

mere reading of that list of federal services, but because of the exaggeration, the overtone, the emphasis which was laid upon the reading of that list. So much so, I felt sure that there were people, thousands of people in this country who had no experience in these matters at all, who would feel that if all these services were applied to Newfoundland, nothing short of the millennium would have come. At that time, I injected a note of doubt and later I made an attempt to find out just how we would benefit, apart from the purely financial services which were allotted to these lists of services before us. I came to this conclusion: we could not possibly benefit very much materially by the direct application of these federal services, for the following reasons. Most of these services are research and consulting services. Secondly, the result of the findings of these services are open to Newfoundland today and are being availed of by Newfoundlanders. Take for example, geology, labour, agriculture. Let us look at page 19 of the Black Book (volume 2), the long list of services. The delegation put a question directly to the Ottawa group:

Question: Would the agricultural services described in the Canadian memorandum automatically extend to Newfoundland in the event of union?

Answer: One of the services which the Department of Agriculture would expect to make available to Newfoundland in such event, would be the experimental farms service. While the Department is not familiar with the present development in this field in Newfoundland, they understand that it does include a central experimental station. They would hope to use such a station in much the same way as they use their presently established experimental stations in the various provinces of Canada and through this they would plan to develop supplementary services, which in Canada take the form of illustration stations and, where required, sub-stations for dealing with special investigations.

Consistent with the general policy of the Department and the resources available, the Department of Agriculture would also contemplate making available other services of the Department for which there would appear to be need and opportunity.

Out of a list of five or six, that was the answer to that particular question. A little further on, a question was put on the Canadian Farm Board loans. The answer was that the loans would be made available to Newfoundland. On the mortgage loans, I would not like to see that introduced into Newfoundland because I am aware of the fact, through my reading, that those loans and mortgages on farms in both the United States and Canada have led, in my opinion, to a great deal of hardship. I believe we should develop agricultural services in Newfoundland, and I believe that Newfoundland should find the money to develop these resources without taking mortgages on people's property. The real point I want to make is this: in agriculture, all you have is their promise that one service would apply to Newfoundland, and that one service we already have, presumably up to the standard which Newfoundland would require at the present time. Then on page 21:

Question: Would the services outlined in paragraph 36 — also paragraph 37 — (mapping, survey work of all sorts, investigation of mineral deposits, metallurgy, economic problems, etc.) apply to Newfoundland, and how rapidly would it be likely they would be introduced?

Answer: The services described have been carried on for many years and would undoubtedly be extended to Newfoundland under present federal policy, although not all of them are, strictly speaking, federal responsibilities. For example, the federal government is obligated by statute to carry out geological surveys in Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia. No such obligation exists in respect of other provinces, although in practice Mines and Resources has carried on such surveys in the other provinces as well. It is hoped that in due course further Dominion-provincial discussions will result in clarification of these matters when public investment policy generally is under discussion.

Mr. Smallwood Would Mr. Butt permit me to refer to the Grey Book, section 22? Does not that supersede the thing you just read? "As soon as may be practicable after union, the Government of Canada will make a special effort to collect and make available statistical and scientific data about the natural resources and economy of New-