

American bases in the country brought the first real money we had seen for over ten years. They were making efforts to rehabilitate themselves. But the Canadian government, in order to bolster up its own financial position, influenced the Commission government to inaugurate this vicious and immoral legislation. Now again the story repeats itself, and we find the Canadian government again financially embarrassed, and they are compelled to stoop to a low level in order to curb our disbursement of our own moneys. Let me also remind you, Mr. Chairman, that just a few months ago, the financial position of Canada became so acute that she was forced to seek aid from the American government. Yesterday, in answer to a question which I placed I received an answer, or the Convention did, from the Canadian government, an evasive answer, to the effect that they had made arrangements with the International Bank for \$3 million. But they did not tell the truth. My question was, "How much did they apply for from the Americans, and how much did they receive?" The Canadian government asked for a temporary loan of around \$700 million but received temporary assistance by way of a loan of \$300 million. This is the country with which we, as a solvent and prosperous people, are now asked to enter into partnership.

Before I enter into discussion of the attempted fictitious budget presented by Mr. Smallwood over a month ago, which purports to cover the administration of the affairs of Newfoundland as a province, let me make a sort of recapitulation of the moneys and assets which would accrue to the Canadian government, as well as the disbursements which will be made by that government in Newfoundland, should we unite with Canada.

I have stated that the amount of \$20 million shown in Annex IV of the Grey Book is not correct. In my opinion the amount would be closer to \$30 million annually in the form of revenue that would be collected by the federal government. The Canadian government would assume our sterling debt, which would amount to some \$64 million. This sterling debt would be added to the national debt of Canada, and it would appear that the people of Newfoundland would not be liable for the interest and sinking fund, as well as the final payment of the principal and interest. If that is not trying to deceive our people, I don't know what is. It really means that

the people of Canada would assume an additional \$5 per capita debt, whilst the people of Newfoundland would assume a per capita debt of over \$1,400 as against a present per capita debt of slightly over \$250.

The Canadian government according to the Grey Book would assume the responsibility for the operation of our railway and general transportation system, which includes coastal boats, etc. However, the Canadian government does not agree, either in the Black Books or the Grey Book, to keep up our present railway schedule or coastal boat schedules. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Smallwood was trying to tangle up my friend Mr. Fogwill in connection with the figures he had in connection with the 15% tax on passengers, pointing out, he said, that the rate in Canada was 3½ cents, while it was 5-7 cents here. He forgot to tell us that at the present time both the CNR and the Canadian Pacific are trying to get an increase amounting to 30%, which, if you add it to 3½ cents would bring it close up to 5 cents. I think he estimated \$400,000.

Mr. Fogwill \$400,000 total, sir.

Mr. Cashin I figure he is \$100,000 short. You have not been able to figure it out. We have got to take into consideration that every man who goes on a bus from here to Carbonear has to pay 15% on his ticket, and every man travelling on TCA and the Furness boats and everything else coming into this country. It would be interesting to find out the total monies paid by our people annually for transportation. I am sure the Canadian government do not know. Everything is grand with the Canadian government. Neither does it agree to maintain our present Railway employees in their jobs or agree to the present pension system of our Railway workers.

Mr. Smallwood Yes, it does.

Mr. Cashin No. Rather has the Canadian government indicated to us that it would be their policy to dispense with a large number of our Railway workers, and thereby create considerable unemployment. In this connection I quote from one of the so-called secret documents supplied the Ottawa delegation by the Canadian authorities. This is what the Canadian delegation told me, and I remember that when Mr. Higgins brought it up he said it was not official, what was official was in the Black Books:

Number of Employees: It is noted that the