

what they have — tell us about our fund costing \$7 million. I would like Mr. Smallwood to tell the country about that.

Mr. Chairman No. If you want to address yourself on the comparable benefits, that is your right. The point is, Mr. Smallwood is endeavouring to explain those terms. Obviously he is explaining how the standpoint would be as it would apply to Newfoundland were it to come into effect. If any member cares to draw comparisons, that is his right.

Mr. Hollett May I ask Mr. Smallwood what happens to a sick mariner who comes into any port, be he a Newfoundlander, in Newfoundland? If he has broken his arm or done anything else, would Mr. Smallwood explain what happens to that man?

Mr. Chairman Can you tell us what the position is, Mr. Smallwood?

Mr. Smallwood If the skipper of the boat has paid \$2, that covers the crew.

Mr. Hollett That is in Canada. I am talking about Newfoundland.

Mr. Smallwood I have no comment.

Mr. Hollett He refused to make a statement.

Mr. Chairman I must uphold him. We are not engaged in the interpretation of the situation covering Newfoundland mariners. We are at the moment engaged in the study of this Grey Book.... We are not considering the actual position of Newfoundland....

Mr. Hollett Am I not right in asking Mr. Smallwood to explain the situation as it exists in the country today?

Mr. Chairman He has said he has no comment to make.

Mr. Hollett I am prepared to let it go at that.

Mr. Jackman Mr. Smallwood spoke of the Canadians erecting sanatoria along the coast. I wonder, do they know the condition of personnel in the sanatoria, do they know the shortage of nurses in this country? I happen to know something about it, I am connected with the TB Association. We do not want to put things over the air and paint a rosy picture to persuade people. If they are going to erect sanatoria, they will also have to be responsible for the personnel because there is not sufficient personnel in Newfoundland to look after the sanatoria. That is the reason why so many people suffering from TB cannot be

hospitalised. If the Canadians are going to erect sanatoria, you will have to tell them to bring their personnel with them.

[Short recess]

Mr. Chairman When recess was taken, Mr. Jackman had addressed a question to you, Mr. Smallwood, asking how it is proposed to overcome the difficulty of staffing the sanatoria...

Mr. Smallwood It is not my responsibility, as Mr. Jackman will appreciate. It will be the problem of the Canadian government, if they erect sanatoria in Newfoundland for sick mariners, to find the help and to maintain them. I would remind Mr. Jackman we will not be a province of Canada for a year yet; and it will be a year or two after that before the sanatoria are erected.

Mr. Hollett Point of order. Are we going to be a province of Canada a year hence?

Mr. Chairman I must sustain you on that point. The question as to whether or not we are at any time to be a province of Canada is one for the sovereign people of this country to determine. I do not think any predictions or prophecies are in order at this time.

Mr. Smallwood I would not dare prophesy. I think it is a fairly safe statement to make that if we become a province, we could not be a province for about a year and it will take a year or two after that to build the sanatoria.

Mr. Hollett I rise to a point of order. He just said "if we become a province it will not be for a year at least". I want him to withdraw that in relationship to a statement he made on his return trip.

Mr. Chairman I am not interested in what Mr. Smallwood said on his return trip. Kindly take your seat. Mr. Smallwood, you are not entitled to make prognostications as to what our political institutions are to be.

Mr. Miller No mention of sanatoria in the Grey Book, so we might pass on.

Mr. Harrington One point I would like to get cleared up — this sick mariners' benefit comes under public services provided by Canada. Volume 2, page 30-32.¹ The following table shows revenue and expenditure of sick mariners' dues by province for fiscal year 1946-47. Then it gives a table of revenue and expenditure and amount. I cannot reconcile that table of provincial figures with this other public service supposedly collected by the federal government.

¹In the Black Books.