

other hand, as "propositions, limitations or provisions, stated or offered, as in contracts, for the acceptance of others and determining the nature and scope of the agreement". There is a tremendous difference in the word "terms" and the word "arrangements". And this Grey Book is called "arrangements". Nowhere in the whole business does the Canadian government call it "terms", nowhere. The Prime Minister's letter takes great care on this point.

Besides the Grey Book, which is not "terms", and the Black Books which are incomplete and official or semi-official as the situation arises, what else do we have to go on? In the debate, especially before Christmas, explaining these arrangements, much stress was laid by the pilot of the report on what so-and-so had said, suggested, hinted or alluded to at various meetings and apparently on other occasions. For instance, in connection with the Housing Corporation and the National Housing Act, it was said that the head of that Canadian organisation had said that something might be worked out, but he did not know what could be worked out until we were a province. Again, on the matter of the service on the Cabot Strait and the matter of a super-ferry, it was stated that on this matter Mr. St. Laurent had read something from a memo about details of such a ship, and in this connection Mr. Smallwood had asked Mr. Ballam to tell the house what he knew or had heard about the car ferry on the Straits. And Mr. Ballam had risen in his place to say that he had nothing to say on this matter, that it was purely an off the record conversation between himself and the high Canadian official while walking along the street, and that he did not think it right to make any pronouncement under the circumstances. And he was quite right; for if the decision of our people in this matter of confederation is to be swayed by conjectures made or heard in a conversation on the streets of Ottawa, then the whole affair has indeed come to a sorry pass. It would seem to me, from the personal allusions made by Mr. Smallwood about what will happen when we are a province, that the Canadian officials were prepared to promise anything and everything, but to put nothing very much in writing. There were many other occasions when similar statements were made that could be quoted, but I have already taken up far more of the time of this house

than I ever intended at the outset; but the whole matter is so complicated that the further one proceeds, the further one is involved.

Only one other aspect of the debate remains to be commented on. It is in reference to the multitude of taxes that the Canadian people pay in all the provinces — to their municipal government, to their provincial government, and to their federal government. Mr. Smallwood had reiterated over and over again that it does not follow because Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or any other province has certain taxes that we have not now, that under confederation we will still not have them. In other words, we will be the tenth and last province and we will be a law unto ourselves. There is an old saying, whether you do what the Romans do, when you're in Rome, is a matter of choice. But when in confederation, you will do as the Canadians do and it won't be a matter of choice, I can assure you. Not that the federal government will compel us to do certain things, raise certain taxes, but we ourselves will be compelled, we will have to compel ourselves to raise additional taxation to try and provide the services that the province under confederation is required to provide. Yes, Mr. Chairman, the CNR may take over the Railway, but the Province of Newfoundland will not be permitted to run on a separate track. It will have to shunt onto the main line on which the other nine provinces run; and where there is no precedent in our set-up we will have to take leaves from their books. To advance the argument that Newfoundland and her people will remain tax-free to the same extent as they are now under confederation, is the height of false reasoning. It is absurd. Even if we were to take the figures of Mr. Smallwood's provincial budget we would still have to raise more than \$1.25 million in additional provincial taxation, besides that provided for, in addition to the great amounts that would find their way from our pockets to the federal treasury at Ottawa. But other speakers have proved to my satisfaction at any rate, that Mr. Smallwood's budget is set at too low a figure to run the province successfully and make both ends meet.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I wish to refer to certain other aspects of this whole question which as yet I have not touched upon in any great detail, if at all. As I said at the beginning, I realise