

of taxes on a loaf of bread, if under confederation, he would get his flour for \$12 a barrel, when he is paying \$22 for it in Bonne Bay today? Would he worry about the hundreds of taxes on a pair of shoes, when under confederation he would be able to buy three pairs in the place of the two pairs he buys today? Boots and bread, sir, take a very large slice out of his budget. His fish he can get a scant half mile from his door, and his vegetables can be grown around his home. If he does pay property taxes, which he knows he is likely to pay, they will be small on his acre of land and his small unfinished, unfurnished home. He is paying plenty now, far more than his pocket can stand. He is not worrying either about the man who can afford to drive a motor car, own a fine house, he figures the man can well afford under confederation to pay his taxes and help pay some for him as well.

Old age pensions. I have in mind an old couple nearly 80 years of age each, living alone, getting very little help from relatives, trying to live on their old age pension. That man still has to go in the fishing boat to try and earn a few dollars to augment his pension. What a help it would be to receive \$60 a month instead of the \$10 they receive today. His property would not exceed \$1,500, and even if it did exceed \$2,000 and under Canadian rule the government did take it, would not they be entitled to it after his family had forsaken them and let the government look after them? I think they would have a perfect right to it, and I feel sure the old couple would think so too. The old age pensioners of Newfoundland need not worry about the government taking their property. Very few of them whom I have seen in the outports have property over \$2,000, and if they have, they would not receive old age pensions. I have made out quite a number of applications the past 20 years. I have a good idea of their property value. I am not going to touch on other taxations, this has been ably and thoroughly gone into by other speakers.

There will, no doubt, be many changes and adjustments in the event of union, especially in the business world. But my thought about all that is, if our business men cannot adjust themselves to competition, they are not the men I take them to be. The proper thing to happen to them is to fold up. But don't worry, Water Street of St.

John's, and all the little Water Streets of the outports, will be carrying on under confederation when I am drawing my old age pension.

And please don't let some people make you believe the only reason Canada wants Newfoundland is to make a fortune out of us, and for the inhumane purpose of starving to death our 300,000 people. That has not been the history of the democratic government of Canada. In my opinion Newfoundland has nothing to lose and very much to gain by closer contact with our neighbour, Canada, which fact will strengthen our bargaining power which members like to talk so much about. In union is strength. So let's hope Newfoundlanders will remember that at the referendum. I will, by voting for confederation. **Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, I have had many of my statements taken and twisted; I have been frequently attacked, my motives questioned and my whole attitude subjected to such misrepresentation and innuendo; and I have been called so many names — from Quisling to Judas Iscariot, from traitor to fool — that I suppose I would be justified if I were to take offence and become quite angry; but Lord bless you, sir, I do not. Instead, I take refuge in the words of the Psalmist:<sup>1</sup>

And I am become a reproach to them;  
they saw me and they shook their heads.  
Help me, O Lord,  
save me according to Thy mercy:  
And let them know that this is Thy hand;  
and that Thou, O Lord, hast done it.  
They will curse and Thou wilt bless;  
let them that rise up against me be  
confounded, but Thy servant shall rejoice.  
Let them that detract me be clothed  
with shame;  
let them be covered with their  
confusion as with double cloaks.  
I will give great thanks to the Lord with my  
mouth;  
and in the midst of many I will praise Him.  
Because he hath stood at the right hand of the  
poor, to save my soul from persecutors.

I was greatly interested to see what Major Cashin's reaction would be to my exposure of the shameful and scandalous profits cleaned up in this country by a handful of companies and concerns out of a handful of our people. To tell you

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Smallwood quoted from Psalm 109, verses 25-31.