

to do the right thing....

**Mr. MacDonald** On page 21, Volume 2,<sup>1</sup> there is a question and answer.

Question: Would the services outlined in paragraph 36 — also paragraph 37 — (mapping, survey work of all sorts, investigation of mineral deposits, metallurgy, economic problems, etc.) apply to Newfoundland, and how rapidly would it be likely they would be introduced?

Answer: The services described have been carried on for many years and would undoubtedly be extended to Newfoundland under present federal policy, although not all of them are, strictly speaking, federal responsibilities. For example, the federal government is obligated by Statute to carry out geological surveys in Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia. No such obligation exists in respect of other Provinces.

Would Mr. Smallwood like to explain that?

**Mr. Smallwood** If you turn to page 23, it says, "It is expected that all the above services could be extended to Newfoundland promptly."

**Mr. MacDonald** "It is expected."

**Mr. Smallwood** Further on in the Grey Book there is a clause where they undertake to do this with extra speed and promptness to Newfoundland.

**Mr. Ashbourne** I would like to point out on page 22 it says "The recharting of Newfoundland coasts is one of the most urgent survey projects required. Newfoundland's fishing industry badly needs up-to-date hydrographic charts...." That would be, I take it, the surveying of the Banks and the other places around the coast which would be most beneficial to our fishermen who, it seems, will have to go further offshore in the future to obtain more remunerative voyages, probably when inshore codfishery proves a failure, and the carrying out of this work is obligated by the terms; that they would take over these surveys is an important item in the terms.

**Mr. Smallwood** Sub-section (10). The Government of Canada would take over "Lighthouses, fog alarms, buoys, beacons and other public works and services in aid of navigation and shipping." I would ask you to turn to Volume

1, page 94.<sup>2</sup> You will notice these matters come under two different departments of the Government of Canada; strictly marine works come under the marine services division of the Department of Transport, and others come under the Department of Public Works...

I said they come under two departments — it is really three departments, the Department of Public Works; the marine services of the Department of Transport; and the National Harbours Board looks after such harbours as are designated to be National Harbours. From memory, I would say there are 16 harbours which have been designated as National Harbours and one harbour at least, maybe two harbours in Newfoundland would be designated as National Harbours were we to become a province.

*[Mr. Smallwood then read the section of the Black Book dealing with the Marine Services Branch]*

All marine works are federal in function and operation. Thus we have it here in section 10 — "Lighthouses, fog alarms, buoys, beacons and other public works and services in aid of navigation and shipping" — all marine works are federal in character. The federal government pays the employees, and pays the costs and expenses of all these marine works. It would make your mouth water to hear the amounts spent, the amounts voted year after year for marine works. It is ladled in there. Last year I think they spent in the three Maritime provinces \$5-6 million. That is the normal thing every year to keep up public wharves, breakwaters, viaducts, aqueducts, lighthouses, harbour improvements, dredging. We, living in a maritime country, need these things so badly.

**Mr. Bailey** Have you any data on breakwaters in the provinces?

**Mr. Smallwood** I have not got it handy now — I can give you the actual amount voted year by year by the Parliament of Canada for these purposes.

**Mr. Bailey** Looking back, and looking at other countries around the world, I think from 1900 to 1929 we could hold our head high with regard to navigation aids, especially during the Monroe government when Captain Winsor was Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Take our country as it

<sup>1</sup>The Black Books.

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