

but if you say anything at all you are tried, as it were.

This budget which he has brought in starts by leaving out an expenditure of \$123,000 which would have to be found by the provincial government, some of it up till 1952. I asked him why he left that out, and his reply was that if I would give him time to see the finance minister he would be able to reply. Now is the finance minister of this country at the present time responsible for this budget? Is not this Mr. Smallwood's own budget?

Mr. Smallwood Yes.

Mr. Hollett In that case I cannot understand why Mr. Smallwood cannot answer me now. I can understand a man forgetting it, as I understand that \$123,000 has to be spent as soon as you get it.

With regard to the probable expenditures under consolidated funds service A, if you would put \$499,625 you would be practically correct. We come on to the Department of Finance, and that has been spoken to by Major Cashin and Mr. Hickman. One of the things that did strike me was that in the Black Books there was \$1,000 allowed for civil service pensions. Mr. Smallwood in the goodness of his heart has added \$101,000 to that, because he suddenly discovered that the provincial government will be responsible for the present civil service pensions.

Mr. Smallwood If you would allow me, responsible for pensions of those who have been working for the Government of Newfoundland up to the time of union, and for those who become federal employees, for that portion of their pension earned up to the time of union.

Mr. Chairman If you don't mind Mr. Smallwood...? I would like to say, Mr. Hollett, that your criticism was just and proper, that the floor was taken away from you, and it arises from the fact that I permitted two men to occupy the floor at the same time.

Mr. Hollett Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I note that we have 256 employees in the Customs at the present time. Apparently most of them will be done out of employment. Posts and Telegraphs, 1,031 civil servants, most of whom will be retained. A good many of these will probably find themselves without work. Assessor of Taxes, 31 civil servants. Coming down to the Depart-

ment of Home Affairs, I notice under "Travelling and Miscellaneous" Mr. Smallwood has the figure \$2,300. I understand it is \$9,800. Probably Mr. Smallwood would make a note and tell me why he has lopped off \$7,800. There is another note in the estimates which provides \$10,000 for war graves in Europe. It is just possible that if we go into confederation, that the war graves will be taken care of by the federal government, but I have yet to see any mention of that in the Black Books. I would like to be sure on that point too.

Education, too, has been spoken of this evening. The estimate calls for \$3,622,300 for the present year. \$514,000 of that amount was allocated by the government for building of new schools throughout the island, and for repairing schools. Mr. Smallwood has cut off \$514,600.... Again I maintain that we have no right whatsoever, simply because the remainder of Canada does it, to cut off an allocation which has been made for the education of our children. The education of our children has been backward. You and I grew up in those backward days, with the rain beating in through the roof and the snow through the windows — not at the same time, I suppose! Do you remember those days?... Mr. Smallwood will say no more repairs to schools, no more erection of school buildings, if we are going into confederation. I would suggest that instead of the \$3,107,700 which Mr. Smallwood has cut out for Education, it should be \$4 million, because we all know that the Education Department today is budgeting for a \$4 million expenditure next year. Why should we deprive this country of that budget, simply to become a part and parcel of the Dominion of Canada?

We come on to the Department of Justice. There's this little matter of the magistrates, 21 at the present time and they are receiving \$70,181. Mr. Smallwood has cut that down to \$38,374, simply because he says the other seven will become county magistrates. Whether they are county magistrates or district magistrates I think makes very little difference. It has not yet been proved that these district magistrates will receive their stipend from the federal government. I am doubtful whether you can get along in this country without 21 magistrates. You can call them what you like, whether they are assistant magistrates, or district magistrates, I feel sure that