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SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE GEORGE W. CLARKE

The House met at 3:00 P.M.

MR. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Order!

HON. J. R. SMALLWOOD (PREMIER): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the Jacob's Engineering Report, it has been received some days ago, and examined by the Cabinet and I table it today. I may say that the report confirms without hesitation and without equivocation the UOP feasibility report. The House will remember that the Government have not tabled the UOP Report, Universal Oil Products Report on the project, but what we have done is had our own examination made of the UOP Report to get the opinion of a first class engineering firm as to the soundness of the UOP Report. And what I table today is the Jacob's Engineering Companies Report on the UOP Report.

I have copies for all hon. members and for members of the press.

HON. W. J. KEOUGH: (MINISTER OF LABOUR): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a document which indicates the decisions of the Government made in respect of the conclusions and recommendations set forth in Chapter XIX of the Report of the Royal Commission respecting radiation, compensation and safety at the St. Lawrence Flourspar Mines. I may say that this documentation, this memorandum contains what has been boiled down by months of study given to the Royal Commission Report by the departments concerned, such as Health, Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, and also the Workmen's Compensation Board. It contains the final decisions arrived at by the Executive Government after long consideration and because the memorandum is quite lengthy, I do not propose to read it, and I will ask that it be tabled and circulated to members of the House and of the press.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

MR. G. MYRDEN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition, Sir. The prayer

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MR. MYRDEN: of the petition is, that we the undersigned voters of Parsons Pond are asking the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to help us obtain a bus service from Parsons Pond to Norris Point connecting with the Rocky Harbour bus leaving at 9 A.M. inward to Deer Lake.

The eleven years we had a bus service operating from Parsons Pond to St. Paul's and in late years Norris Point, but last summer the Motors Carriers Division authorized another bus operator to operate a bus from Cowhead to Norris Point supposedly to give a better service. This left Parsons Pond bus operator to give up the bussing service, as he could not make a living. The Cowhead bus will not come to Parsons Pond. The Daniel's Harbour bus does not have the seating capacity and does not always connect with the Rocky Harbour bus leaving at 9:30 A.M. inward to Deer Lake. We are not getting any bus service at all.

Sir, I would like to say that I recommend to the Board of Public Utilities that they would look into this matter and hope that something can be done about it.

I move that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. J. C. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to support this petition, it is quite obvious that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities should see to it that there is a proper bus service for the residents of the great Northern Peninsula down to Deer Lake, up to St. Barbe North and down along the whole coast, certainly from Parsons Pond and the area mentioned in the petition.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities will look into this and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that there is a proper and reasonable bus service, that who has ever been granted the franchise, whether it is from Cowhead down to Deer Lake or Parsons Pond to Deer Lake that the franchise is given, that it is

MR. CROSBIE: economic and it provides a proper and decent service for the people living on the great Northern Peninsula, certainly from Parsons Pond down, in fact along the whole coast.

MR. H. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present a petition which I have received from 253 residents of Glenwood having to do with the proposed closing of St. Anne's R.C. School of that particular town. I have a copy of the letter which accompanied the petition, which I would like to read a few sections from:

It said; that one section of the petition is signed by our members of St. Anne's Parish, the other by the citizens of Glenwood. We have one petition from the people making up St. Anne's and we have one petition from all the residents of Glenwood in support of the prayer of that petition.

The part signed by our members represents approximately ninety-five percent, that is ninety-five percent of St. Anne's, and the other part represents approximately ninety percent of all the population of Glenwood. As stated in the petition, no parent, friend or responsible citizen agrees with our kindergarden to Grade IV children joining the bus in the morning or afternoon to go approximately fifteen miles to school at Gander. The school in question cost between \$70,000 to \$80,000. It was constructed in 1964 and opened in December of the same year. And they go on and quote the approximate size of the building, which is 35ft. by 95ft, with an extra entrance porch of 14ft. by 14ft. the second floor includes three classrooms, 22ft. by 35ft., two washrooms 11ft. by 12ft., an office, 11ft. by 12ft., and so on and so forth.

Now, Sir, the main prayer of the petition is that we the members of the St. Anne's Parish, on behalf of the parents and the children of Glenwood, do hereby disagree with the decision to close the Roman Catholic school at Glenwood in favour of commuting to the Gander school. The children in question are those from kindergarden to Grade IV. We are quite willing for

MR. COLLINS: Grade V to Grade XI to go to Gander, as they figure the children will have a better opportunity for higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I would like this petition to be tabled in the House and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. SPEAKER: Moved and seconded that this petition be received and referred to the department to which it relates.

MR. A. J. MURPHY: (LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION): Mr. Speaker, I would at this time like to add my support to the petition presented by my hon. colleague and I am sure that when we talk of kindergarden up to Grade IV having to be transported daily by bus to Gander some fifteen miles away, I think we could realize it is quite a hardship upon these small children. What the actual internal workings of the school are, I am actually not aware of, but I feel that anything we can do to try and retain that school at Glenwood would be to the benefit of the younger and smaller children.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

HON. J. A. NOLAN: (MINISTER OF SUPPLY): Mr. Speaker, with your permission and with the permission of the House I would like to advise that I have been in receipt of a number of requests from residents of Blackhead Road and from other interested citizens as to the possibility of a change of name for that community. The reason being that in so doing the residents and indeed all agencies concerned in any such decision would be recognizing the contribution made over the years by the late Father Leo Shea. A number of suggestions have already been made and I would like to say that I discussed this matter with the hon. the Premier and that we would be quite prepared, of course, to talk, to carry on discussions with the City of St. John's, since their boundary extends part way up the Southside Hill, As many of the hon. members are aware also, the Nomenclature Board and any other departments of Government also maybe directly involved in order to bring about this change bases on recommendations that would come from the citizens of the Blackhead Road Community.

I, would like therefore through this House, Mr. Speaker, and possibly

MR. NOLAN: through the help of the press to make those interested, or aware of those who have expressed their interest on more than one occasion in this matter to me in the last few days, that it is a matter that we are now completely aware of and are quite willing to take whatever steps are legal and proper to do so, so that in fact the wish as I read it of the majority of people who reside on Blackhead Road, their wish can be realized and that we will take all steps necessary, hopefully with the permission of the members of this House and I would gladly welcome any recommendations or suggestions of approval or otherwise from my good friend, the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition on this matter that I now have the honour to bring before hon. members.

MR. MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to support very warmly the matter set forth by the hon. Minister of Supply. I was speaking to quite a number of people during the recent funeral of the very well respected clerymen and the idea was put forth that their might be a name given to it, I suggested that perhaps the proper way was to go to through the regular channels, approach the House through their member, And I feel in doing this, Mr. Speaker, that we would remove forever perhaps the stigma that has been attached, such as the "Brow", and the "Blackhead Road" and what not, and I think it would be an excellent opportunity to commemorate the memory of an outstanding worker for his community in naming that possibly after the Reverend clergyman. And that will be something that will be taken up and I am sure all members of this House will concure with whatever action will be taken by Government when the matter comes to being discussed.

And while I am on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the liberty of welcoming to this House, a distinguished Newfoundlander who is in the Speaker's Gallery in the person of Mr. Frank Moores, who has lately been elected as Leader of the P.C. Party, and perhaps it is not purely in a political sense, although I am very happy to see him, but I am sure all members of this House, Mr. Speaker, are very happy indeed to see a native son

MR. MURPHY: attain such a success as he has across the Dominion of Canada, being appointed perhaps the first Newfoundlander to be president of a political body, to be with us today and I am sure that we all here wish him, no matter what our political leadings are, the best of luck and our very good wishes that whatever part he takes in the political life of this Province will be for the betterment of all Newfoundlanders.

MR. J. C. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like also to welcome the new Leader of the P.C. Party to the Speaker's Gallery. We trust that some day in the not too distant future, he will take his seat in the House, if it is not from St. John's East, then in some other district when the General Election comes on. It has to be before the end of December 1971 at any event, so it will not be long now, as we are all aware. In any event, Mr. Speaker, we would like to congratulate Mr. Moores on his election as head of the Progressive Conservative Party of Newfoundland, and we hope that he will have a worthwhile and successful tenure as leader of that party.

With respect to the Blackhead Road, Mr. Speaker, certainly if the majority or a good majority of the inhabitants of the Blackhead Road area wish to rename that area in honour of Father Shea, we would certainly support that. But I think it is a decision that should be made by the residents of the area, and I am sure some machinery will be set up to discover what their wishes are. But certainly if that is what they want, then this House or the Government should do what they can to expedite that.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, if I can do so without subjecting myself to the suspicion that my motives are under suspicion, I should like to say a word of welcome to Mr. Moores, the new Tory Leader of this Province, to welcome him into the Chamber, outside of the Bar, and to express the hope that he will seize the first available opportunity to get a seat inside the Bar, where we can face each other, where we can deal with the public affairs of the Province on equal terms. I do not know how soon that will be, that is very much up to him. For my part, my colleagues and I, are in perfect

MR. SMALLWOOD: agreement that the earliest possible opportunity ought to be provided to enable him to take his seat in this House. We have made that provision yeasterday by advising his Honour to issue his proclamation calling for the holding of a By-Election in St. John's East on the 11th. day of next month. I hope notwithstanding rumors. I hear over the radio, that he will accept this opportunity, provided it is the first opportunity there was following his election. The constituency has been open for some six months or more and the opportunity is now provided. In the meantime, I welcome him outside the Bar of the House. I wish that I could welcome him inside the Bar.

MR. T. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to add a word of welcome to the newly elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, I do not call him a Tory Party, <sup>are</sup> they/Progressive Conservatives, on behalf of the people whom I represent



MR. BURGESS: in Labrador West. He is a young man, he has assumed a very important and responsible role in the affairs of this Province, and he has proved himself to be a fairly adroit politician, How adroit he will be ultimately remains to be seen, but I think that he should be wished all the success in the world and I know that he will make a definite contribution to the affairs and welfare of this Province.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. J. C. CROSBIE: On Orders of the Day I would like to ask a question to the hon. the Premier, the Acting Minister of Finance, that Motion No. 1,

Mr. Speaker to appoint a select committee to consider the Report of the Auditor General and a statement of the Minister of Finance thereon and to report to this House, has now been on the Order Paper, I do not know, since March, I do believe. Would the hon. the Premier inform the House whether or not the Government intends to proceed with this motion because it appears obvious that the House will not be open too much longer? Mr. Speaker, that was a question addressed to the hon. the Premier. Perhaps the hon. the Premier did not hear me. Is there any answer to the question? The hon. the Premier being as ignorant as he usually is, Mr. Speaker, I will pass on to another.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question has been asked, and not answered. And the rule state that no hon. member can insist on an answer. If the person to whom the question is addressed remains silent, there can be no comment, there should be no comment, and the House cannot demand an answer, this is the way the rules are, and this is the way it has to be.

MR. J. C. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, I am not demanding an answer because I already know the rules Mr. Speaker, now I want to proceed on to another question.

MR. SPEAKER: The remark made was the matter of insisting on an answer. The hon. member used language which is unparliamentary, "that the Premier is going to be as ignorant as he usually is" I think these were the words. These words are not parliamentary and they should not be used in this hon. House.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, with due respect, I have heard the hon. the Premier say repeatedly in this House, that members are ignorant, that the members who disagree with him are ignorant and if those words are unparliamentary now, they are equally as unparliamentary when the hon. the Premier said them.

