

those or whether we beat the meat out of them. I suggest the original procedure be followed again....

Mr. Chairman I am not saying there is anything wrong with the methods last night, but we did not progress very far. We disposed of two clauses.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, excuse me, I must take exception to that. There are only about four or five who questioned Mr. Smallwood last night, therefore we must proceed and ask questions which will bring out to our people the answers that we believe should be given. Mr. Smallwood, with all due credit to him, answers as well as any man could answer. Whether they have one cause or not does not matter, they were the truth. If anyone said in this house that last night was wasted then they must blame myself, Mr. Miller, Mr. Penney, and Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Smallwood If we might proceed. Clause 3.¹ "The public services provided from time to time by Canada for the people of Canada generally, will be extended to the people of Newfoundland." The public services provided by the Government of Canada to the people of all nine provinces are very extensive and very elaborate. I would not be able to describe those public services which the Government of Canada provides under two or three hours, so I don't intend even to try to do it. I will give you merely a very bare and bald outline....

[Mr. Smallwood listed federal services to agriculture]

Mr. Hollett How does that compare with the services given by our own government? Can Mr. Smallwood answer that?...

Mr. Smallwood I think the Government of Newfoundland provides precious little in the way of agricultural services.

Mr. Hollett Do they provide anything in the line of production and marketing service?

Mr. Smallwood None. Well, that's going a long way — they do publish monthly some inadequate returns of farm production and the price of farm produce, but farmers in Newfoundland are all too familiar with the very little service they get from the government in that direction.

Mr. Hollett What do they get in Canada?

Mr. Smallwood In Canada they get this: at the end of every week, the Department of Agriculture would tell you how many bushels of wheat,

and all cereals, and root crops are in prospect. That figure changes depending on the crop conditions, and they have a magnificent statistical service, so that every farmer in Canada knows from week to week, and it is broadcast throughout the nation, province by province, and section by section in each province, what the weekly production is likely to be from the beginning of the season until the harvest is all over. Furthermore, every farmer is informed on the radio what are the prevailing wholesale prices for every type of produce, for all the many markets of Canada...

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, that is a very important factor in Canada, which is a farming country. One-third of the employed people in Canada are on the land. We are a fishing country; have we any research at all in that connection?

Mr. Smallwood I have not come to fisheries.

Mr. Hollett Never mind, we don't want to know what the wheat prospects are in Saskatchewan, for instance.

Mr. Smallwood That is true, but the gentleman asked me to explain what are the agricultural services provided in Canada. That is what I am doing...

Mr. Hollett All right, go ahead.

Mr. Smallwood We have a demonstration farm which I am sorry to say at the moment is helping to break the market for the farmers by selling turnips for \$3 a barrel, when the current price that the farmers are asking is \$5-\$6 a barrel.

Mr. Hollett I bought a barrel of turnips at the door yesterday for \$2.50. That man has nothing to do with the experimental farm.

Mr. Smallwood That is perhaps because that farm has broken the market...

Mr. Higgins Why did Mr. Smallwood bring up whether they had broken the price or not? What has it to do with his explanation?

Mr. Chairman He is drawing a comparison, at Mr. Hollett's request, between the so-called or alleged service to Newfoundland, and that which might be made in Canada.

Mr. Hollett It is the importance of getting this across to the people. Mr. Smallwood deliberately gets up and says that the experimental farm has broken the price, and they are selling turnips at \$3 a barrel. I answered that by telling our people that a man who has no connection with the experimental farm whatever, who has a farm over

¹Volume II:511.