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**Mr. Smallwood** Not last year; even the Assessor's department does not know that. I can tell you for the year before. It is in Volume 2, I believe.

**Mr. Chairman** While Mr. Smallwood is looking up that — arising out of your suggestion, and you contemplate a meeting be held by the Steering Committee — suppose for argument sake the Steering Committee decided on a certain course of conduct which ought to be pursued in order to acquire the necessary information for members, would it be your intention to continue debate on this thing?

**Mr. Hollett** Yes, there is plenty here to debate and still get the facts.

**Mr. Smallwood** There is a book known as "Comparative Statistics of Public Finance"; it covers it in detail.

**Mr. Chairman** You are off the point.

**Mr. Smallwood** My point was, I would like to have it.

**Mr. Chairman** Mr. Hollett has directed a question to you.

**Mr. Smallwood** Page 73, Volume 1; personal income tax as distinct from corporation tax.

**Mr. Hollett** That does not give the amount collected.

**Mr. Cashin** That is the number of people who paid.

**Mr. Smallwood** That is not here.

**Mr. Hollett** I am entirely in agreement with the statements by Major Cashin and Mr. Hickman when I look at this particular item which they will collect in personal income tax from the people of Newfoundland — \$3.2 million. I am prepared to say they collected in personal income tax that much last year, on our rates. In other words, a single man earning \$1,000 before he pays any income tax whatsoever in Newfoundland. After he passes \$1,000, he pays 9%. A married man with no dependents but his wife can earn \$2,000 before he pays income tax. In connection with that, I would refer you to page 153, volume 2 of the Black Book, to show you how ridiculous that amount of \$3.2 million might be. A single man pays income tax if he earns \$750. Also he has to pay 8% sales tax on practically everything he buys in Canada. More than that, if he has to buy a present for his girl friend, he has to pay luxury tax.

**Mr. Smallwood** You are quoting figures on the single men; what about the married men?

**Mr. Hollett** I said I would take the single men first. I am thinking mostly at the moment of our fishermen who fish out of Harbour Breton, English Harbour and Burin; the loggers who cut down the trees; the miners who dig out the ore; our paperworkers in paper mills. We have a lot of young men who came back from overseas who are in these income tax brackets. For instance this \$1500; we had fishermen who earned as high as \$2,200 in Fortune Harbour. Those fishermen in Harbour Breton or Burin will pay \$264 in Canada, whereas here in Newfoundland he will pay \$110. On top of that also, he pays 8% sales tax on practically everything he buys and 25% luxury tax. \$2100 or \$2200 or \$2400 — we have a lot of people in this country earning \$2400; a surprising number. In the industrial towns of Grand Falls and Corner Brook, a great many Banking fishermen, over on Bell Island there is an average of \$1,600 or \$1,800. That was worked out by the Mining Committee. We can go back to \$2,200; on that he pays \$264 in Canada if we become a province; whereas at the moment he pays \$110. A single man should pay; he has no dependents; I grant you that. I also grant you this; if he is paying that much more, that is all the more reason why this \$3.2 million is wrong. Take a married man with two dependents; he earns \$1,980 before he pays any tax, then he pays \$20.

**Mr. Smallwood** Take a married man with three children under 16 years of age, of course he collects \$72 a year average on each child — \$216; he is better off by \$196.

**Mr. Hollett** When?

**Mr. Smallwood** You were careful to point out what the single men would pay with confederation and without. Now I am talking about how they will be better off.

**Mr. Hollett** If you continue interrupting — how, when, where and why would they be better off?

**Mr. Smallwood** Because of confederation.

**Mr. Hollett** No. He has to buy food, boots and shoes and clothing for his wife and three children. He has to pay 8% sales tax on all that.

**Mr. Smallwood** He pays more now in duty.

**Mr. Hollett** A married man with three children, in this country, has to earn \$2,900 before he pays income tax. In Canada, a man earning \$3,000,