. I'm sorry.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, they may be wrong but I'd like...

**Mr. Cashin** They are right here in the Finance Report on page 113.

**Mr. Smallwood** I have that right in front of me, and I don't accept the figures in the Finance Report after the year 1919-20.

**Mr. Cashin** You don't?

**Mr. Smallwood** I don't accept them.

**Mr. Cashin** Well, you won't accept the Auditor General's report, I take it.

**Mr. Smallwood** We're coming to that when we come to it. I was going to raise the matter. That's why I have it opened at that very page. I was going to ask Major Cashin to explain why it is that the figures showing the expenditure of the government every year since 1919-20 are different from my figures.

**Mr. Cashin** Well, where did you get your figures?

**Mr. Smallwood** I got my figures from the public accounts of the Government of Newfoundland.

**Mr. Cashin** Where?

**Mr. Smallwood** Over there — they're on file in the office outside here. Some of them are, some

of them are not.

**Mr. Cashin** I rise to a point of order.

**Mr. Chairman** Please state your point of order.

**Mr. Cashin** My point of order is that there are no Auditor General's reports available up to ... 1919 in the government departments.

**Mr. Smallwood** The reply is simply this. I have figures showing the revenue and expenditure of the government every year from 1855 down to the present year. These figures I got from official publications of the Government of Newfoundland.

**Mr. Cashin** I want to see the official publications.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, they would make quite a large...

**Mr. Cashin** Well, bring them in here. I want to have a look at them.

**Mr. Smallwood** ...large parcel. I'm afraid that some of them are at the public library, some of them are at the Department of Finance and Customs, some of them are in the office outside here, some of them are down in my own house, some of them are in other places. But I have spent a solid year, off and on, compiling the figures and I know that these figures are correct. Here's the table which shows you the revenue, the expenditure, the surplus, the deficit, the public debt, and the value of the exports and the population — this one sheet of paper alone from 1865 to 1893.

**Mr. Cashin** Let me have a look at it.

**Mr. Smallwood** There is another one which shows...

**Mr. Cashin** Hold on a minute, hold on a minute. Where did this come from? What department of government did you get this out of?

**Mr. Smallwood** ....Whether I went in the public library and did it, whether I went into the Department of Finance, or whether I added to it from the public accounts, or from documents I had in my own private library, I don't recall at this moment, but I can assure you, sir, these are accurate figures.

**Mr. Chairman** If you don't mind, Mr. Smallwood, there is before me a point of order taken by Major Cashin. Now your point of order is exactly what, Major?

**Mr. Cashin** My point of order is that my friend opposite has just stated that he's taken these figures from official documents.

<sup>1</sup>These are Mr. Smallwood's numbers.