

too, so I think we are very well fixed on that part.
Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, all that work done by the various countries, isn't it done under the agency of the Public Health and Welfare Act?

Mr. Smallwood It ought to be.

Mr. Butt It is.

Mr. Smallwood It is not. Could someone tell me how many inspectors of the Department of Public Health and Welfare in the month of October, visited the factories of St. John's, and saw how many toilets, rest-rooms and safety devices were provided?... I go further now. If Mr. Jackman were here, I would ask him to tell me what inspection has been made of the mines at Bell Island under the Mines Regulation Act. I would ask Mr. Hollett, who represents Grand Falls, including Buchans, to tell me what government inspector has gone down in the mines under the Mines Regulations Act to inspect the mines. We have no such inspectors in Newfoundland. We have a dead act. There is no enforcement of industrial health. Except insofar as a few individual employers, such as the AND Company, the Buchans Mining Company, and Bowaters and a few here in town, except for these the health and the industrial conditions of employees, and the health conditions of employees, are completely ignored. Now let me go on. I must insist on replying to Mr. Butt.

Mr. Hollett How long is your answer going to take?

Mr. Smallwood I warned Mr. Butt that it would take a little time. I said I would have to read all through it again.

Mr. Chairman I must say that Mr. Butt has provoked the situation when he asked for a comparison of the public services of two nations.

Mr. Hollett May I say one word? When a question is asked Mr. Smallwood, and he apparently gets into difficulty, is it the right technique for him to reply by asking you another question?

Mr. Chairman No.

Mr. Hollett That is what he has been doing for the past five minutes.

Mr. Chairman No, he is comparing the public services which obtain in Canada as against those in Newfoundland. Frankly I do not know whether all this reply is justified or not, because I know nothing about the public services of this country.

Mr. Butt ...I can't give information about all the various departments of government; but I worked

for the government for many years, and I know that in relation to our development we have practically all the services that Mr. Smallwood read from this list this afternoon. That's the point, and I don't want it to go over the air that Canada will find this, that, and the other thing, and that we are not doing it for ourselves. When he says we are only doing about 20% of this I just don't believe it, after 18 years working for the government. We have public health inspectors and everything else. I know we have a Public Health Act, and from time to time they say "We are going to enforce this", and they do so. We have meat inspection and all sorts of things.

Mr. Smallwood Does Mr. Butt happen to be aware that there is absolutely no control over the inspection of slaughtered animals for the purpose of preventing sales of diseased meat in this country—one of the most scandalous, dangerous things in any so-called civilised country. The public would be shocked if they knew the manner in which the Government of Newfoundland is failing completely to protect public health in the inspection of locally killed meat (pork and beef), and I would face any butcher or livestock grower in Newfoundland to prove my point. I know what I am talking about. Now I won't delay the House. I will give Mr. Butt his point, I will keep him a bit ahead. If he wants to content himself to believe that even proportionately the Government of Newfoundland provides public services to the people of Newfoundland as Canada does for her people, he is entirely welcome to believe it. If he thinks for a moment that the people of Newfoundland will believe it, then he is welcome to his belief. I say now that if he has been in the government civil service for 18 years, for almost twice 18 years I have made a very close study of public and governmental affairs in this country, and I have travelled throughout the length and breadth of this island, and I know what the public services are in Newfoundland. I know what the government does for the people, few know it better, and anyone who is going to set out to persuade me that the Government of Canada does not provide far better and far more public services for its people than our government does for ours is tackling a job that is going to take him a long time to accomplish.

Mr. Higgins I move that we go on to the next paragraph.