MR. SPEAKER: Anybody who uses the term "ignorant" that somebody is ignorant, it is wrong, it is not parliamentary, regardless of who uses it. If a person wishes to explain that he meant it in the sense lacking in knowledge, this is the way it has been explained, and if he meant it in that respect then, if it is satisfactory to the person to whom the appellation is made, well then that is all right by the Chair. But it must be explained when it is used, and I dislike the use of the word anyway, and regardless of who uses it, it is not parliamentary and it should not be used, and if it is used there should be an explanation as to what the person meant; that it is not ignorant in the accepted term of the word, the term which I interpreted, but in the sense of lacking in knowledge.

MR. CROSBIE: I am willing to explain what I mean by it, I mean ignorant in the sense of lacking in courtesy, lacking in good manners, lacking in good judgement, that is the sense I use it in.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have another question, since the Minister of Municipal Affairs is not here, for the hon. the Premier. I brought to the attention of the House last week the deplorable situation at Musgrave Harbour-Doting Cove in connection with the Musgrave Academy, the school which has neither water nor sewerage facilities and where the sewerage facilities are the provision of plastic bags to carry away sewerage. Has any steps been taken by the Government, since this was drawn to the attention of the House a week or so ago, to help provide this school, or help to provide it with water and sewerage? And if so, what are the steps taken?

MR. COLLINS: A couple of other questions, Mr. Speaker, having to do with the Premier's announcement sometime ago on an announcement on the Order Paper that we would have a select committee to look into the Public Accounts,

MR. COLLINS: which committee having permission to sit during the sitting hours of the House. Would the Premier tell us now, in view of the fact that this sitting is just about over with, would he agree to having the committee sit outside the normal sitting of the House?

Mr. Speaker, when I asked the Premier, it was indicated that the committee would have permission to sit during the sitting hours of the House. Would the Premier now be willing, in view of the fact that this session will soon be closed, to have the committee sit during the Summer or Fall, if necessary?

MR. SMALLWOOD: What committee?

MR. COLLINS: The Select Committee on Public Accounts.

MR. SMALLWOOD: We will inform the House at its closing.

MR. COLLINS: Well, Mr. Speaker, if we can judge by what happened here yesterday, when the hon. members opposite refused point blank to discuss the Budget, to take part in the Budget Debate, we can certainly assume that this hon. House will not be opened very much longer, I will say in another week or so.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, on Orders of the Day, I would like to ask the Leader of the House, the Minister of Justice, whether he could inform the House what business will be discussed by the House tomorrow, whether it is to be the estimates or legislation or what the business of the House will be?

MR. CURTIS: I hope, Mr. Speaker, it will be the estimates.

MR. CROSBIE: And could the hon. Leader of the House tell us, in what order the Government proposes to discuss the estimates?

MR. CURTIS: As far as possible, Mr. Speaker, in numerical order.

MR. CROSBIE: And Mr. Speaker another question on the Orders of the Day -

MR. COLLINS: On a point of order, how are the department numbers from I to X or...

MR. CROSBIE: From I to XX has they have been for the past twenty-one years.

MR. CURTIS: Numerical means, in order, 1,2,3.

MR. CROSBIE: Mr. Speaker, a question for the hon. the Premier in connection with his announcement of a By-Election in St. John's East. Would the hon. the Premier tell the House when it is proposed to have a By-Election in the District of Ferryland, which is now without a representative in the House? Or does the hon. the Premier choose to remain silent, as he did in the Budget Speech?

MR. BURGESS: Before Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask a question of the hon. the Premier also, if in a statement made this morning on VOXM radio, he said the renegade Liberals, the traitors and turncoats? Now Mr. Speaker, I just want to make it quite clear that I resent statements of this nature, because when I became a member of this House, I swore allegiance to the Crown and not to one man.

MR. SPEAKER: The Resolution is number ten, in the name of the hon. member for St. Barbe South.

HON. F. W. ROWE: (MINISTER OF EDUCATION): Mr. Speaker, when I adjourned the debate last week there were several points that I had not dealt with, and these I propose to deal with in a brief period this afternoon. I had drawn the attention of the House to some statements made by the hon. member for St. John's West in this debate. There were still several statements that he made that I think need some comment. First of all, Mr. Speaker, any point that any hon. member wants to make in a Budget Speech can just as easily be made and I expect to be able to make them in the course of the debate on the estimates, seeing that there are several thousand items every aspect of Government was covered in those estimates, every member of the House has the opportunity to speak not once, but within reason, as many times as he wishes to any item in the estimates.

MR. CROSBIE: Order please let us move along to the Bonne Bay ....

MR. ROWE: (F.W.) The hon. gentleman seemed to be interested in the Budget Debate, and I thought perhaps I should give him a little bit of advise on it. Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman who represents St. John's West made so many ridiculous generalizations here last week in the course of this

MR. ROWE, F.W.: debate that I had the feeling, I had the feeling that he was not really in earnest in what he was saying. I have the feeling that they were speaking with tongue in cheek. Now I did not have that feeling about some of the statements made by some other hon. gentlemen over there, but I did have that feeling with respect to the hon. member for St. John's West, when he accused us for example of attempting blackmail on the Government of Canada, because we had laid down a set of conditions for discussion and indeed we hope for negotiation, when he accused us of attempting blackmail, surely he could not have been serious. He could not have been serious when he said, "we," (meaning Newfoundland, this Government) "we cannot lay down the conditions." He said; "who are we to be laying down the conditions?" He could hardly disguise his contempt for Newfoundland. They dare him to stand up and speak back to the ~~great~~ Government of Ottawa, We cannot lay down the conditions, no, of course not. And then he said; "if Newfoundland wants a National Park, we should adhere to the laws governing National Parks." These were his exact words. "If Newfoundland wants a National Park we should adhere to the laws governing National Parks." This is too silly to talk about, because back in 1954 and 1955 there were laws governing National Parks, and we were offered a park on those conditions, and we refused to accept it, and Ottawa did back-down, and Ottawa did change the laws, actually changed the laws, the legislation in the House of Commons, in our favour there. And when he says; (meaning Ottawa, the Government of Ottawa) "they will not chuck in their program," (these were his words) "they have had for a hundred years." Either he must have tongue in cheek or he does not know what he is talking about. Either that or he is ignorant, in the sense that the hon. the Speaker referred to a moment ago, in the sense that he does not know anything about it. Because Ottawa did indeed chuck in its program, not only in respect to National Parks, but in respect to a lot of other things as well.

MR. WELLS: ..... airports?

MR. ROWE: F.W. The hon. gentleman, and I will deal with that point in a few moment, he spoke about what we want. He said, "and what we are going to get in effect is a magnificent scenic National Park or Wilderness Park over on the West Coast of Newfoundland." That is what he said we are going to get. Well, we will see what we are going to get.

The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that over and over again Newfoundland has gone to Ottawa and protested against existing policy, and we have urged and pressured Ottawa to change that policy and that policy has been changed. I am not going to go into detail about it again, Last week, although I am sorry this point was not reported, but last week I did make this point that Ottawa changed the Trans-Canada Agreement from a fifty/fifty to a ninety/ten because we put pressure on them to do it, That is why they did it. Over and over again we have had examples where Ottawa seized welfare programs for example, I very well remember it. When I was in the Department of Welfare, the Canadian Welfare Council which is a great body on welfare across Canada, on which is represented every welfare body and agency I think in the whole nation, and we met and as it happened I was chairman of a committee on relief, on ablebodied relief and at my suggestion a Resolution was introduced, which I subsequently introduced to the plenary session of that council, there were I think a thousand persons present at that great conference, and that resolution urged Ottawa to do something which up until that time it had steadfastly refused to do, namely; to share in the cost of social welfare, as represented by ablebodied relief, and until that point, from the time that the Canadian nation was formed, up until, and this was in the 1950's, Ottawa had refused to do that. Had refused to move.

Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Welfare Council adopted that resolution which I had the honour, and I am very proud of it, to introduce to that Council, they adopted that resolution, that resolution was submitted to the Government of Ottawa and the Government of Ottawa incorporated it in

MR. ROWE: F.W. to Federal policy and the result is that ever since Newfoundland has received back from Ottawa fifty percent of all our expenditure on able-bodied relief. Now if we follow what the hon. gentleman is suggesting, from St. John's West, we would never have gone to Ottawa with that, we would not go to Ottawa, how dare we go to Ottawa and ask them to change their law they had enforced for a hundred years. That is what he told us about the parks. On the matter of health grants, on the matter of health grants, listen to the hon. gentleman adnauseam for an hour last week, or the week before last. Now what he might do is show some good manners and listen to me in turn, I listened to him, now he should listen to me. We brought to Ottawa prior to the adoption of the Trans-Canada Highway program, Ottawa had never participated in one iota in the building of roads in any part of Canada, they introduced at the request of the provinces. They introduced this program of the Trans-Canada Highway policy, the fifty/fifty. Subsequently this Province went back to Ottawa over and over and said; we need help for our other communities <sup>although</sup> the Trans-Canada Highway is necessary and valuable. Well we have hundreds of communities in Newfoundland that are not linked up, we need help for them, And over and over again Ottawa refused, They refused to consider it. Eventually because of the pressure that we and others brought on Ottawa, and because of the representations made, Ottawa did indeed change its policy,

It is to the credit, for example, of the Diiftenbaker Government of that day. that they decided not only to continue with the Trans-Canada Highway program. but also adopt a road to resources program, and we built in Newfoundland part of the St. Barbe Highway on that very program. We built the road from the Deer Lake road out to Wilton Dale, the one that by-passes Bonne Bay Proper, under part of that program. We built all the road to . . .

MR. ROBERTS: No the road from Wilton Dale to Rocky Harbour.

MR. ROWE: The road from Wilton Dale to Rocky Harbour, which by-passes Bonne Bay Proper. These were my words, that part of that road was built under the Road to Resources program. I think subsequently part of this was built under the Trunk-Roads as well, I will come to that in a moment. All the roads -

MR. WELLS: Would the hon. member permit a question?

MR. ROWE, F.W. Sure.

MR. WELLS: Perhaps he has forgotten, and I will just clear this up, but I want to ask him a question in any event, in the light of the position which I for one took, and I believe the hon. member for St. John's West too, namely; that we agree fully with the three pages contained in the White Paper as to the quality of the park, and what is contained in it, how is what the minister is now saying relevant to the debate. We are talking about the airports, and wanting the roads under the resources development -

MR. ROWE: F.W. I shall proceed to develop that as I go on Mr. Speaker, I intend to indeed I have it listed here in my notes. I recall also, Mr. Speaker, incidentally before I leave the matter of the roads; without that Federal Program of Road to Resources, we could never have built the road that opened up the great Baie Verte Peninsula, these roads, the road to LaScie, all the road linking up Lascie, Bight Harbour, around Brent's Cove, Tilt Cove, Nipper's Harbour and all those roads were built under the Road to Resources program and the point is Mr. Speaker, this is the point, nobody denies what he said, but this is the point that for years Ottawa refused to agree to a program of that kind.

MR. CROSBIE: Give them a development program.

MR. ROWE: F.W. And finally pressure enough was brought to bear on them, and they did agree.

MR. CROSBIE: Bring economical development plan. Why have you not got an economic development plan for the Island?



MR. ROWE, F.W.: And the same thing applies for the trunk roads.

MR. CROSBIE: Why have you not got an economic development plan for the Island?

MR. ROWE, F.W.: Mr. Speaker, I recall very well that for years Ottawa - Does the hon. gentleman want to get up and make another speech? The hon. gentleman ought to have the manners to sit back and listen, if he wants to ask me a question, I will answer it.

