

Mr. Crosbie Do I understand the federal government made a promise to Prince Edward Island for that service?

Mr. Smallwood Yes.

Mr. Crosbie That is the point we object to.

Mr. Smallwood The promise was merely a clause in the terms.

Mr. Crosbie There is no clause in our terms, that is what we object to.

Mr. Smallwood In 1873 there was a clause in the terms given to Prince Edward Island, a perfectly innocent-looking clause saying this, "The Government of Canada will maintain a ferry service between the mainland and the Island." That is all. Nothing about how much they would spend.

Mr. Crosbie Point of order. What is Mr. Smallwood now quoting from? Have you that contract and could we see it?

Mr. Smallwood It is in the BNA Act, the terms offered to Prince Edward Island, what would happen if she became a province. You will find it says nothing about how much they would spend to maintain that ferry service; nothing more than just a simple clause saying they would maintain a continuous ferry service winter and summer from the mainland....

Mr. Crosbie I want the whole terms offered to Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Smallwood It would be a simple thing to have it copied and mimeographed.

Mr. Crosbie That would suit me fine. These terms to us do not say they will maintain an efficient service between the mainland and the island. They do not contract to do any such thing.

Mr. Smallwood You will find, in the terms offered by Canada, that they have covered that very point. They have gone further than any clause offered Prince Edward Island in 1873. What they have done in our case is, they have offered to provide and maintain a service for the conveyance of motor vehicles; it will be a type of ferry that will take motor cars, where they will not be dumped into the hold with a winch. In North Sydney the cars are lowered, now...

Mr. Crosbie Point of order. We are not concerned about how motor cars get down in the hold of the steamer.

Mr. Smallwood The last man I want to get into a snarl with is my friend — and I say advisedly "my friend" — Mr. Crosbie; but I do not think

that it a point of order. I am attempting to deal with a point. I was challenged to produce the clause offered to Prince Edward Island. I am pointing out a similar clause, only a better one, offered us in 1947. Perhaps in dealing with the clause we have come to a clause which has not been dealt with, but I have done that at Mr. Crosbie's request.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Smallwood offered to produce the terms in mimeographed form; Mr. Crosbie has agreed and that settles the matter.

Mr. Reddy I understand Prince Edward Island has been fighting the federal government for a decent ferry service over the past 50 years and it was only this year that they got it.

Mr. Smallwood Would not Mr. Reddy call a \$2 million ferry service in 1927 a good ferry service? In the last 50 years and longer, since 1873, the Government of Canada has spent scores of millions of dollars to give them a decent service. And now Mr. Reddy says they waited until 1947. He is completely wrong.

Mr. Chairman You are getting far outside the original terms.

Mr. Bailey The Prince Edward Island people, like ourselves, are on an island. They have been paying freight rates over a number of years to the Canadian National Railway and also when it was a private service. They were paying for service they did not get. I can assure you that whatever Prince Edward Island got, they got it through fighting hard. I have been in their parliament. I was talking to their men. I have seen their ferries going out and the conditions they worked under. I am glad they got the service. They deserved it. After all, as they pointed out, they have to ship out a lot of potatoes and other vegetables. They had a very hard fight. If they had the old type of service today, it would turn people against confederation. They did not get it before. A \$2 million vessel on that strait was not good enough for the job she had to do, especially a sea-train. I have been on a couple of them. The cost of construction of the vessel was way above the ordinary class of vessel. They also had to bring along an icebreaker with it. They did not get any \$2 million vessel in 1927, and very little in 1917.

Mr. Reddy I think the people of Prince Edward Island have been fighting hard and I thank Mr. Bailey for agreeing with me.

Mr. Job In connection with the Clarendville