

it affects the country.... The whole thing has to be thrashed out. The financial clauses are the most important matter and I am confident we should not rush them. I have been trying to get further information on them and until such time as I get the information, I will not talk on them.

Mr. Chairman If the reading is deferred, that might result in members being deprived of the opportunity of asking questions.

Mr. Cashin If we read them now, and no member asks questions, we are not passing them, so to speak?

Mr. Chairman No.

Mr. Cashin I do not mind them being read now, but the whole thing has to be summed up by members in the House before we are finished, to see what side of the ledger we are going to come out on if we go into confederation. Anyone who thinks we can do this in a few days is all out.

Mr. Chairman Which is why the only argument against reading them is that it may be unnecessary; while on the other hand the reading or even a brief explanation might suggest to members questions which might perhaps otherwise escape them, and then when the time came to debate the whole thing, perhaps they would not be in as good a position as they would be if their attention had been drawn to them by brief explanation. Apart from that fact, I am in agreement with your suggestion, Major Cashin, that the debate as such should be deferred until the required information is forthcoming.... I am prepared to rule that in the event of your deciding to defer the debate, not only on these section, but on other sections, it will be your right to revert back to other sections.

Mr. Cashin I want you to understand I am not trying to hold it up; but the matter is so important, that I think all these questions, particularly with regard to banks, the national debt of Canada, the CNR and the Trans-Canada Airways, should be forthcoming now.... This is supposed to be a partnership which we are to go into on equal basis in proportion to our assets. In order to do that, we have to know the assets of the other side of the picture, which are not here in these terms. The assets of Newfoundland only are here....

Mr. Smallwood I appreciate the point Major Cashin is making. I agree with him completely that there is information on this section which members will need to have in their possession when they debate these particular terms, and

possibly debate the whole picture. But I think he will agree, it might save time if we read these sections, as it might suggest questions to be asked.

Mr. Cashin You can take notice of questions as we go along.

Mr. Smallwood I am a bit worried about the questions. The government is in Ottawa and if as they occur to us, we give notice of question, and the question has to go through the formality of passing the Information Committee, then be forwarded to the local government and then probably to the Canadian High Commissioner, and by him to Ottawa, by the time we get back final replies ... with that in mind, it might expedite matters if members who have questions would please get them in as early as possible so they can be forwarded as quickly as possible and have the replies back in lots of time to help in the debate.

Mr. Fudge Before Mr. Smallwood proceeds, there are a few questions I would like to ask him and to which the people of the country would like to know the answers. I have to take you back to unemployment insurance. I wonder if Mr. Smallwood could tell me what obligations, if any, the unemployed are placed under in the getting of this insurance? I have heard that the unemployed man must appear in person to get the insurance. However, if he appears in person and there is a job available in any particular part of the nine provinces, he is obliged to accept that position, regardless of what the rate of wages may be. Should he refuse to accept that, he automatically relieves himself of any unemployment benefit....

Mr. Smallwood The position is that before a man can get the insurance, which is his by right, having paid into the fund, he must first be unemployed. He must be in a condition to work, physically, and, thirdly, he must accept a job offered by the Insurance Commission which is suitable work. A painter offered work as a clerk or offered a job as a watchman, is not suitable work. Secondly, he must be willing to move. A logger must be willing to go to the lumberwoods where the work is. If he is living in Green Bay, he cannot say the job offered in Bay of Islands or Badger is too far away. He cannot take that stand, if the job is reasonably suitable to him, in a place reasonably near, not too far away. The idea that an unemployed man in Newfoundland, if offered