MR. CROSBIE: Did the hon. gentleman hear the racket that was made over there when I was speaking?

MR. ROWE, F.W.: I remember.

MR. CROSBIE: Cry baby!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Now hon. members will please note, that the hon. minister has indicated that he does not wish any interference while he is speaking.

MR. ROWE, F.W.: Mr. Speaker, I remember very well for years, and I have good reason to remember this, for years we went to Ottawa and pleaded for help in education, especially in vocational and technical education, we had no vocational education here, we had no technical education here, no facilities and the cost of that, the minimum cost was \$25 million or \$30 million even to make a beginning. I remember the conference, the Federal Provincial Conference when the Premier of Newfoundland got up and introduced the matter and got the matter debated and got the support of the other Premiers or at least a number of them, and with the final results that the Prime Minister agreed, that the Government of Canada would indeed give serious consideration to it, and the result was this first, the fifty/fifty program, and subsequently a seventy-five/ twenty-five percent program which enabled us to build this great Technical College and the twelve vocational schools that we have around Newfoundland. And so I could go on. The point, Mr. Speaker, is very simple, we are not blackmailing Canada, or the Government of Canada, when we go to them and say we want more than you are offering in any particular program or any particular policy.

MR. ROWE: F.W. The hon. gentleman from St. John's West again spoke about the, well here is what he said, he said; 'what we need over there' (and these words which follow are his exact words) "Is a magnificent scenic wilderness park". Now we have a magnificent and a scenic and a wilderness, these things are all over there, but they are there, Ottawa does not need to give that to us, they are there. Anybody who goes to Bonne Bay, anybody who goes to Trout River Gulch or up on the table land, Gros Morne or down to Western Arm, anybody who goes there can see the wilderness and can see some of the most magnificent scenery in the world, it is there.

But, Mr. Speaker, we want something more than a wilderness park. We want, I will go further and say that we want something more than a Terra Nova Park, and I do not derogate Terra Nova Park, it is a very valuable park, and we are grateful for it. But Terra Nova Park in itself even is not enough and certainly if we are going to have another park, a national park it should be something more than the Terra Nova National Park is.

I was interested when the hon. gentleman was speaking that he made a comment which again made me think he must have had his tongue in cheek in reference to this need for a scenic park, a great wilderness scenic park, He said; "there are," (and again I took down his exact words) "there are very few scenic spots on the Trans-Canada Highways". That is his statement; "very few scenic spots on the Trans-Canada Highway".

Mr. Speaker, I may be quibbling on this thing, but I do not think that a remark of that kind should be allowed to go unchallenged, if for nothing else, if for no other reason than that it is poor advertising for Newfoundland. The fact of the matter is that if you drive from here to Port aux Basques, as I have done dozens of times, and drive over certain parts of this Trans-Canada Highway, you will see views as magnificent, as interesting, as beautiful, as unusual, as unique, as you will find anywhere in Canada. You will not find the Rocky Mountains ten or twelve thousand feet up, you will not find perhaps Niagara Falls, but you will find views there, the view from Trinity Bay, the view there just before you get to Clarenville. looking

MR. ROWE: F.W. out over the Southwest Arm of Random and Random Arm itself, and Smith's Arm and Random Island, that is a beautiful view and the most beautiful of its kind that anyone could see. Similarly the view from Gambo as you come this way, from Gander you come down pass Middle Brook, the Brook itself, and you come to this hill, and you are looking out over the entire Bonavista Bay with all the islands, with all the rocks, and at times of course, with the sea in all its fury and at times with icebergs in the distance. As you drive towards Gander, there is one spot there where you get a magnificent view of Gander Lake, that beautiful lake, that great lake in a crescent there, which in itself, especially in certain times of the year. And I am being perhaps a little partial on this, as you drive from Springdale towards the Baie Verte cutoff, the Baie Verte intersection, you will have to drive along by the banks of the Indian River, the most beautiful river in Newfoundland, There is no river in the Island of Newfoundland so beautiful as Indian River, and in September and in October. And I say, knowing that the largest river in Newfoundland is in my own district, and knowing how beautiful just as well as the other member from St. Barbe knows, how beautiful the Humber is and all of this, the fact of the matter is, that at certain times of the year in September usually, the latter part of September, when the deciduous trees, the great maple trees and the birches and the other deciduous trees are turning all their various shades of reds, yellow and orange and so on like that, the view is unexcelled in Newfoundland, and you could go on down the Humber Valley of course, especially at certain times of the year and as you leave and go down by the side of Birchy Lake another beautiful spot where there are those beautiful pines, white pines, the deciduous pines of Newfoundland, one of the remaining groves and forests, there are millions of pines filling Newfoundland, most people do not realize it, but not very often do you see a lot of them together, you do on that part of the Trans-Canada Highway, and then as you drive from Stephenville Crossing, from Stephenville Crossing to Port Aux Basques without exception there is not a mile of that, that does not have some of the most

MR. ROWE: F.W. beautiful scenery in Eastern Canada. And so when my hon. friend said; "well one reason we need this great Bonne Bay wilderness, scenic park is because there are very few scenic spots on the Trans-Canada Highway," he is just talking tommy-rod, he surely must have been joking.

The hon. gentleman said also, in the course of his debate, he said the fact of the matter is, the Government, this Government, has written off Bonne Bay Park. If he was serious on that, this is one of the most unfair statements that I have heard made in this House. It is not only unfair, as the Premier says, it is untrue, it is an untrue statement. It is a misstatement. Nothing that we have said at all or done indicates that we have written it off, any more than we wrote off, we wrote off the Terra Nova National Park when we delayed it for three or four years, for reasons that I have already given to this House here.

Mr. Speaker, I remember, I do not think I have ever mentioned this before in this House; At the time that we were negotiating for Terra Nova National Park I was the Minister involved at this end and Mr. Lasage, later the Premier of Quebec, was the Minister of the Ottawa end, and Mr. Pickersgill was caught in between there, He was the Federal member, he was also a member of the Canadian Government, So he was caught in between there, anxious to get this going, and because we had these delays, I suggested at the time, half seriously and perhaps half facetiously, why not consider some other area as an national park while we are waiting to get this Terra Nova area settled? And they said to me, "what area do you suggest? " And I said, that I was only half joking, I represented that time White Bay South, and

MR. ROWE (F.W.): The Baie Verte Peninsula or the Burlington Peninsula or whatever name you want to give it, that Burlington Peninsula has some magnificent scenery as anybody who has ever gone down there knows. Flat water areas, as my hon. friend from Gander knows as well I know. Driving down to little places like Wild Cove, and Fleur de Lys that we talked about the other day, and out to Westport and all the other places, there is beautiful scenery, beautiful ponds, beautiful streams, beautiful forests.

AN HON. MEMBER: Woodstock and Pacquet.

MR. ROWE: Woodstock and Pacquet, again, Woodstock is one of the most beautiful of all these places there, and Harbour Round that beautiful little Harbour there which is rightly named. It is lying there like a saucer. Well I said to them, "what about that? Why not consider that?" and they said "well the fact of the matter is that we are only at this time considering or concerned with one park, and if we took another area we would have to forget about the Terra Nova area, and they were not prepared to do that and I doubt very much if the Government of Newfoundland was either.

The point I want to bring out is this Mr. Speaker. Just suppose that the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland had agreed at that time that we would start to develop the Baie Verte Peninsula or part of it as a national park, which could easily have happened. Now then, one year after that, after the time I made that suggestion, the Boylen Interests came into Newfoundland at the invitation of the Premier. Contrary to some of the members of this House, contrary to their wishes, we gave the Boylen Interests the right to explore and if they wished to develop in accordance with the laws to develop part of that Baie Verte Peninsula. Within another year, after spending something over \$2 million the Boylen Interests had discovered something which nobody on earth a year before had known existed. Everybody knew that there was copper at Tilt Cove, and in that vicinity. Everybody knew that there was copper and other minerals some gold and what not in the Rambler area. That had been known for one hundred years. No geologist on earth, I was five years in the Department of Mines and Resources with men like Mr. Claude House and Dr. David Baird, and the present Deputy

Minister Mr. Gover and Mr. McKillup and other there to advise me, and in turn for me to advise the Government. Nobody ever suggested, nobody ever had the faintest idea in this world that lying there, right by the tide water, in that beautiful indraught of Baie Verte, was one of the richest asbestos deposits in the world.

That fact did become known in one year, and certainly within two years, from the time that I had made this half serious suggestion to Mr. LaSage and to Mr. Pickersgill. Now Mr. Speaker, I ask you, I ask your Honour. If we had decided to go ahead with that park at the time that I suggested it, and two years afterwards the geologists came to us with this evidence, that there was a rich asbestos deposit there, I ask Your Honour, I ask this House. What action should we have taken? Should we have said "no, this is going to be a national park, we are going to freeze it? We have made the decision now, it is one of the beauty spots of Newfoundland. We will not allow any commercial development there. We will forget about any mining development." Had we done that the great John Mandvills Company would never have invested between thirty and forty millions down in Baie Verte. We would not have had thriving a prosperous community of 3,000 souls there, and another three or four thousand in the other satellite communities living well, many of them off that mine.

6,000 Newfoundlanders today are getting their living out of that deposit there, and a good living in most cases. Yet if we had followed the argument advanced by some people, we would have said "forget it, a mine." We would have had a park down there, and we would have forty or fifty men employed in that park.

Mr. Speaker,

MR. COLLINS: (Inaudible)

MR. ROWE: Well let me say this, the person most competent to answer that would be the Premier. Because, this idea did come up I can say that, and I might say other areas in Newfoundland too have been considered theoretically at any rate from time to time. I have no doubt that in the next twenty-five years, certainly some time in the future, other parts of Newfoundland will

become national parks.

MR. COLLINS: (Inaudible)

MR. ROWE: That is right, that is right. I am in entire agreement with my hon. friend. I am a little partial on this one perhaps, a little sentimental on it. I have always thought that in one way or another that the beautiful Dildo run and the New World Island thing which in its own way again is not a Bonne Bay, is not a Baie Verte Peninsula, but in its own way from the standpoint of a, from that particular kind of scenery and the attractions, is one of the loveliest parts of Newfoundland. However, I do not intend to develop that right now.

The, some hon. member on the other side, I am not sure who, seemed to get some comfort from the fact that Mr. Chretien, the Minister I think of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, (is that the name of the department. It has been changed several times in the last ten or twelve years) that he apparently had uttered some words but did not seem to be too sympathetic towards the idea of a white paper submitted by the hon. Minister of Resources.

Well Mr. Speaker, let me say this, that this white paper which has been submitted to Ottawa certainly involves more than one Federal Department. It has to involve the great Department of Public Works. It has to involve the Department of Transport the head of which is our Newfoundland Minister. It has to involve DREE, that new department of Regional Economic Development there. It has to involve to some extent the Department of Fisheries, and I would suggest also, probably the Department of Trade and Commerce. So this white paper is some thing that has to be considered, not, by one minister or by one department, but by the Government of Canada. The Government of Canada is considering it, and I have not the faintest doubt at all that the Government of Canada eventually will concur in the main proposition and proposals of that white paper. I have no doubt at all about that Mr. Speaker. Incidentally, I was interested

MR. WELLS: (Inaudible)

MR. ROWE: Only this morning, I was interested only this morning

MR. SMALLWOOD (J.R.): Yes, yes, yes

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MR. ROWE: Yes, what is wrong with that? All right but do not

MR. SMALLWOOD: Oh, but yes

AN HON. MEMBER: I would like to see that

MR. SMALLWOOD: So would I, so I can, so I can.

