

cost of living generally. I think that must be admitted.

3. Federal union will do the greatest good for the greatest number; which I am sure is or should be the object of all the members of this Convention. It will place the burden of taxation where it belongs, on the shoulders of those who have the capacity to pay. It will give our people social security in the way of old age pensions to an extent which we have been unable to reach either under our own government or Commission in the past, and I doubt if we could ever hope to reach to that extent in the future under the governments I have mentioned.

Federal union will give us the benefits which family allowances will bring, not only directly to the persons concerned, but indirectly in the way of general business. It is estimated that 120,000 children under the age of 16 would be eligible for the family allowances. At an average of \$72 per child per year, this would amount to \$8,640,000. It is also estimated that the number of persons over 70 is 10,000. When we allow that 7,000 of these are eligible for pensions at \$30 per month, this would amount to another \$2.5 million. Making a grand total of over \$11 million per year put into circulation in this country each year in these two services alone — and that's no chicken-feed, sir, despite the criticisms levelled against it. It has been stated that we will have to pay for these services. Of course we will have to pay our proportional share as a province, but we will have the help of about 12 million people in doing it. The point is, could we ever hope to accomplish this on our own?

Federal union will also bring us unemployment benefits, with which I am sure my friends Mr. Fudge, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Fogwill and other labour men will not disagree.

Federal union would provide the same facilities to us as enjoyed by Canadian citizens in all nine provinces, viz. that of having free entry to other provinces for our people, particularly our young people who may wish a wider field of endeavour in their chosen professions or trades and not be treated as foreigners and admitted on a quota. It will not be the first time in our history that through depression or other causes, our people have been forced to seek work elsewhere, in times when there were not jobs enough even to go around; from what I can hear there are not

enough jobs even now to carry our people over, in spite of an expression made in this Convention in connection with a certain place that there was plenty of work, if the people were not too lazy to look for it.

Mr. Chairman, we have increasing numbers of young people graduating from Memorial University. What have we to offer them in Newfoundland in order that they may carry on their chosen careers? Federal union will give them an opportunity on an equality with the young people of our neighbouring dominion to go forward in their various professions. If we cannot provide sufficient employment for our growing population, let us then in the name of goodness try and clear the way for them to seek it elsewhere.

**Mr. Hollett** I rise to a point of privilege. I understand Mr. MacDonald made reference to something I was supposed to have said in connection with men being too lazy to work. I have had another slap at me from Mr. Bradley about the same supposed statement.

**Mr. Smallwood** And by me.

**Mr. Hollett** You are not worth mentioning. Before there is any further reference to that supposed statement, I insist that the full text be produced.

**Mr. Chairman** Please, Mr. Smallwood. How can I deal with a question of privilege if I have interruptions? I am not going to have them.

**Mr. Hollett** The point is this. Is Mr. MacDonald referring to the exact quotation of my speech or is he not? If he is not, then I maintain he has no right to refer to it.

**Mr. Chairman** Unfortunately I am not able to rule for the obvious reason that I would have to have the excerpt from your speech in which the supposed statement was made before I could rule on it. I do not know if you are being represented or misrepresented. I do not recall the statement.

**Mr. Smallwood** The country heard it.

**Mr. Chairman** I am not interested. I am not in a position to rule at this time. I will have to see if I can have it unearthed.

**Mr. Hollett** If any further reference is to be made, I would like to have the context and not a mere phrase therein.

**Mr. Chairman** I think the point is well taken. I think it is highly improper and unfair for any member to take a statement or a portion of a statement without quoting the thing *in toto*.