

be read, and I challenge Mr. Smallwood to read it to the House.

**Mr. Smallwood** I will read it.

**Mr. Hollett** You are not allowed. This telegram is signed by five hard-working fishermen of St. Brendan's who are now working in the mines there and earning their living. I say we have places to which men can go if they are not too lazy to do so.

**Mr. Smallwood** Shame! Scandalous, shameful statement. We have thousands of men in Newfoundland who would give half their arm for a job.

**Mr. Hollett** Is that a point of order? Sit down! I do not want you to bring up St. Brendan's again. I am representing men from St. Brendan's in Buchans who are disgusted with the statement you made the other day. You read that telegram and you will not sleep this night. That is all I want to say, except one other point. He says in this baby bonus they do not tax the poor; they take it out of the rich. I would like to ask Mr. Smallwood, who make the rich rich? Is it not the miners down in the mines in Buchans? Is it not the fisherman on the Labrador? Is it not the men who fell the trees? Are not these the men who make rich men rich? If you increase taxation to a certain point, beyond saturation point, you are making the poor man a darn sight poorer. That is what you are trying to ram down into our throats, that false doctrine, Mr. Smallwood. I move the adjournment.

**Mr. Smallwood** I move the adjournment, but first I would say in reply to Mr. Hollett that the rich are made by the poor, and family allowances are the method of getting some of it back from the pockets of the rich into the pockets of the poor again.

**Mr. Higgins** Before we adjourn and whilst on the matter which Mr. Hollett brought up, we had a frenzied oration from Mr. Smallwood about St. Brendan's the other day. I believe actually while Mr. Smallwood was reading that letter, a gentleman was coming to town from St. Brendan's having made a purchase of squid down there; he paid on account of the squid he purchased \$4,500; he had not paid the full amount. I do not know if Mr. Smallwood was deliberately misleading, or whether Mrs. White was pulling his leg. Someone was in error. When you refused to allow him to read the letter, he then gave it as

his own knowledge.

**Mr. Smallwood** No, I did not.

**Mr. Chairman** I distinctly recall ruling that we were not concerned with expressions of opinion outside the House, but if Mr. Smallwood or any other member was talking about some part of the country from his own actual knowledge of that part, it was perfectly competent for him to do it.

**Mr. Higgins** Then he gave it as his own knowledge. I remembered and I wrote it down.

**Mr. Smallwood** Official stenographer?

**Mr. Higgins** I am not an official stenographer, but if you want to repeat more lies in this House you better get another stenographer to take down what you say yourself.

**Mr. Smallwood** Speaking on the motion to rise the committee and in reply to Mr. Higgins' innuendo, which I am surprised you did not stop him from saying, that I was deceiving the House, the letter I got was from Mrs. White, a lady whom I do not know. I just passed the information on from the letter to the House. I am happy to know they have sold their squid. I did not know until this moment.

**Mr. Higgins** I do not know that they have yet.

**Mr. Smallwood** I did not know it. The squid was there; they could not sell it; could not get any food for it. If conditions have improved since, no one is happier than I am. It happens to be in my district. The people of St. Brendan's have been extremely kind to me.

**Mr. Chairman** I have had to rise this committee before. I will go further next time. I am not going to tolerate these exchanges. The motion to rise the committee has been before me for the last ten minutes and on account of those verbal exchanges I have not been able to do anything. I am not interested at all in the endeavour of any member to have a parting shot when it is calculated to interfere with the discharge of my duties. If it occurs again the committee will rise and I will not wait for a motion.

*[The committee rose and reported progress, and the other items on the order paper were deferred]*

**Mr. Fogwill** I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission the following questions:

1. What pension (superannuation) rights have the employees of the Newfoundland Railway acquired under Newfoundland law?
2. In the event of the Newfoundland