

We don't want to put a fancy picture before our people of what is going to be, because our people are looking to this.

**Mr. Chairman** It is not a question of a fancy picture at all. It is important or relatively unimportant as far as members are concerned, and every man is entitled to draw his own conclusions. Mr. Smallwood thinks it is important, other members think otherwise, and I am not prepared to say who is right and who is wrong.

**Mr. Bailey** Mr. Chairman, I think it is important. If we were in a position tomorrow to spend \$50 million on the survey of this country, I think it would be one of the most important things in our history.... If we got the money, go ahead, but let our people understand that it is the province that would be going ahead, and these people are going to help. Now if the federal government promised to come down here and put in a survey, then we know what we are talking about.

**Mr. Smallwood** That's what it is.

**Mr. Bailey** I don't see it. I don't see where the federal government is going to pay a dollar on this...

**Mr. Chairman** There is no point in arguing it. It is a question of interpretation...

**Mr. Bailey** If they intend to do it why don't they say, "We will bear the cost"?

**Mr. Chairman** Well, they do say it, in my opinion; but you are entitled to your own opinion.

*[The reporter was unable to record the next passage of the debate, since the Chairman, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Smallwood were all talking at once.]*

**Mr. Smallwood** ...There is one simple little thing Canada could do, and if we could afford it we could do it for ourselves, and that's this survey that Mr. Bailey spoke about. And this method which I have never heard of before, of two ships with a wire strung between them, scraping the bottom with other wires, and showing where the shoals and fishing grounds are; that might be worth untold millions of dollars to Newfoundland. I am sure that Mr. Bailey will agree with that. That is included in this economic survey.

**Mr. Hollett** That has been done long ago. I don't believe there is a fisherman who does not know where every shoal that exists is situated.

**Mr. Smallwood** Within three miles, or four miles.

**Mr. Hollett** Yes, and including the Grand Banks.

**Mr. Smallwood** Well, Captain Bailey knows.

**Mr. Hollett** I am not sure that Captain Bailey knows much about deep-sea fishing around Newfoundland. The only reason I am saying a few words on this clause is this: Mr. Smallwood said that in his opinion this was the most important section in this Grey Book, and I want to point out that survey has been in operation in Canada for 70 or less years, and we know the results in Canada. What can we expect from this idea of confederation if this is the most important section? If nothing better has been done in PEI if you like, or Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, if nothing better has resulted from these surveys, then why is this the most important section in this book?

**Mr. Chairman** It is the most important section because Mr. Smallwood says so, but it may have no importance at all so far as you or I are concerned.

**Mr. Butt** On the question of an economic survey, I certainly agree with Mr. Smallwood. What I was trying to find out from reading section 22 is how far the public services of Canada would be of assistance in bringing about a proper economic and financial survey of Newfoundland as well.

**Mr. Smallwood** They don't mention a financial survey.

**Mr. Butt** No, I know they don't, but I think that is something necessary to be done. I raised some doubt the time before when the public services sections were read, those public services which would apply to Newfoundland. I am sorry this debate came up this afternoon because I have been making a survey of these services, and this afternoon I am only going to refer to one section, and that comes under the Public Health and Welfare Department. There are 17 services enumerated there. Four of those are treated here separately, all of them relating to financial benefits of one kind or other. They are: the treatment of sick and injured mariners; old age pensions; pensions for the blind; family allowances. Eight of these services are purely consulting services. Eight of them. The balance are like this: food and drug standards; investigation and research; industrial health; national physical fitness programme.

Now the point that I would like to make, and