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I was interested this morning

AN HON. MEMBER: I doubt it

MR. SMALLWOOD: Doubt it

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible)

MR. SMALLWOOD: Enjoy the doubt for awhile, a little while

MR. ROWE: I read through

MR. CROSBIE: (Inaudible)

MR. SMALLWOOD: Oh, doubt for a little while and enjoy the doubt.

MR. CROSBIE: The official .....

MR. WELLS: That is going to be law now is it?

MR. SMALLWOOD: Not long now.

MR. ROWE: This document I have here Mr. Speaker, put out by the Northern Regional Development Association, I think they are usually called Norda, and I looked through this morning Mr. Speaker, and in fact I made a few notations here and there. Actually, they do not say so, but what this document does is to agree with all the basic principles and proposals in the white paper, and to advocate them

MR. WELLS: But they do not say so

MR. ROWE: They do not say so?

MR. WELLS: The minister just said

MR. ROWE: I said in effect, that is what I said, they do not say so, I said without saying so if my hon. friend was listening. I said without saying so, they do not say " we agree with everything that is in the white paper." I am not sure that they even refer to it at all. I am sure that they even had the white paper when this was written. But, they do say Mr. Speaker, take one, under the heading all-weather paved highway, the first and most important step that must be taken in order to develop the tourist industry is the construction of a modern highway from Deer Lake to St. Anthony, 300 miles.



One of the hon. gentlemen, I think it was from Humber, the other day, certainly one of them over there, threw scorn on this idea. Ottawa going to share in the paving or the reconstruction and building and paving of a highway for 300 miles. Well I suggest to you Mr. Speaker, that Ottawa

MR. WELLS: I did not throw scorn on the idea

MR. ROWE: Maybe not, but somebody over there, and if my hon. friend did not do it I am very glad to hear him say that he did not. The fact of the matter is Mr. Speaker, that we have suggested to Ottawa in this white paper there, that this highway should be built and I have no doubt at all, I have no doubt at all that this highway will be built. But, if it has to be left entirely to our own resources, you can take a rule of thumb, you cannot pave an ordinary mile of that road and I am not thinking of Trans Canada standards, and I am not suggesting that that road should be Trans Canada standards in the maximum way. I am not suggesting that it should be built to maximum standards, maximum Trans Canada standards that is. I am suggesting that you need a good modern paved highway down there, and the least you could do that, the least you could do it for, the road is there now I know, I was the minister when we built it, most of it, and I know the quality and condition of that road, but the least that we could do that for would be \$100,000. a mile.

HON. E.M.ROBERTS (Minister of Health): 100 miles, doctor, from a point north has to be completely rebuilt

MR. ROWE: Yes, I know, but the least we could do on an average would be \$100,000. a mile. There could be miles there that would cost perhaps \$150 - \$200,000. a mile, and 300 miles of that would be \$30 million and that is a lot of money we would have to spend when you add that to the \$11 million we spent to build the present road there from Bonne Bay down to St. Anthony. Over \$11 million. \$30 million is a lot of money and I do not think we are at all unreasonable in going to Ottawa and saying that the development, the building of this road, 300 miles should be part and parcel of a package deal on the west coast which would include the building of a paved highway from Deer Lake right down to St. Anthony.

Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman made a point just now which I think is worth commenting on and that is that they agreed with most, at least with a good deal of what is in the white paper. The fact of the matter is

Mr. Speaker

MR. WELLS: In the quality of the park.....

MR. ROWE: The fact of the matter is Mr. Speaker, that most of the hon. gentlemen over there, including the member most concerned because he represents part of the area, have agreed with in detail each proposal there and yet in some way or another, after agreeing in detail with each proposal, I got the impression and I am sure the public of Newfoundland got the impression that he disagrees with the proposal generally as a whole. How can you agree with each individual part of a proposal and then throw out or reject the proposal as a whole? That is the impression I got, perhaps he did not mean to convey that, but certainly that is what happened.

The hon. member for St. John's West again, I am giving him perhaps more attention than his arguments, not than he but more attention than his arguments deserve. The hon. gentleman in referring to the need for a civic park, a wilderness park, he gave me the impression that he was turning up his nose at things like swimming pools, and tennis courts and golf courses and ski slopes and so on, On that Mr. Speaker, I do not know, perhaps there may be one other hon. member of the House, I have swum in the water, the hon. gentleman mentioned that after all you could swim there in the ocean and that is true you can do it, you can do it. When I was eighteen years of age almost to the very day, well the twenty-fourth of May, I had my first swim in Bonne Bay. I did not swim there any more on the twenty-fourth of May

MR. WELLS: That was a long time ago

MR. ROWE: Yes, that was a long time ago and the water is still the same temperature. I have also swum in Bonne Bay on the fifteenth day of September and in between, and of course, the hon. member for St. Barbe knows as I know that there are spots in Bonne Bay, the bottom of Western Arm, the bottom of Eastern Arm and so on, where perhaps a month or so may be six weeks in a good summer you can swim with comfort in those particular spots. You can swim and

enjoy it but most people, especially visitors do not enjoy swimming in the ocean in Newfoundland no matter where it is. I happen to have been brought up doing it from the time I was six or seven years old and I do not mind it. A lot of Newfoundlanders who do swim in the ocean do not mind it so much, perhaps we are enure to it. I do not know the reason but, at any rate we seem to be able to tolerate it. Certainly the majority of people in Newfoundland and people who come to Newfoundland do not want to swim in the ocean because it is too cold. In any case let us be practical about it. The fact of the matter is that you can only swim in the Newfoundland ocean or for that matter in our Newfoundland ponds for about two months or so during the year.

Here again is something that is not generally perhaps appreciated and that is that in the Bonne Bay area itself, there is a notable lack of ponds and lakes. A notable/of them, you have to go a long, long distance to find a pond or a lake if you are actually in Bonne Bay before you can find a pond or a lake to swim in. I know this from my own experience many, many times.

Now, let me get more serious on this thing. My hon. friend from St. John's West, he is a man of substance and he is a man of intelligence, and he has travelled a lot. I am sure that he has been in a number of the major parks in Canada. I would think he has visited Banff or Jasper. No? Or maybe Cape Breton National Park, I am surprised if he has not. Mr. Speaker, anyone who has gone to Banff or Jasper, which are national parks, surely must have been intrigued by the facilities that are there. The golf courses, the swimming pools, in the case of Banff they have the hot springs developed there, the great ski slopes my hon. friend from Humber East I am sure must have seen them, at least he knows about them. The tennis courts and even the simple shuffle board courts which.....

MR. WELLS: All built by the railway long before. Long, long before

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the national parks of Canada have facilities in them put there, it is true some facilities were put there originally by the railway. They have facilities there, put there and operated by the Federal

Department concerned. I know very well, we have one there right in Cape Breton Island, where Celtic Lodge is there with all these facilities I just named, and Celtic Lodge, the water around Celtic Lodge around that part of Cape Breton is just as warm I am sure as the waters of Bonne Bay, but the visitors there are not asked to go down in the ocean and swim. The odd one does I dare say, but they are not asked to do it, because, there is a beautiful swimming pool right along side there.

Well, Mr. Speaker, we are, my time is running out. I want to pay a brief reference to what the hon. member for Number East said. One point in particular. He said "if I were an adviser," (I wrote these words down as he said them and immediately after he said them) "if I were an adviser to the Government of Canada, I would advise them to throw/<sup>out</sup> that paper (that is our white paper, the Newfoundland white paper that our Newfoundland minister took up to Ottawa and placed before the Government of Canada) he said

MR. WELLS: If I were, and that is the one I was talking about

MR. ROWE: He said "if I were an adviser to the Government of Canada, I would advise them to throw that paper in the waste basket."

MR. WELLS: That is right

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, there speaks a great Newfoundland patriot I am sure

MR. SMALLWOOD: Do not forget the garbage

MR. ROWE: I was hoping the hon. gentleman was speaking figuratively, that he was speaking metaphorically, I certainly would not like to think that he, a Newfoundlander, Newfoundland born and bred, and coming from a long line of Newfoundlanders, that he would do that kind of a thing. The fact of the matter is of course, that he has done it whether he meant to do it or not. He has advised the Government of Canada, without being an adviser, he has advised the Government of Canada to throw that white paper in the garbage can.

MR. WELLS: That is right

MR. ROWE: That is what he has advised them to do

MR. SMALLWOOD: And he now confirms it

MR. WELLS: That is right, I do so

MR. SMALLWOOD: And now confirms it twice. Come on a third time

MR. WELLS: No problem, Because I need have no doubt

MR. SMALLWOOD: Three times the cock crowed

MR. CROSBIE: The hon. prompter. The Rocky Harbour rooster will not crow

MR. ROWE: He also said, and I will deal with this point tomorrow, he said " what earnest of good faith has the Government shown in this matter?" This Government

MR. WELLS: Yes, what are they?

MR. ROWE: He also said, " Ottawa is not a bowl of jelly. Ottawa will not knuckle under to this Newfoundland bully going up there." He did not use these words, he did use the words that " Ottawa will knuckle under," but by inference. He meant to say Ottawa will not respond to that mail fist. Ottawa is not going to be bullied and kicked into agreement with this thing. Well we are not wringing up our fist at Ottawa Mr. Speaker. He said, " how can the Government, this Government be so ruthless with our Newfoundland people?

MR. WELLS: Tell me about the earnest in good faith

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is on that -

MR. WELLS: What are they?

MR. ROWE: I do not want to get into detail because I have several main points I want to conclude with

MR. WELLS: What are they, what are they?

MR. ROWE: The fact of the matter is , on that, and I do not want to give the details, already in this general proposal down there, already we have spent substantial sums of money developing parts of that area.

Who spent the money down on the viking site, down the Lance aux Meadows which is part of the packaged deal, part of the White Paper, who spent the money down there, and it was not a few dollars either? Who has spent the money, who took the interest in, who took the action and spent the money on these sites down at Port Saunders and the Hawkes Bay the sites of the Dorset Indians and Eskimos? It was this Government it was not Ottawa.

MR. WELLS: Of course -

MR. ROWE: The fact of the matter is Mr. Speaker, that we have the very preparation of this White Paper itself, and the planning, and ahead of that for months and years, down in the Department of Mines and Resources, surely that should be a token of good faith on our part,

MR. WELLS: That is not the Bonne Bay Park -

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, my time is almost up I want to sum up what I have to say on this matter now. We are asking Ottawa, in this White Paper, which my hon. friend over there seem to feel Ottawa is going to throw in the waste basket and I get the impression some of them will be happy and pleased if Ottawa did do just that, they may be disappointed, in this White Paper we are asking that the West Coast Park, or whatever it is called, not be just another Terra Nova National Park. That is one thing, that is point number one. We are asking that Ottawa give us the same treatment, no matter what the law says today, no matter what the park policy in Ottawa is today, we are asking that we get in Newfoundland the same treatment with respect to National Parks that other provinces of Canada have received over the past thirty or forty years. And that includes golf courses, and it includes swimming pools, and tennis courts, and ski slopes, and a lot of other things, it includes that and that is what we are asking in that White Paper.

MR. WELLS: What about the airport -

MR. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the fact is irrefutable that this Government, it was this Government who took the initiative in asking Ottawa for a National Park on the West Coast in the Bonne Bay area. It was not Ottawa who came to us it was this Government that took the initiative on that matter and as I said before and I say it again without boasting that I am one of the first in this House

ever to stand on his feet and advocate that Bonne Bay area be turned into a National Park. One of the other gentlemen, some years later was the present mayor of Corner Brook, Dr. Noel Murphy who also got up here and recommended that, long before any formal decision by Ottawa was even considered. The fact is now that the Northern Development Association has come out and in effect supported the basic principle of this, and nobody can deny their sincerity, whatever else, nobody can deny the sincerity of this Northern Development Association.

