

pay the whole cost of running the United Nations? I think we are just a little sick and weary of those fantastic guesses of Major Cashin. If he would only make up his mind as to which figure he means, we might be able to take him seriously. By the way, Mr. Chairman, the anticonfederates should really get together and do a little teamwork sometimes, because all they have been doing is destroying each other's arguments. For instance, Mr. Hickman estimated that the provincial government would take \$17 million a year in taxes.

Mr. Hickman \$19 million.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Hollett estimated \$19 million and Major Cashin \$19.2 million. In federal taxes, Major Cashin has given us all the estimates I have just mentioned, and tonight Mr. Fogwill gives us a brand new estimate of his own: \$35 million.

Mr. Fogwill That is the right one.

Mr. Smallwood They should compare notes sometimes, and when they do, they will probably fall back on the Canadian government's official estimate of \$20 million.

Major Cashin tells us that under confederation if the people want work they will have to get out of the country to get it. What he forgot to tell us is where the people will get work if we do *not* have confederation. We have not got confederation now, but we have got 15,000-20,000 people on the dole. We have many hundreds of veterans of the late war out of work. Without confederation, where will those men get jobs? Major Cashin forgot to tell us. He tells us that with confederation they have to go out of the country to find jobs, but what our thousands of unemployed men would like to know is, where they are going to find jobs if we do not have confederation?

Major Cashin tells us that confederation would be a threat to our educational system and that we would have non-denominational schools forced on us. Now, nothing said in this Convention since the first day it opened is so untrue as that one. There is not one single word of truth in it, not a syllable, not even a letter of truth in it. It is completely and utterly false, definitely and finally false, wholly and undeniably false. I challenge any man in Newfoundland — do you understand, sir? — any man in Newfoundland to show that our school system, our denominational

school system, is in the slightest danger from confederation. I challenge any man in this island to show that all existing rights of all denominations are not absolutely safeguarded and protected under the terms of confederation. I say here and now that no denomination, not one denomination, has the slightest reason for uneasiness on this point. All existing rights have been fully guaranteed and protected, just exactly as they stand today. Any denomination that wishes to go right on with its own separate denominational schools, paid for out of public funds, can do so under confederation, exactly as it can without confederation. Confederation will not make a particle of difference in our school system, and it is false and unworthy and mischievous to say it will, or even hint that it will. If there is in this island any denomination with separate school rights at the present time that fears that its rights would be put in danger, let that denomination speak out, or take the proper steps, and it is the simplest and easiest thing in the world to copperfasten the matter. I know what I am talking about. I know it in great detail, in intimate detail. I know what I am talking about, sir, and there are others that know too. I say here and now that if any person of authority shows me that our denominational school system is in any danger whatsoever from confederation, I will drop all further support of confederation. I will go further, I will oppose confederation just as ardently as up to now I have supported it. So now, if Major Cashin wants me to oppose confederation, let him get busy and produce his proof.

Well, at last we know the truth about the matter of the government Savings Bank. It is exactly as I said all along. Full control over the Savings Bank will be held by our own government, exactly as it is today. The Government of Canada has no law governing provincial savings banks, and it is left to the province itself, just as I said it would be. For a great many years the Province of Ontario has operated a savings bank, just as we have operated a savings bank, and the federal government has never interfered. Our Savings Bank will go right on as it is today. The provincial government will control it, and nobody else. The interest rates paid to depositors will be decided by our own government, just as they are now. Any profits made will go to our own government, just as they do now. But will