

such as school tax, road tax, stock tax, sales tax, so by the time they are finished they leave me wondering if they are talking about the same country that my good friend the member for Bonavista Centre has been telling us about. Maybe these Canadians to whom I have been talking are all wrong, and maybe they only think they are being taxed, and maybe Mr. Smallwood is right, but I am satisfied that they can't both be right. That is something you have to decide for yourselves. The gentleman for Bonavista Centre reminds me of a tourist who visits another town or country and then comes back and tells the local boys of the marvellous sights he has seen, and the beautiful things he has encountered, and how everything is so much better than in the old home town. It reminds me of an old saying, the grass is always greener in the other fellow's yard.

The good member is like an individual who is called a barker, who stands in front of a tent at a circus and has a very convincing story to tell you. He tells you that for 25 cents, if you will just step inside, you will see some wonderful things. I don't mind admitting that I visited Coney Island once and I was hypnotised by this barker. I parted with 50 cents which I could illafford to spend, but which I thought was little for what I was going to see. But I don't mind telling you, and I use a common but explicit word, I was a sucker. And since then I am inclined to be very suspicious of any gentleman who says in effect, "Will you walk into my parlour, said the spider to the fly." Fortunately for me, I was able to get out of the circumstance. But in this instance the tent we are invited to enter has no exit, and over the door might well be written, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

I want to compliment the gentleman from Bonavista Centre for the resourcefulness that he has shown whenever this subject of Canadian taxes has been brought up. In effect he's brushed it off by saying, "Oh don't worry about this tax, don't worry about that tax, because the federal government will pay them for you. It does not come out of your pocket at all. It comes out of the pocket of the federal government." The good old fairy godmother the federal government, whose sole purpose of existing is apparently to throw out gratuitously, to all her offspring, including the Newfies, big hunks of confederate money every time they go crying to her door. Yes, Mr. Chair-

man, that is the picture that the good member for Bonavista Centre has endeavoured to create in the minds of the people. And I believe that he has done a very good job. I will now digress a moment to pay a tribute to Mr. Smallwood's ability in this respect. I believe if it were possible for that gentleman to descend into the inferno that the poet Dante speaks about, and then come back again and write and distribute his prospectus, I am convinced that he would describe that inferno in such glowing terms that they would be swamped with applications for ringside seats. Seriously, Mr. Chairman, while I am on the subject, I recommend now that if we do not go into confederation, that the member for Bonavista Centre be appointed head of our tourist bureau, because I think that a man with his imagination can write such a glowing account of this country that he will bring sufficient tourists here from Canada to pay off our national debt, and convince even Mr. Smallwood himself that we are self-supporting.

From the Canadian people whom I have met and talked with, and there have been many during the past year, I know that it is not a dream world that Mr. Smallwood would have us believe. It has a bright side and a dark side and I think I might glance at a few figures. Canada's population in the last census, 1941, was 11.5 million. Most Newfoundlanders have a hazy idea that if we would join Canada we would be joining up with much the same kind of people as we have in Newfoundland, that is English, Irish, and Scotch descendants. If you think that, you are wrong. Fifty percent of all Canada's population are of English, Irish and Scotch descents, and the other fifty are French, Polish, Russian, Italian, and so on. So that we would be really joining a foreign power, in more ways than one. And if in the years ahead the foreign population outgrows the people of the British Isles, which could happen, and these people take charge of Canada, a lot of trouble that we never dreamed about we could be letting ourselves and our descendants in for.

Mr. Smallwood Have you looked up the landed immigrants in the USA?

Mr. Reddy No, Mr. Smallwood, I haven't.

Mr. Smallwood No, I thought you hadn't.

Mr. Reddy The national debt of Canada is now about \$14 billion. The national debt of Newfoundland is about \$65 million. This means that