Mr. Speaker, there is one fact that some people seem to forget. Once we have passed over this territory to Ottawa, no matter what it is, whether it is five square miles or the fifteen hundred that somebody thought we should give Ottawa, holus-bolus, to pass over and let them freeze us for evermore. Once we have done it we then are no longer in a position to bargain, we are finished at this end. We are finished. We bargained three or four years on the Terra Nova National Park. We got them to build twenty-seven miles of highway. We got them to leave out Terra Nova River. We got them to agree to have Charlottetown and one or two other communities stay there and not have them eliminated. We got them to agree to give us some of the forest, the incremental growth of the forests in that area. We bargained that, it took us three or four years and we got that.

Mr. Speaker, since we passed it over, since the agreement was signed what concession have we got from Ottawa in respect of Terra Nova National Park? I can tell this House, nothing. Not one single thing since that agreement was signed and so we have to keep in mind, this Government has to keep in mind that once the agreement is signed, once we have passed over territory to Ottawa what happens then afterwards unless it is in the agreement signed and sanctioned there by this Legislature and the one in Ottawa, unless it is there Ottawa, what happens is entirely up to Ottawa, we no longer have any say in the matter at all.

And finally Mr. Speaker, on these points, I am sure hon- we suggested in this White Paper that Ottawa would assist us in one of the major expenses, namely, the cost of expropriating land, property in the park area. We suggested that. That was not part of Ottawa's policy, in the past. Again, again here is an

example, a supreme example because if I heard the news report, I have not seen the formal statement made by Mr. Chretien, the minister concerned. But if the reports I have heard are correct, Ottawa has agreed to pay one-half of the cost of the expropriation of private lands in shoreline parks. The Bonne Bay Park Mr. Speaker, as we visualize it, and as part of this great White Paper package, would be a shoreline park. And here is a supreme example, I am assuming the reports are correct that I have heard on the radio only this last two or three days. There is a supreme example of where Ottawa has indeed yielded, has yielded to pressure coming from a Province, in this case coming from the Province of Newfoundland.

Mr. Speaker, the pressure is come from other parts from other Provinces, I have no doubt but I regret, I regret that Ottawa has let some of my hon. friends down in this regard. Ottawa did not stick to its guns and say we are not going to pay a cent in compensation. Ottawa has let them down by agreeing to our request by agreeing to our request and the requests made by other Provinces to share part of the enormous cost of confiscating the land. And with that Mr Speaker, I think I will complete my remarks on this National Park.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, the biggest surprise I had in this House for quite a while was when the hon. member for St. Barbe South failed and refused to support the government's White Paper proposals. It was an even greater surprise to me when he condemned them. Not only did he refuse to support them but he condemned them, he opposed them and he attacked them. And he is on record and his speech is in Hansard, showing that he took an adamant stand a vehement and an adamant stand against them. One day he will pay for that stand. He will pay. Then, Mr. Speaker, the second surprise he got was to find that the hon. member did not withdraw his motion by leave of the House. Now perhaps he might not have got leave. Perhaps some <sup>one</sup> across the way would have refused leave. Perhaps unanimous leave would not have been given. But at any rate he could have made the attempt to withdraw his own motion once the white Paper proposals were tabled, once he had had an opportunity to study them. Once he knew what the Government were proposing for that great coast, known in the White Paper as



"The Historic Coast." But Sir, he did not, he did not attempt to withdraw his motion, he went on and he spoke in favour of it. He did not support the government's White Paper proposals, he spoke against them and he attacked them and he is on record to this moment as being opposed to them. And so are all who have spoken on the other side and that does not include any hon. gentlemen in the official Opposition. They have not said a word against the White Paper proposals, for this I thank them. For this I pay tribute to them for being less full of hate, less full of hate, less full of bigotry, and a little shrewder and a little more aware of the fact that perhaps there is something in these White Paper proposals, perhaps they are not to be condemned out of hand, "let our comrades to our right do the condemning and we will say nothing and see how the wind blows." If that was their decision it was a shrewd if not a very brave decision.

Mr. Speaker, there are five great peninsulas on this Island. The peninsula the Great Northern Peninsula, the Burlington or Baie Verte Peninsula, the Bonavista Peninsula, the Bay de Verde Peninsula, and the Burin Peninsula. Five great peninsulas on this Island of Newfoundland. Now let us see what is happening on these peninsulas. Let us see what is happening. On the Bay de Verde Peninsula, very large, all of the peninsula has been built over with roads. You can go the extreme length of the Bay de Verde Peninsula and drive over very, very good roads indeed over half of them being paved and the other half about to be paved. So, that we are now in sight of a great Bay de Verde Peninsula the great historic peninsula of Newfoundland, The first to be founded on this island. We are in sight of seeing that peninsula banded together with a magnificent paved highway.

The Burin Peninsula is in sight of being banded together and connected to the Trans-Canada Highway by a magnificent paved highway, and this is as it should be - who will condemn that? Who will say that the Government of Canada ought not to have laid out many millions of dollars, last year and this year and perhaps to complete the job next year? Who will say that they

ought not to have spent millions to do it, who will say that to ask them to do it was dirty blackmail? Who will say that? Who will say that we tried to bully the Government of Canada to get them to spend some of their millions to pave the great Burin Peninsula? Well that is, that is two, great peninsulas. Another one is the Bonavista Peninsula and my colleague the Minister of Community & Social Development has already announced in this House that this year, thanks be to the Government of Canada, thanks be to DREE, he is able to find the money from DREE to begin the paving of that great historic peninsula at the end of which lies the historic seaport and town of Bonavista. So that is the third great peninsula that is about to be paved.

Now we have another great peninsula, number four. The Burlington, or Baie Verte Peninsula, and the same hon. gentleman has announced and he has announced it with great happiness, because it so happens that he represents that great peninsula, a great part of it at any rate, here in this Chamber. And he has with great happiness, announced a few days ago that he intends to provide the money to his colleague the Minister of Highways. From DREE. He gets it of course and he provides it to his colleague the Minister of Highways to build a great paved road on the Burlington Peninsula so what is the one that is left? Which is the fifth? Which is the one of the five that remains, not paved, which is it? Can somebody tell me? Alright you cannot remember. The Burin Peninsula; The Bay de Verde Peninsula; The Boanvista Peninsula; The Baie Verte or Burlington Peninsula; what is peninsula number five? What is it? Does nobody know? No one ever heard of the Great Northern Peninsula. That is the great peninsula of all. The Great Northern Peninsula, the Great Northern Peninsula nearly three hundred miles long. And peopled by as fine and splendid race of men as we have ever had on this Island of Newfoundland. Is it so outrageous for this Government to ask the Government of Canada to provide the money to pave that road? Is that really so outrageous? Is it so unreasonable? Is it so

illogical? Is it so inconsistent? Is it not rather the most sensible thing we could have done and that we should be very highly condemned if we had not done it? No, but we are condemned for doing it. We are condemned outright for having done that very thing. But we are not condemned and we will not be condemned by the people of that great peninsula and that I can promise you Mr. Speaker, if ever I knew anything since I was born I know that the people of the Great Northern Peninsula will bless our name as they are blessing the name of Ottawa and blessing the name of DREE when that vast road is paved as it will be.

There is something new Mr. Speaker, that has been added. If we were to go to the Government of Canada a year or two ago, even during the FRED time, the time of FRED, if we had gone to them then and proposed that they should put up the thirty or forty millions or more that would be needed to pave that great road, then I think we would have met if not point blank refusal certainly a strong disinclination on their part to spend such a vast sum of money. But that was before DREE. That was before Mr. Trudeau. That was before the great DREE policy, the policy of reducing regional disparity in Canada was introduced by the present Prime Minister. That was before the present Government of Canada adopted as a cardinal point in their policy the idea of spending federal money, of using Canada's greatness, of using Canada's wealth, some of it, to reduce if not altogether to eliminate at any rate to reduce the differences the disparities between the different provinces of Canada.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that DREE programme has in fact come in and now it makes sense now it is reasonable now it is inevitable that the Government of Canada should be asked to apply the DREE concept to the Great Northern Peninsula.— not only the Great Northern Peninsula but certainly to that great peninsula. This is something new that has been added. This is something that has changed the whole nature of things in this Province. The fact of DREE, the birth of DREE, the beginning of DREE, the start of

a great programme of federal money being spent to uplift the more backward parts of Canada and within the backward Province of Newfoundland, the more backward parts of this Province, The more isolated parts the parts that have suffered most neglect in the years gone by, because they have been farther removed from the capital city of St. John's.

Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to my colleague in this Government the hon. the Minister of Mines Agriculture & Resources. I pay tribute to him as the Minister of that department, as the Head of that department. And I pay tribute to him, to his officials, to the officers and officials of that department who have with him produced this White Paper proposals, which are sound, which are sensible, which are logical, which are consistent, and which are reasonable and which are very, very necessary as well. But what do we find? We find three hon. gentlemen on the opposite side, three what I call renegades, three who have renegated from the Liberal Party, we find them standing in this House and telling us what they think<sup>of</sup> these White Paper proposals. Now what do they think of them?

The hon. gentleman who moved this motion used a number of words, not too many to describe the White Paper proposals. The least offensive is day dream, this is just a day dream, the White Paper is just a day dream. He did not call it a nightmare, it is just a day dream, that he called it. And then he said this: "This White Paper is not going to help those people down there in Bonne Bay, those people who are looking for something to do. These White Paper proposals, to spend fifty to sixty millions on that coast, these would not help the people down there who are looking for work. No, no because they would obviously, they would bring people in from Saskatchewan to do the work; and those they could not get to come from Saskatchewan they would bring up from Texas and if there was still need for them they would be in from Mexico. But the people on that coast could not benefit, the people who are looking for work would not get any benefit out of the spending of fifty or sixty million dollars down there. "No," he said,

these proposals are not going to help those people down there in Bonne Bay who are looking for something to do." And then he began to figure out aloud, orally, so we could hear it, why the Government has put out this White Paper, Why? What is our motive? The thing is so foolish, it is so senseless, that, yet we did it, why did we do it? We must have had a reason. And then he found the reason. He found the reason. The reason is so that we can find some money for Doyle. That, that is seriously in his speech. He said that, we need extra money for our friend Doyle.

Then, he said this, he said (and I am quoting) "I doubt if any Government is going to listen to that foolishness, that foolishness, I doubt that any Government, I doubt if any Government is going to listen to that foolishness." And then he said again: " It would be a good many years before it is accepted." Not months, not weeks, not days, but a good many years I want this to be remembered. The hon. gentleman said

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said that he declared in this House that it would be a good many years before this proposal is accepted, and I want those words to be remembered. Well that is his characterization of the White Paper - day dream and that foolishness. Day dream and that foolishness - that is his description of the White Paper proposal which, if carried out, would be the greatest thing that had happened to that coast including his part of that coast in the history of that coast. Never even the building of the road. We spent - what did we spend?

AN HON. MEMBER: \$12 million.

