

large companies did give their figures and we were given permission to use these figures as a gross total. There is one other point that I would have liked to have seen in this report, and that is on the protective tariff, the duties as they would have regularly been, provided we did not have that industry here at all. As I see it, this discussion got a bit away from that, we got down to drawing examples on the basis of no duties at all. I don't think that situation has any relation at all when we are dealing with protective tariffs. I think that had these tariffs in relation to the different matters as we found them been figured out, and if we had a tabulation on these things, that a few figures there might speak more than a lot of words....

Mr. Smallwood On page 8, the last paragraph, I wonder if Mr. Hickman would mention that. It says: "It can therefore be seen ... rather than season work which might be directly or indirectly dependent on that fisheries...." It that means anything, it means that there should be local industries to provide wages, but which would not be either directly or indirectly dependent on the fisheries.

Mr. Hickman It would be dependent on them as far as the money would derive from these basic industries.

Mr. Smallwood What do you mean by secondary industries? You don't mean that Corner Brook and Buchans and Grand Falls are secondary do you?

Mr. Hickman No, they are basic industries.

Mr. Smallwood Well, what kind of industry could you have that would not be directly or indirectly dependent on these?

Mr. Hickman That means not dependent on the fisheries as a cooper, or a longshoreman or anything of that sort. Someone who is making something that can be sold to the consumer, and which would provide employment to people who are today getting employment in the United States or elsewhere.

Mr. Smallwood You should have left out that word "indirectly", because it is almost impossible to get an industry which is not indirectly dependent on the fisheries.

Mr. Hollett Again on page 8, you consulted the Board of Trade committee and you say that they supplied to us figures that they had received in reply to their questionnaire. Are these figures in the report? I don't see them.

Mr. Hickman Only what is contained in that paragraph.

Mr. Fudge Mr. Chairman, I wonder would the chairman of the Local Industries Committee say whether or not they had written W.J. Lundrigan of Corner Brook in connection with his plant there, as there are a number of men employed there.

Mr. Hickman We sent out to all known manufacturers or local industries.

Mr. Fudge Did you get a reply from him?

Mr. Hickman Yes, but we stated that their reply would be kept confidential and only used in the total of the category referred to. It was on that basis that they submitted it.

Mr. Fudge Would you mind stating whether he said what the number of employees was that he had there?

Mr. Hickman I think he did.

Mr. Fudge I have some knowledge of that firm, because our organisation has an agreement with that man, and I am prepared to state here that the rate of wages paid in this wood working plant is far better than anything else paid anywhere in the island for local wages. The great bulk of that is from this particular wood working plant to which I refer...

Mr. Bailey I see here under boots and shoes, 102 employees, \$13,000 duty and excise, \$150,000 volume of business, \$120,000 capital. For once I am going to agree with Mr. Smallwood on one thing. I wonder at what cost to this country that local industry is carried on. At the end of the last war I came in contact with quite a bunch of men who were interested in changing the map of Europe. One of those rose to a pretty prominent position in the Czechoslovakian government, and he explained to me what was going to take place and what was going to be put into the boot and shoe industry there. He spoke also of the good quality of our herring. I suppose today the country has got an idea of the consumption of herring in Middle Europe, as they call it. The humble herring may be nothing at all in this country, but in those countries it is a luxury. I was interested, and at that time we had a big export of herring from this country, but unfortunately, due to the depression and not being handled right, we lost that market.... Those chaps, apparently they were very intelligent and well educated. I thought, if he banks on going into that position it