

to be current, it seems to be used in Canada, and it means war veterans who, because of their war service, because of what they went through, are just burned out now. You can't put a scientific name on it maybe, but they are burned-out veterans.

Mr. Hollett I rise to a point of order. I thought Mr. Ashbourne was doing this thing.

Mr. Chairman There was a question directed to Mr. Smallwood by the member for Harbour Main, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Smallwood Yes, and I was trying to answer it.

Mr. Kennedy A point of order. I don't like that word "burned-out".

Mr. Smallwood Well I don't like it very much either, but it is a word used.

Mr. Chairman The point of order is not well taken at all. You are disagreeing with the terminology. I must say I hear the expression for the first time, and I am beginning to wonder what it is all about.

Mr. Kennedy Worn out, a "wroner".

Mr. Smallwood Well that's one on me. As I understand it a "wroner", or a "burned-out veteran", using both terms, is a man who, because of his service, not because he lost a limb, but in some way it renders a man incapable of doing the work that he would have been able to do, if he had not gone through the hell that he did.

Mr. Butt It is not in the Grey Book or in the Black Book.

Mr. Smallwood Well, it is in the dictionary, Mr. Chairman. Am I only allowed the right to use the words in the Black Book?

Mr. Chairman The phraseology of this House is not going to be confined to the Black Book.

Mr. Smallwood The dictionary has over a million words, and I think I am entitled to use any one.

Mr. Hickman Could we include the members of this Convention in the burned-out veterans?

Mr. Smallwood If we are here much longer some of us will be burned out!

Mr. Chairman You can get ready to include me right away!

Mr. Smallwood Anyway, that sort of relieved the tension, sir. According to the Black Book, in Canada there is a law, a statute which provides for them, and it is theirs by right, by law. In Newfoundland I have no doubt that such cases in

some instances have received some kind of compensation, but it is not theirs by right or by law. Some of them get it, and some don't. I know men myself, and I have no doubt that other men know war veterans in this country, of World War I, who are "wroners" or "burned-out".

Mr. Kennedy Worn out.

Mr. Smallwood Well, worn out or burned-out, we all know men like that. You can't put your finger on it, you can only say that man is like he is because of the hell he went through in the war.

Mr. Kennedy He is still a Newfoundlander.

Mr. Smallwood Of course. But that man is not now covered by law. In Canada he is, and if we became a province he would be covered by law. That is all that clause says.

Mr. Chairman Now to get back to where we were. Mr. Ashbourne, would you have any objection, for the proper treatment of the business now before the Chair, to begin at page 72, and go over to page 93? Would you mind taking pages 72 to 93, both inclusive, and just look at the various headings given on these pages, and express the opinion whether or not the allowances set forth in these pages would apply to Newfoundland veterans if and when we went into confederation?

Mr. Higgins If they have been completed, sir?

Mr. Ashbourne What was that last?

Mr. Higgins If they have been completed.

Mr. Ashbourne If members would look at the end, I believe there is a time limit there.

Mr. Chairman Would you mind beginning at page 72?

Mr. Ashbourne Would there be any objection to my reading the Canadian and Newfoundland?

Mr. Chairman You can only treat it as best you can. I don't wish to hamper you in any way, shape or form, but try to do it in the most effective and brief way you possibly can. That's all I can say.

Mr. Ashbourne Well, I will try to do the best I can.

Mr. Chairman That's all you can do, Mr. Ashbourne.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, I have studied this very carefully, and if I could go through it myself and you can check me I would be satisfied with that.

Mr. Ashbourne It has been suggested that I do it. If you want to do it, I am satisfied.

Mr. Higgins I think Mr. Ashbourne should continue.