MR. SMALLWOOD: We spent \$12 million, this Government spent to build the road down there on the forgotten coast and as Cannon Richards called it, the forgotten coast. We spent \$12 million to connect up those settlements with a road that you can drive on ever since, You can drive on it today. You can go up there this very day. You can leave St. John's, and you can drive to Deer Lake and over to Bonne Bay and right down to St. Anthony today and arrive there tomorrow morning. You can do that, because we spent \$12 million and that was a God's send to that coast and that was only a trifle. That was only a flea bight. That was only a speck compared to these great proposals, if the Government of Canada will accept them and act on them, but he has to condemn and he just sums it all up as that day dream - that foolishness. Let it be remembered that the very member for one-half of that great coast so described these proposals.

Then he was supported. He will not smile. He will not smile, because he will not be given an opportunity to forget those words. Those words will be kept very green and very fresh I can assure him and so will the words that I am now going to quote that were used by his two colleagues, his two-fellow renegades. Who are they? First of all the hon. the member for St. John's West. He excelled himself. He made one of the best speeches of his

career in attacking this White Paper. He did himself proud. We all sat back and gazed in amazement at his fluency. We gaped at the plenitude of his language. We were full of admiration for his metaphors, for his similes, for the magnificent imagery of his language as he sought, as he strove to find words to express his unutterable contempt for these White Paper proposals. Let me quote some of them : "unbearable tripe," Now he did not say uneatable. I do not know how you bear tripe. You might find it a little difficult to eat, but he did not use uneatable, unpalatable. He just said, "unbearable tripe, nothing but hastily concocted subterfuge." Subterfuge, I suppose, could be translated broadly as deceit. "Nothing but hastily concocted lying. Nothing but hastily concocted subterfuge. Nothing but hastily concocted falseness - deceit. A hurried scrabble." Now scrabble, I love the English language. I love to read up words - scrabble. I am lost. I do not know what scrabble means, but he evidently meant it to mean something. He had something in mind, when he called it "a hurried scrabble."

Then he began warming it up and he called it "a confidence trick." How do you like that one, Mr. Speaker - "a confidence trick." This great White Paper proposal of this Government, submitted to the Government of Canada, is a confidence trick. Now he confirms it. He confirms it now, today, that it is a confidence trick.

Then he used another word, not too original, "bluff." It is bluff. Then he used two other words, "attempted blackmail." Now by that he means, that we attempted blackmail. It is not blackmail, because it does not succeed, but we attempt to blackmail the Canadian Government - "attempted blackmail."

Then he gets wound up and he says, "an election dodge." That is all it is, the White Paper - an election dodge. Then he says - he had said earlier that it was bluff. Now he really wanted to make us understand that

he meant that it was bluff, because he said, "100 per cent bluff." Now I am not like that soap that is 99.99 per cent pure. What soap is that?

AN HON. MEMBER: Ivory.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Ivory soap - 99.99 per cent pure. He would not settle for 99.99 per cent - 100 per cent bluff, unadulterated bluff, unrelieved and unadulterated bluff, undiluted bluff, 100 per cent bluff - the hon. gentleman nods. I take it that he is nodding in agreement, that is now repeating that description. He confirms that he said it. He repeats it now. He still believes it. I want these on the record. I want all this on the record and this is why I am quoting these.

Then when he said, "foolish," he was getting a little weak. He was losing some of his colour, but he did use that and then he said, "the White Paper is just a political trick." It was just a political trick and then he copied a word from his colleague on his left under whose domination he lives most of the time, the word "utter nonsense." Oh! it is a weak smile. That smile is very weak. He knows what I mean. He knows all too well what I mean, when I say that, so he has to give a weak smile and sort of laugh it off.

MR. WELLS: I do not.

MR. SMALLWOOD: No, the hon. gentleman does not laugh it off. He means it. He intends it. This is his intention. He is not going to laugh that off. Oh! yes he knows. He knows all right. He has perfect knowledge of what I mean.

Then he went on. He went on, yes, to say "utter nonsense." This is when he was copying his boss, his intellectual boss. Then he called it "a monument to the minister's inaptitude," that is the Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources. The White Paper is a monument to his inaptitude and then he called it "a monumental insult." "A monumental insult" - this is confirmed. A monumental insult to whom? He did not say actually in his speech, but I would like to know to whom it was a monumental insult, the Government of Canada, the



Newfoundland people, the people of the Great North West Peninsula? Right, <sup>insult</sup> a monumental to them. "Fallacious, ludicrous and misrepresentation."

Well, Mr. Speaker, there it is: "Unbearable tripe, confidence trick, bluff, attempted blackmail, election dodge, 100 per cent bluff, political trick, monumental insult, misrepresentation. To boil it down to the choicer ones, confidence trick, bluff, attempted blackmail, and monumental insult. That is the intense admiration that the hon. gentleman has for these White Paper proposals. I want these on the record, put together like this. Historians might be bored reading his speech, but they will not be bored reading this one that I am now uttering and that is why I am compressing these statements of his in this present speech.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I come to the colourful gentleman, the boss, the bossman of that show. I come to the bossman of that show. He is so proud to hear that. He will pretend that he is not, but he intends to be the boss. He means to be the boss, and he is determined to be the boss, and he will dominate his foldower and his follower will humbly follow him until the boss decides to boot him out, as he will do at the right moment.

Here he is, the hon. member for Humber West..

MR. WELLS: Humber West?

MR. SMALLWOOD: Humber East - blackmail. He said, "if he thinks, that is if the hon. minister thinks, if he thinks that the Federal Government are going to stand for this kind of blackmail, he must have rocks in his head." Rocks in the hon. minister's head, if he thinks for one minute - rocks in his head. I am not modifying it. I am using exactly the words that the hon. gentleman used. We all knew what he meant. He must be crazy. If he thinks that the Federal Government are going to stand for this kind of blackmail, he must have rocks in his head, meaning he must be cracked. The man must be foolish. The man must be beside himself. The man must be out of his senses. He must have rocks in his head, if he thinks that the Canadian Government are going to

stand for that kind of nonsense.

Then he says, "Mr. Speaker, you would have to be naive, simple, to believe it." You would have to be naive and simple to believe the "White Paper proposal." Then he did a little plagiarism. He did a little copying. He copied his intellectual colleague from St. Barbe South, and he said that this whole dirty scheme - he did not say dirty. This whole ludicrous - this foolish, this silly, this dishonest nonsense is just a scheme got up by the Government to get some money for Doyle, to buy out Doyle, to get some money handed over to Doyle, buy out the rights he has, within the boundaries and hand the money over to him so the whole thing is got up just as a scheme to hand some money over to Doyle.

Then some of his choice words: "dishonest, dishonest proposal, this garbage" and he now confirms it. It is garbage. It is garbage. "They have not been bright enough to know the trap they are walking into. Surely, by now, they have smelled the trap, have they not. Surely, they know what is coming. They must know what is coming."

AN HON. MEMBER: An election.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Not an election, not an election. "Within days they know what is coming. They must suspect what is coming." The hon. Tudy from Burin knows what is coming. He does not need to have to get a few punches in the face. He knows what is coming, and he is thankful now that he did not utter a word against the White Paper. He is very happy that he kept his mouth shut and all on the Opposition did that, all the Tories did. They did not say a word. They will be so glad that they did not, but the crowd that are stuck with it now, they are going to try to brazen it out. We will see how much brazening out they will do. "Utter nonsense." "Do they think that we are that dumb? Do the Government think we are so dumb that we will believe that nonsense? Do they believe that we are so dumb that we will believe that nonsense." Then another choice word was "fraud." He said, "such an obvious fraud."

Now it may be obvious to him, but I do not think it is obvious to

everybody. There may be some to whom it is obvious that it is a fraud. To him it is obvious - obvious fraud. "It offends the dignity of the House." He is so concerned with the dignity of the House and he is offended because the White Paper offends the dignity of the House. Then he has another one, "election bait." The White Paper proposals are just election bait. "The simple truth is," he says, "that the whole thing is election bait." He used the word manifesto a little further down. The simple truth is that the whole thing is election bait. Then he uses the word, "election manifesto." Then he says, "for the Government to stoop so low as to put out this election manifesto." Gather these words. I want them altogether in one speech, these words from the three hon. gentleman across.

Then he tells us that he was quite confident. I want particular attention paid to this quotation from the hon. gentleman from Humber East, "quite confident that the Government of Canada is not going to accept this White Paper." I want particular notice taken of that declaration of faith from the hon. gentleman. That the Government of Canada is not going to accept this White Paper. Then he says, "there are some members, now there may be some who are, but there are some members who are not so naive to sit and accept this kind of nonsense." Now he prides himself on being one of those who does not or who is not naive enough to believe this kind of nonsense and he now confirms that he does not believe it. He is not naive enough to believe it. I am glad to have the confirmation of his declaration.

He said - he heard that there was the White Paper and referring to that he said, "I expected something from the White Paper, but I did not expect this fraud." Then he says, "when we give them this ( this, is the White Paper, the them is the Government of Canada) we insult them and make them laugh at us." Then he says, "I would advise the Canadian Government to throw this White Paper into the Waste-Paper Basket." He would advise, there is a patriotic stand for a Newfoundlander. There is a dear lover of his native land. There is an enlightene

and forward looking patriot for you. He would advise the Government of his Province, the elected Government, the majority Government of this Province, submits to the Government of this nation a White Paper proposal involving the expenditure of \$50, million or \$60 million of Federal money in that great part of Newfoundland, the Government submits these proposals and if, they, up in Ottawa - I do not know if they have heard the hon. gentleman or I do not know if they have read his declaration, "I would advise the Canadian Government to throw that White Paper into the waste paper basket."

Then he says, "If I were the Canadian Government, I would not dignify it with an answer." I would put <sup>it</sup> exactly where it belongs in the garbage." Does he confirm that today?

MR. WELLS: Most certainly.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Most certainly he confirms that today. You see he has no sense at all. The hon. gentleman must be utterly brainless. He must have become a complete jackass. He confirms that. He confirms now that he would advise the Canadian Government to throw that White Paper into the waste paper basket. I would not dignify it if I were the Canadian Government. I would not dignify it with an answer. I would put it exactly where it belongs in the garbage and he confirms it. He says, "yes" doubly.

He says, "I am quite confident that the Government of Canada are not going to fall for that." They are not going to fall for that. He is quite confident of that and as far as he can do it by making speeches in this House, he is doing everything in his power to see that they do reject it. He is being honest. He is saying that he is expressing an honest opinion, that he would advise the Canadian Government to throw that thing in the waste paper basket. If he were the Canadian Government, he would not even dignify it with an answer. If he were the Canadian Government, he would put it exactly where it belongs in the garbage.

Then he goes on in case the Canadian Government have not taken the

hint, "in case they did not quite understand his meaning," he says, "I am quite confident that the Government of Canada are not going to fall for that." For that what? For that garbage, for that facade, for that insult, for that utter nonsense, for that fraud, for that obvious fraud, for that election bait, for that election manifesto. "I am quite confident that the Government of Canada are not going to fall for that."

Then he says, "Thank Heaven!" Now he is getting pious. Now the religious strain is coming out. Up to now, it is just simple patriotism. Up to this point, it is just patriotism - dear love of his native land. The dear hope he has that the Government that he loves that got him into this House of Assembly that that Government will succeed in getting \$60 million from Ottawa to spend on that great coast - pure patriotism. But now he gets religious and he thanks Heaven. "Thank Heaven! that some of us in this House are not so naive." There is the strong religious streak that is in him coming out. Religion and patriotism - what an admirable and honourable Newfoundlander! What an ornament to this House! What an ornament to the public life of Newfoundland! The man who is just bursting with pride in Newfoundland, with love of Newfoundland, with a burning desire to fill the pockets of other Newfoundlanders. And to think

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than to think. Thank Heaven that some of us in this House are not so naive as to think that the Government of Canada will pay any attention to this plan, thank Heaven. This comic opera, blackmail, dishonest, garbage, insult, utter nonsense, fraud, election bait, election manifesto, unbearable tripe, confidence trick, bluff, attempted blackmail, election dodge, one hundred per-cent bluff, political trick, monumental insult, misrepresentation, daydream, that foolishness, alright except for that it is a good sound White Paper. The proposals are good and solid and acceptable and splendid, altogether splendid except for these weak spots that they have detected in them.

