

coming back from the camps to destitute families, told, "Sorry, no work, our camps are filled." Moreover last Saturday I was told by a responsible official of one of the large paper companies, "We have reduced our cut this year", and tragically enough, one of the reductions was in the Bonavista Bay area.

The value of our total productive economy is entirely dependent on the economy of countries thousands of miles away. The welfare of my last fisherman friend down on stormy Cape Freels is entirely dependent on the economic standing of the Italian, the Greek, the Spaniard, living in continental Europe. We have no internal markets for our products, and if we did, what could 300,000 people eat anyhow? Thus I submit that our economic set-up has no similarity in the western hemisphere. I don't know the solution to this big problem of our fisheries. Probably my able friend Mr. Crosbie has something to offer, but this I do know, that solving the problem will require capital expenditure on a large scale, be the source the vested interests or the state. Otherwise, the poor forgotten fishermen, every last man of them, must just patiently endure and quietly wait, till chance or somebody else comes along to redeem their fortunes. I'm finished with the fisheries Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, but before closing, I want to say without any hesitation, that I advocate state control, or government subsidy for this industry, and I am not a communist.

I shall briefly touch on this budgetary proposed expenditure — page 10 of the report — and here I note the figures "Public Health and Welfare — \$6,250,000." A lot of money, but with our expanding health service is this enough? What of the actual needs of the far-flung communities remote from the modern capital of St. John's? You can't provide a hospital for every settlement, but they should have at least a nurse for every ten, and if you think we have that you had better look up your statistics. What about those hundreds of known cases of TB vainly awaiting admission to our sanatorium? Are these unfortunate young people to be refused a chance to lead useful lives again? At the moment there is lack of space, and lack of nursing personnel. Have we enough cottage hospitals, have we enough doctors?

Education — proposed expenditure,

\$3,750,000. What of this? Is it a fact that there was a shortage of teachers this year? Are there still many ungraded teachers occupying positions in our schools, and what of the teachers themselves, overworked and underpaid? Is the compensation they receive adequate to their needs or in keeping with the standards of their profession? I'll pause here and ask that branch of the civil service just how much longer they will have to endure this injustice. The Finance Committee did increase the grant a little, subject, of course, to their resuming the administration of the government in the future.

Public works, proposed expenditure \$4 million. I agree with the member for Bonavista East that this is very inadequate. What of the people between Hare Bay and Musgrave Harbour, some 20,000 of them? They have been walking 40 miles to reach civilisation for the past 50 years, and they recently signed a petition begging the powers that be to consider their request for a road. Must they go on for the next 50 years still beating through the 40 miles of wasteland to hear the puff of a train? I shall not touch on the economy of a merchant marine fleet, as proposed by this Committee, I leave that to the member for Trinity South, my good friend Captain Bailey.

The Economic Report is no unworkmanlike muddle. Coupled with a very businesslike financial statement, it reveals in the opinion of its chief sponsor and the signatories, a balance sheet which shows unmistakably that this country is self-supporting. But after a close examination of both reports, and applying an altogether different interpretation to the term "self-sufficient", I cannot agree that this country is self-supporting.

Mr. Higgins Mr. Chairman, referring to the remarks of the last speaker, when he described his membership in the "B Block" I wonder if that should not be "P Block" or "Pessimistic Block", because all we have heard from that block so far has been pessimism about the future of Newfoundland. I don't know whether the other members of that same block are going to speak in that same manner, but if they do, to me it is not a fair criticism of the facts we have had put before us in the report and the facts we know ourselves.

I propose to deal briefly with the report as we have it.... It is relatively unimportant, at least it is to me, whether capital expenditures are put in ordinary expenditures, or whether ordinary ex-