

Mr. Chairman That is not the point. The point is...

Mr. Smallwood Charged for the services of its personnel that it loaned to that province.

Mr. Chairman The point taken by Mr. Higgins arises out of his interpretation of the expression "The Government of Canada will make available the services of technical personnel and agencies to assist in the work." It is not a case of what they have done in the past for other provinces. The question that Mr. Higgins has directed is the interpretation to be placed upon the phrase that I have just read, and he says it is an open question as to how much technical personnel and agencies are to be provided by the Dominion government, and if and when provided, by whom and to what extent the services are to be paid.

Mr. Smallwood It was to that point exactly that I was addressing myself, and I said in reply, would Mr. Higgins show me one case in the 80 years of confederation, where the Government of Canada has conducted any survey of minerals or water-power, or fish or soil, for any province and charged that province for doing it?

Mr. Higgins That is not the point, it is not what they did in the past.

Mr. Smallwood That's exactly what it is.... Is it its practice, when it does work for various provinces, to charge the provinces for doing it?

Mr. Chairman What the Dominion has done for the provinces in similar circumstances, insofar as a uniform policy may be found, may assist in the interpretation of this clause, but has no direct bearing upon an interpretation of the phrase.

Mr. Higgins We don't know officially what has been done by the Dominion.

Mr. Chairman Well, that's another matter.

Mr. Smallwood You don't want me to take up the Black Book and read again the technological and scientific services of the Government of Canada.... There they are, we read them out the other day, these great federal departments employing thousands of men, expert technical men at work all the year around. Where do they work? Throughout the provinces of Canada doing this survey work. They do not charge any provincial government for the work they do. It is borne in full by the Government of Canada, and there is no reason in the world to suppose that in doing that kind of survey in Newfoundland they

are going to charge for it. Where did that suggestion come from? Mr. Higgins said, "How do we know but they will charge us for it?"

Mr. Chairman No, Mr. Higgins is asking. Now is your reply this: that the nature and extent of the services to be rendered by the Government of Canada under the concluding words of the first paragraph of clause 22, Mr. Smallwood, has to be resolved in the light of the technical and other services which were mimeographed by you the other day, and delivered to members of the House?

Mr. Smallwood In part, sir, because remember that that list is merely the names of the divisions, it is not a description of their work. It is merely a part list of the various departments of the Government of Canada.

Mr. Chairman Let me go further then, as detailed in the Black Book.

Mr. Smallwood Yes sir, and applied in Newfoundland with particular pressure in point of time. These great federal departments of Canada have come to Newfoundland to scour the island and scour Labrador in an effort...

Mr. Higgins Mr. Chairman, I don't want to interrupt...

Mr. Smallwood Well, Mr. Higgins had better not interrupt, unless he is on a point of order or privilege.

Mr. Higgins Well, I am on a point of order. I am asking for the interpretation of the paragraph. I am not asking for an oration on the services provided by the Government of Canada. How do you sir, interpret the wording of that section?

Mr. Chairman It might not mean very much and it might mean a great deal. Perhaps at this time, Mr. Smallwood, however embarrassing it might be, I will allow you to refer to the details as given in the Black Book, and to which I now direct your attention.

Mr. Smallwood I thank you for permission to do that. In doing that, in view of the discussion we had earlier today, and in view of the time, to spare the House and the country the ordeal of reading a description of these great federal departments....

Mr. Chairman You might take a midway position. Mr. Higgins has addressed himself to me, but I am afraid I cannot do anything without the assistance of somebody.

Mr. Higgins It is only the wording, the inter-