Mr. Speaker, I have had a lot of experience in this House. I have been in it for twenty-one years as a member of it and long years before that I came here as a newspaper reporter and sat in the press gallery and covered endless sessions under various Prime Ministers beginning with the great Lord Morris, Sir Edward Morris, with the great Sir Robert Bond as the Leader of the Opposition, the great Sir William Coaker in Opposition and then I saw the great Sir Richard Squires, I saw Alderdice and Bond, Cashin, Warren and Hickman all of them acting as Prime Minister of this Newfoundland of ours and then finally Mr. Alderdice. I saw them all and heard them all and heard many a debate and many a speech in this Chamber and I suppose more than anyone alive on the earth today treading in shoe leather, more than any other human being alive at this moment, I have heard more in this House than any other and I have never in my life heard the like of this. I have never heard anything as low as this, I have never heard anything so contemptable as this, I never heard anything so contemptable that words cannot be found to describe how contemptable this conduct is.

MR. CROSBIE: Not Parliamentary that word, not Parliamentary.

MR. SMALLWOOD: No, all these are Parliamentary. Bluff, lies, political trick, blackmail, fraud, ignorant, these are Parliamentary.

AN HON. MEMBER: Masterpiece of deception.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Masterpiece of deception, yes masterpiece of deception, Parliamentary purists, men who with such a dear love of Newfoundland that they want Newfoundland's institutions especially the institution of Parliament to be conducted with dignity and not try to drag men down to be described as rogues

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and scoundrels ready to be gibbeted, ready to be hanged, ready to be mobbed, ready to be insulted by any one so that none so poor as to do him reverence in this House, political purists. Mr. Speaker, this Government are so determined to have a park in the Grosse Morne area that if the Government of Canada by some unbelievable and inconceivable aberration decided not to do it we would do it ourselves, the Newfoundland Government would do it. We built, how many have we built across the island? How many?

AN HON. MEMBER: Thirty-seven.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Thirty-seven parks we have built. We have built thirty-seven parks. We have built thirty-seven parks in the last what? Ten years, how many years?

AN HON. MEMBER: Fifteen years.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Fifteen years we have built thirty-seven parks in the Province and we are so determined to have a park on that coast out there that if by some inconceivable accident and it is inconceivable the Government of Canada were not to do it, we would do it but we are not going to do it if we can get Ottawa to do it. We would be stupid, we would be thick-headed, we would block heads, we would have rocks in our head truly, truly then we would have rocks in our head if we were to build that park at the expense of the Newfoundland people, at the expense of the Newfoundland Treasury if we can get Ottawa to do it. We would have rocks in our head, we should be drummed out of office. Already we have saved \$1.5 million, \$1.5 million, Mr. Speaker, we have saved and you know what the Americans say about that, "That ain't hay." \$1.5 million we have saved already and we have saved many millions more, we will save it and we will save the tax payers of this Province a lot of money yet in connection with that whole great coast.

Mr. Speaker, the White Paper says that the Government of Canada ought to buy the land that will go into the park, they ought to buy that land and pay for it. Can anyone tell me why they should not? If the Government of Canada builds a railway they buy the land for the railway. If the Government of Canada builds an airport they buy the land for the airport, they are going to pay tens of millions, tens of millions of dollars to buy the land on which to build this

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new airport outside Montreal, tens of millions they will spend of Federal money to buy that land to build that national airport.

MR. CROSBIE: If they help pave a road do they pay for the land then?

MR. SMALLWOOD: When they build a vast airport which our Newfoundland Minister, Canada's Minister of Transport, has announced in recent hours a great national airport outside Toronto, when they do that they will spend tens of millions to buy the land on which to build that national airport for Canada. If they buy the land to build a national wharf, a national dock, a national pier, a national lighthouse, a national airport, why not buy the land to build a national park? What is the difference essentially between a national park, a national airport, a national wharf, a national lighthouse? If the Government of Canada, if the Government of this Nation wishes to put up anything anywhere in Canada as a national enterprise and they buy the land why not buy it for this other national enterprise, a national park, why not? This is the argument put forward in the White Paper, sound, true, sensible, logical, consistent, no one can attack it and it is so unassailable that already the Government of Canada have announced in recent hours, twenty-four, forty-eight hours or something ago, just within recent hours they have announced that they will, they will pay half. They will meet us half way and I say the day will come when they will meet us all the way, all the way and already the Minister has saved this Government and this Treasury and this Province \$1.5 million because it is going to cost \$3. million to buy the land for that park, \$3. million, not the cost is \$1.5 million. We have saved \$1.5 million. Will we get any praise from the other side? No we will not, no we will not. No praise, no commendation.

AN HON. MEMBER: Result of blackmail.

MR. SMALLWOOD: The blackmail, no they cannot say that because then they would have to admit the blackmail was successful. We did succeed in our blackmail to use their word.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SMALLWOOD: They have to take our word whether they like it or not.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am going out to Grand Falls now shortly, I am going out to Grand Falls as I have business in Gander and I have business in Grand Falls



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and while I am in Grand Falls I am going to give myself the pleasure of attending a liberal rally tonight because I do not suppose it is now any longer a secret that I am a liberal, that I am the leader of the liberal party, that I was elected the leader twenty-one years ago and re-elected one year ago or six months ago I was re-elected as leader by a tremendous majority. It is no secret that I am a liberal and that I am the leader of the liberal party. It is a regrettable fact in the eyes and in the hearts of some, some will never get over it, some will never forgive me for it, some will hate me till their dying day, they will carry their hate with them into the grave and I will be afraid to walk past their graves. I will not even venture especially in the dark to go past their graves if I survive them and they are buried the hate, you will see it coming up through the ground, the hot waves of hate will be coming up through the ground because some people cannot defeat, some people, it is just as well you had killed them, you cannot wound them, you must kill them. You must not dare wound them, do not wound them by just defeating them, you have to kill them but do not take the risk of wounding them, do not wound them, it is too risky, it is too dangerous to wound them, you have to kill them or leave them alone, let them win, let them win or kill them off but do not just beat them and leave them still alive because you will pay for it as long as you live on the earth. You will pay with an unending flow, an ocean of hate that will surround you where ever you go, day and night wherever you are, whatever you do, whoever and whatever you are it will follow you as long as you live in the world.

So I am the leader of the liberal party and I am going tonight to a liberal rally of liberals, not renegades, a meeting of liberals tonight and I am going to be accompanied by my dear friend, the Deputy Premier of this Province, the member for Grand Falls district, a man more distinguished as a Minister than any man in the hundred years of self-government we have had in Newfoundland, never has there been a man, never, who fills so many administrative posts brilliantly and successfully as the present Minister of Education. It has never been seen in our history before, so he and I, dear friends and comrades and colleagues in liberalism, are going out to a great liberal rally tonight and they are going to be true liberals and not renegades.

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AN HON. MEMBER: A very democratic meeting.

MR. SMALLWOOD: A very democratic meeting, no-one will be stopped from speaking, we will not be calling anybody liars, we will not be calling anybody liars there that is because we are not renegades. We are not renegades and we are going out -

MR. MURPHY: (Inaudible).

MR. SMALLWOOD: Does the hon. gentleman say he will not be the next Premier?

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible).

MR. SMALLWOOD: He backed out when he said that he was throwing his hat in the ring and he said that this is on the condition that the Premier does not throw his hat in, if he does I will back him to the limit and he did. He did, oh, that is what he said.

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh, no.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Oh, that is what he said, oh, that is what he said.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please! I am afraid you are after straying very, very far from the Bonne Bay National Park.

MR. SMALLWOOD: What was that English song, "I was strolling in the park one day in the lovely, lovely month of May" or something. This is May, is it not? The less the hon. member says about the park the better for him. Let him pray now that people will only forget, that they will be allowed to forget what he said about these proposals and I know he will never drive over that paved road down to St. Anthony. This I know. He will never have the gall, surely not the brazen gall to drive on that paved road. He would need the face of a robbers horse, he would need the face of a robbers horse to drive over that great liberal paved road down to St. Anthony from Deer Lake. Surely he will never again be seen north of Deer Lake, surely after doing everything in his puney power, if he did not do anything more powerful that is because he did all that he could do and he is not very powerful but everything in his puney power he did to kill it. Then he sat there and he did not repudiate it when his colleague, his fellow renegade, when his fellow renegade said that he would tell the Canadian Government to throw it in the garbage where it belongs but his advice to them would be to kick it out. He did not protest, no word of protest came from him.

MR. SMALLWOOD:

He did not deny it, he did not disown it, he accepted it by silence. He accepted it and he will live to rue the day, he will live to rue that day.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as I am saying I have business to do in Gander and it is not political business either and I have business to do in Grand Falls and that is not political either but when the work is finished I am going to do myself the honour and give myself the pleasure of going to a great liberal meeting but before I go and before I go -

AN HON. MEMBER: What meeting is it in Gander, the Royal Liberal Convention or something?

MR. SMALLWOOD: The hon. gentleman while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return and if the hon. gentleman ever was a liberal and is unhappy while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return.

Mr. Speaker, here is what we want and we have not been willing to settle for less and we are not going to settle for less, we are not going to. Is that clear? Have I made that clear? Are there any words to make it clearer? This is what we want and we are not going to settle for less, we will not settle for less. Is that clear? We have made that clear in the White Paper and I have made it clear in my public statements so it is very clear that we will not settle for less. Here is what we want! We want a great integrated plan from Deer Lake to St. Anthony, we want a great park on this end of it, the Southern end of it, the Grosse Morne Park, we want another park on the Northern end of it that is the Viking remains, L'Anse-au-Meadow, and in the middle, roughly in the middle, we want the Indian and Eskimo archaeological parks or remains and remember, Mr. Speaker, that these three should bring, spread over enough years now, should bring hundreds of thousands of North Americans to visit that great coast. The Viking remains where almost beyond any doubt, there is virtually no doubt now, the first white man stepped ashore in the Western hemisphere, is that not something? is that not something? in L'Anse-au-Meadow, the first white man ever to step ashore in the Western hemisphere did that here around the year 1000, the son of Eric the Red, Lief Erickson.

