

— will not be so stupid as to allow that, because by that time they will have employed some or all of their multitudinous forms of taxation now known in Canada, such as taxes for your lands....

**Mr. Smallwood** Cod traps.

**Mr. Hollett** Oh yes, on your cod traps — I would not think you would tax Labrador cod traps, at any rate — taxes on your trees if you like, or in other words stumpage rates, sales tax, tax on amusements, education tax, poll tax or head tax, a poor tax and dozens of others. Mr. Chairman, if anybody in this House says you are not going to have a land tax, a county rate and a school rate and a poor rate, they don't know what they are talking about. I hold here in my hand a tax notice issued by the municipality of Cape Breton County to a poor man who is deceased, and the tax notice has come to the trustee or administrator of the estate. He had a piece of land when he died in Cape Breton County, valued at \$100 — no house or anything on it. His assessment on that \$100 piece of land: county rate \$4.12, school rate

\$2.75, poor rate 30 cents, total \$7.17. The man, being sick and dying, did not pay it from 1944 to 1946, when this final notice was received, and the administrator of the estate received this bill for \$28.62 for four years, taxes on a piece of land valued at \$100 in Cape Breton County — over a quarter of the value of the land.

**Mr. Figary** Taxed by the provincial government?

**Mr. Hollett** It was the municipality of Cape Breton, under the Province of Nova Scotia. So don't anybody dispute the fact that you will be taxed. You have to be, you have to get the money from somewhere.

Now Mr. Chairman, I understand that as far as the Broadcasting Company are concerned we can't carry on any further, so I move that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again tomorrow.

*[The committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned]*

#### December 12, 1947

**Mr. Hollett** Mr. Chairman, I am sure we have all learned with deep regret the tragedy which has recently happened at Goose Bay, and touches every person in Newfoundland. I refer of course to the tragic loss of life of 23 American neighbours of ours here. In this connection, sir, I wish to make the following motion:

Whereas this house and the people of Newfoundland have learnt with profound regret of the recent tragic loss of life to the American army personnel on duty in this country;

And whereas many of these men of the 23 who have lost their lives in this heartbreaking disaster were neighbours of ours living at Fort Pepperrell with their families;

Therefore be it resolved that we of this house do tender our heartfelt sympathy to the

Commanding General of Fort Pepperrell and through him to the bereaved families of the deceased; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the said Commanding General accordingly.

**Mr. Hickman** I would like to second Mr. Hollett's motion. I am personally acquainted with some of those who were lost. I think it is a kind gesture, and I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

**Mr. Chairman** You have heard the motion of condolence, gentlemen. Are you ready for the question? I think that when the motion is carried we might stand for a period of a minute to show our respect.

*[The motion carried and the Convention stood in silence]*

#### Report of the Ottawa Delegation

##### Proposed Arrangements for the Entry of Newfoundland into Confederation Committee of the Whole

**Mr. Cashin** Mr. Chairman, I presume that Mr. Hollett has the floor this afternoon?

**Mr. Chairman** He has, Major Cashin, for two reasons. First he did not finish yesterday; and second he was the first to catch my eye.

**Mr. Cashin** If Mr. Hollett was not going to speak, I presume I could speak, and if not, I would follow him.

**Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, that is a little irregular. I propose to comment on Mr. Hollett's