

Mr. Chairman And your reply to that is?

Mr. Cashin And my reply is, table the official documents.

Mr. Chairman But I understood him to say that there were no official...

Mr. Cashin I doubt if there's any official documents prior to 1919 regarding the Auditor General's report, because I tried to get them and I couldn't.

Mr. Chairman Do you make the positive statement they are not in existence, Major?

Mr. Cashin They may be in existence, but they weren't obtainable to the Finance Committee.

Mr. ChairmanMay I ask you Mr. Smallwood, please, have your figures been obtained from official sources, or are they merely figures and statistics prepared by yourself?

Mr. Smallwood The answer in reply, Mr. Chairman, is simply this. As you may know, I have spent possibly the last 20 years of my life doing research, historical research in this country. If I had been a member of the Finance Committee I could have told the committee where to get all kinds of figures and statistics about Newfoundland.... These I got, number one, in the public library, which is a government institution; number two, in the vault of the Home Affairs department; number three, in the Department of Finance and Customs where I have spent many days in the last ten or twelve months; number four, in my own personal library; number five, in the files of the newspapers which are on file running back for 100 years. It is possible, not very likely, that in copying them off I could be wrong. But I hope to show before this debate is over, that the figures in the Finance Report on page 112 or 113 showing from 1897-98 down to 1945-46 revenue and expenditure, that from the year 1919-20 these are not correctly entered there. There's something left out.

Mr. Chairman May I anticipate you by asking, is it your intention to address specifically any questions to Major Cashin as chairman of the Finance Committee based upon the figures which you are now quoting?

Mr. Smallwood Yes sir, it was my intention.

Mr. Chairman Well in that case Major, may I suggest that you'll have the opportunity....

Mr. Cashin Just one moment, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Smallwood made a statement a minute ago about the year 40-41 — what was the revenue and

expenditure you said there?

Mr. Smallwood I have only the expenditure not revenue.

Mr. Cashin Well, what is the revenue?

Mr. Smallwood I have only the figures for expenditure, not revenue.

Mr. Cashin Well, what is the expenditure?

Mr. Smallwood The expenditure 40-41 ... \$14,534,237.

Mr. Cashin Here's the Auditor General's report, now we'll fix it.

Mr. Smallwood All right.

Mr. Cashin Before I look at it I'll tell you....

Mr. Chairman At this stage Mr. Smallwood, may I direct your attention to page 113 of the Finance Report, which reads 1940-41 expenditure, \$15,830,699.

Mr. Smallwood Well, that's on page 113?

Mr. Chairman 113, yes. Under the caption "expenditures".

Mr. Smallwood Right, yes, that's what's there.

Mr. Chairman That's what's there. That is correct. Here it is in the Auditor General's report.

Mr. Smallwood If you like, before I go on with my own remarks, possibly this would be a good moment to clear up this mystery about these figures here.

Mr. Cashin You just ask me the question.

Mr. Smallwood All right, I'll do that now. I have checked carefully the figures here from 1897-98 on, expenditure. It was expenditure that I was concerned with not revenue. I find them quite correct from 1897-98 down to 1918-19. But, starting in 1919-20 and coming on I find a big discrepancy. And they do not agree, these figures in your report, starting with 1919-20, with any figures that are in any other reports, in the Amulree royal commission's report or...

Mr. Cashin Now we're coming to it...

Mr. Smallwood All right, we're coming to it if you like. I would like Major Cashin to tell us if the figures he has in his report beginning 1919-20 for expenditure are complete figures showing the expenditure of the Government of Newfoundland for each of those years....

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, I'm glad that point came up. The figures of revenues and expenditures shown here, and I refer now particularly to expenditures, are expenditures on ordinary account. They're not on capital account, and in the Amulree report, in order to make a rotten picture