

friend from Lewisporte, Mr. Northcott, and he could tell us more about lobster than we know. Lobsters today are not canned so much as they were in the old days, they are shipped away alive. I would like to pay a tribute to my friends in the co-operative business, for the manner in which they have cornered this lobster fishery in their area and arranged to ship them properly and co-operatively, and thereby assure to the people whom they are serving greater returns.

Salmon. Again, we have the same thing there as in the lobster fishery. Mr. Job would be able to tell us more about salmon, because I think he was shipping them to England in a frozen state for a good many years at any rate; but even today salmon are at a premium, and are being shipped away in the frozen condition. And then, as you know, our seal fishery for many years has been more or less a dud. Most of us remember when we had eight or ten huge ships prosecuting the seal fishery, and for some reason or other the seals got scarce, or the market collapsed or the ships were sold. For a good many years the seal fishery just more or less faded out of existence and gave no returns whatsoever to our people. Now in the last couple of years you have seen what has happened. That is not a wartime boom — it is peace. We have starving people all over the world, and we have unlimited fish, and therefore it is our job to have brains and money enough, government or otherwise, to catch and ship it so that we can get something in return, and our people can pay the necessary revenues into our own exchequer to carry on our own government expenditures.

**Mr. Chairman** ....As a matter of general principle I think I should now lay down that all questions arising out of the report should be addressed to the chairman of the Finance Committee....

**Mr. Smallwood** ....In all parliamentary circles when a member has the floor it is quite customary for another who wishes to have the member speaking, who has just made a point, to elucidate a bit, to ask him to do so, if the member speaking is willing.... In the House of Commons and all parliamentary bodies, and in our House of Assembly, when a man had the floor if another member wished to interject a question it was regarded as proper to do so.

**Mr. Chairman** My ruling is according to the

rules of the Convention, and it is my duty to say that a member occupying the floor shall not be interrupted unless some member is arising to a point of order, and if he does not like my ruling he can appeal to the House.... We are in committee of the whole and the chairman of the Finance Committee is responsible for the introduction of this report.... It is his responsibility, and in fairness to all the members here I think the question should be properly addressed to him.

**Mr. Smallwood** Again on that point. If a member on the floor expresses an opinion, or a conclusion, may not a member seated, with the consent of the member speaking, put a supplementary question to him? I don't mean to usurp his place, but in the manner: "Excuse me, would you mind ...", and he says, "Yes", and the member speaking, if he wishes, can deal with it. If not he can say, "You can have the floor later". That's so customary in every parliamentary body, and if we are going by parliamentary rules....

**Mr. Cashin** We are a glorified debating society, according to a judge of the Supreme Court.

**Mr. Chairman** This is really a glorified commission, and rules have been laid down by the Rules Committee, which I am bound to enforce without any reference to established British parliamentary practice.... Are you ready to continue Mr. Hollett?

**Mr. Hollett** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.... The whaling business is in a very flourishing condition, and the industry does give considerable labour. All in all then, our fisheries last year were valued by me, or at least that was the finding of the Finance Committee, at \$34.5 million. That in itself is a huge amount of money.

Then there are our local industries which as you know, are more extensive than they were.... These altogether employ about 2,378 men and women, and the volume of business in local industries last year was practically \$15 million, and we did not have that after the last war, I remember.

There is one other thing that is neither fish nor local industries, but which is very close to us at this time. That is that American citizens are here in their hundreds at the American bases, but by reason of the fact that they are here we have some 3,500 men and women employed in these bases. Now that is not a wartime industry either. These