MR. SMALLWOOD: The first white man settlement in the Western Hemisphere, the evidence is almost beyond controversy not alone dispute. The Dorset archaeological remains are probably, they pre-date the Aztec, the Incas, they are probably, what is it 3000 years B.C. May be 3500 years B.C. 3500 years before Christ, the oldest in the Western Hemisphere, so old as to make L'Anse aux Meadows look young. There they are, there is nothing like it in the Western Hemisphere and all three are on that great coast, that historic coast, the oldest white man place of settlement, place of abode in the Western Hemisphere, L'Anse aux Meadows the year 1000. Lief Erikson, the son of Eric the Red, and half way between there and the Gros Morne Park, the Dorset Indian and Eskimo remains, probably 3500 years B.C., that is 5500 years ago. The oldest thing of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, archaeologist go, and please God, I am going. It is one of the pleasures that I look forward too' if ever I can get out of this job I am in, if ever I can find a way, to be relieved of this office of Premier, if I can ever devise or discover, if I can ever be inventive enough, if I can be inventive and creative enough to find or to invent or to devise a way to get out of this job I am in, one of the pleasures to which I look forward is to go to Central America, to South America, to the Near East and to the Middle East over a period of years watching some of the digs that are going on, and I hope to win imperishable shame among men in this world by being the discoverer of the antediluvian beginnings of the Tory Party. I would like to be the one to find the beginning of Torism in the world. Because it is straight out of another age, it comes right out of - yes, we should leave.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. SMALLWOOD: We got fifteen minutes yet, we got eighteen minutes, three minutes to get down to the front door, fifteen minutes to get out to the airport. Do not be in such a hurry. We should leave, that is how much my colleague appreciates oratory, you see. No appreciation.

MR. COLLINS: Inaudible.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, what we want in brief is this, we want a great park .

MR. SMALLWOOD: at Gros Morne, we want these two great centres Indian and Eskimo centres, roughly half way. We want an airport at Port au Choix. We want an airport in Labrador across the Strait of Belle, although now while I am at it, let us be fair about it. We are not unappreciative of the courtesy of the Quebec Government in permitting us to land aircrafts at Blanc Sablon, we have been doing that for years, but that is in the Province of Quebec and while we do not feel that we are imposing on them and we do not feel unwelcomed, nevertheless we would like to have our own airstrip in Labrador so that flights can land in our own territory of Labrador. We want a number of things in between the Indian and Eskimo centre and L'anse au Meadow on the one side and the Indian and Eskimo centre and Gros Morne on the other, a number of things in between and the whole of it connected by a paved highway. That is what we want. We will not settle for less, This is what we are going to have, This is what we are going to have. This is what we are going to get, and I prophesy here today in my closing words, I will make a prophesy we will have it, we will have it in less than a year. We will have it in less than six months, we will have it in less than a month, we will have it, well, in less than a month. I will make that prophesy. The whole program as we put it there, the whole program as in the White Paper, I have summarized the highlights of it, the highlights, there are details in between and we do not insist on every detail. We are not unreasonable, we are not stupid, we are not unreasonable, we are not foolish, we do not insist on every detail, but the broad plan from Deer Lake to St. Anthony and across the Strait of Belle, that is our plan. It will cost \$60 million, it will take four or five years to complete it.

AN HON. MEMBER: Inaudible.

MR. SMALLWOOD: It is not a bagatelle, but it is \$50 million to \$60 million and it is not going to be done overnight.

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MR. MURPHY: It is half of what the Trans-Canada Highway cost.

MR. SMALLWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I have to close but I have promised to go out to Grand Falls and I just want the House to know in case there is any doubt about it, I want the House to know that I am in favour of this White Paper, and that I am going to vote against my hon. friend's motion.

MR. U. STRICKLAND: I have not intention whatever Sir in delaying the House very long. But there are a few facts that I would like to place on record this afternoon, some of them are already on record elsewhere, I would like to have them recorded again in this debate. Maybe somebody on the other side of the House is saying already what does that hon. gentleman know about the Great Northern Peninsula, perhaps more than people are aware of because I lived on that Peninsula for a year way back in 1929-30, believe me I can spend the rest of this evening telling this House of some of the worst poverty that I have ever witnessed in this world in that area because of the isolation of that area at that time, this was on the eastern southern part of that great peninsula, I lived in Englee for eight months and then I lived in Boyd's Arm for the remaining four months of the year and that was from August 1929 to August 1930, and only the Lord in Heaven knows what the people in that area endured because of isolation, and I lived through it with them and it was an experience that I will never forget as long as I live, Thank God that is behind us. But someone will say that is the southern side of that peninsula, the eastern side that is true. But, Sir, in 1944 I spent several months as an employee of the Railway engaged in the coastal service from Corner Brook to Flower's Cove, and in the coastal service we get to know a lot of the men, we know a lot of them by their first names, we get to know a lot of their problems, and I had reconfirmed to me again that the people on that side of the coast on the western side passed through the same kind of hard times as what the people on the other side did. And I saw poverty because of isolation on that side.

Therefore, Sir, having lived there, work with the people as a school teacher, getting to know the problems of the area, maybe I can speak with some knowledge of that great peninsula. There again Sir I have another experience that was a real education to me, and I will never forget it, it was my privilege to travel with my hon. and learned friend the senior member

MR. STRICKLAND: for Harbour Main, the hon. Minister for Labrador Affairs, and others, good Newfoundlanders with the Royal Commission on Transportation. And the thing that was driven home to us, especially by the businessmen of Corner Brook, we cannot forget the meetings we had with the businessmen there, the thing that was driven home to us possibly more than anything else in this world, while it was true that high on the priority list was their development on the waterfront in Corner Brook, that is true. I would say their first priority would be an all-weather road extending from Deer Lake to St. Anthony. They told us, and they had facts and figures to prove their statement, how the economics of that whole area would be uplifted and expanded by such a road. I wish I could recall the figures, but I cannot. I did not intend to participate in this debate, or during the last few weeks I might have secured some of the figures that I would like to recall now.

But the main prayer of every petition, if you wish, of every businessman in the whole area that we met on that whole coast<sup>was</sup> for an all-weather road from Deer Lake to St. Anthony, and they told us not only how the economics of that area would be expanded but they told us what that would mean to the wholesalers in Corner Brook and what it would mean to the economic of Corner Brook as well as from Deer Lake to St. Anthony. And we were so much impressed the Royal Commission at that time was so much impressed with the arguments of these gentleman that we decided that we would travel by boat from Corner Brook to Flower's Cove, we fully intended to go across the Straits again but unfortunately because of an accident with the boat we did not get any further than Flower's Cove. But we came back over the road and I am sure if my hon. friends who were members of that Commission were to speak in this debate, they would confirm just what I am about to say, that we were greatly surprised with the condition of that gravel road which existed then from Flower's Cove to Deer Lake. We were pleasantly surprised a lot of dust to follow yet, but we were pleasantly surprised with the overall condition of the road. Now I was so much impressed by all of these

MR. STRICKLAND: arguments Sir, that I took it upon myself to delve into the possible cost of such a road. I think it was the hon. Minister of Education who suggested that the length of the road maybe in the vicinity of 300 miles, I think the engineering on it will show the total mileage in the vicinity of 272 miles. And more than that the engineering estimates for to rebuild this road and to replace bridges that have to be replaced and to pave the road will be in the vicinity of \$33 million, that is the engineering estimates for that section of road. And if my arithmetic is right that is in excess of \$120,000 per mile, that is an average, for every mile of this road.

Now, Sir, what I want to say is this, I believe that the northern peninsula is to be developed as it should be then of necessity, one of the first essentials will be a good paved road in that whole area. I think that is an absolute must, almost the first essential. I do not think that anybody will argue with that. But if this is going to cost \$30 odd million, I would say Sir that we would be short-sighted if we did not do everything possible to try and to get the Federal Government to assume all of the cost that we can get them to assume for the development of this road. I think that is highly essential, with the income that we have had in this Province, with the demands that we have for developments elsewhere. I really think that we would be short-sighted, very much so, if we did not try to get the Federal Government to undertake the cost, all of the cost, and if the boundary within the boundaries of the park, if we can get thirty or forty miles of this road taken in, and get the Federal Government to underwrite a hundred percent of the cost of the thirty or forty miles in the boundaries of the park, then I say too, as a Newfoundlander who was keenly interested in development of Newfoundland, not only in Trinity South, I am interested in the development of this Province, and if we can get the Federal Government to underwrite a hundred percent of the cost for the development of thirty or forty miles of this road within the park, then



MR. STRICKLAND: for goodness sake, as good Newfoundlanders do not let us settle for anything less, and the development of a road is not enough, that great peninsula needs more than a development of a road, and I am sincerely thankful as a Newfoundlander that this peninsula will receive the assistance of the DREE program in the needed development of that area. Now then what is it that we want? Do we want to give away what is out there and get nothing in return? I do not believe there is a member in this House who would say, yes to that. Not a member. Then what do we want? We want to develop the area and get the most that we can get for the people of the area and for Newfoundland, including a paved highway and many other things that are absolutely essential out there. I am all for it, but Sir with our limited finances, I strongly suggest and recommend to this House as <sup>honourable</sup> / men who have been sent to this House, for goodness sake let us try and get all of the assistance that we can get from the Government of Canada.

There is one question here that I am just going to make a comment on, which is preferably and I am not entering into this to get a debate going with any member on the other side of the House, not at all. I am interested in the development of Newfoundland and I want to see Newfoundland developed, and I want to get the best that we can get for Newfoundland, and I want to get the Federal Government to pay as much in Newfoundland for our development as they paid in other provinces in Canada and nothing less. I want as good an average for Newfoundland as we are getting from any other province in all of Canada, and we as politicians should not settle for anything else. If we do we are unworthy of the name of politicians, and we are unworthy and we are not worthy of being representatives of the people that sent us here. Which is preferable, the use of known resources for life use or there preservation in a national park, then <sup>turned</sup> / over a page and I got the answer as far as the Government is concerned. The objective must be to obtain, for the people of the region and the Province generally, economic and social benefit at least as great as those accruing or likely to accrue from the use of the resources to be locked up including extractable mineral

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MR. STRICKLAND: being extractable minerals, merchantable forests, fish and game, both as wood sources and as the basis for income from driving and catering and also compensation for property and rights necessary to be acquired or extinguished to make way for park development.

Mr. Speaker, I am one hundred percent in accord with that, and I believe down in the hearts of the gentlemen, the hon. gentlemen who comprise the membership of this House, I believe every other gentleman is in accord with it too. I do not believe that in the final analysis there is an hon. gentleman in this House who would vote against that. Let us get what we can for the people of Newfoundland, and if we cannot afford to buy it ourselves, let us get the Government of Canada to pay for all that we can get them to pay for. Goodness knows we are turning in a lot to Canada. We are getting a lot back, but for goodness sake, let us get all we can get out of Canada legitimately. All that we can get out of Canada, and this is one way that we can get a lot of money for the great Northern Peninsula, and goodness knows that Northern Peninsula need all that they can get, more than this Province can get them. But let us get it from the Government of Canada, and if the Government of Canada would treat us as well as they have treated other Provinces, then they will not say no to this request, because I believe that in the final analysis, it is just a reasonable request, and I am all for it.

MR. WELLS: Mr. Speaker, I move Sir that at six o'clock Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair until eight and that the House resume at eight o'clock until eleven o'clock unless sooner adjourned by motion put. Seconded by the hon. member for St. Barbe South.

MR. SPEAKER: Those in favour of the Motion please say "aye", Contrary "nay" - I declare the Motion lost.

MR. CURTIS: I move that the House adjourn at six o'clock until tomorrow Thursday morning at ten thirty of the clock.

MR. SPEAKER: Those in favour of the Motion please say "aye", contrary "nay". I declare the Motion carried.

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, this debate on the Bonne Bay Park has been going on for so long now that the Wells Highway down the great Northern Peninsula must be well under construction by this time. I find myself somewhat in disagreement with some of the utterances that have been made from learned and renegade friends on my right. There has been some suggestion and statement that this White Paper is purely a political dodge - that is has been prepared for the electioneering purposes, that obviously an election is in sight, and this is what the White Paper is all about.

Now Mr. Speaker, nothing could be further from the truth. It obviously is not an election paper, and if there was any doubt as to whether or not it was an election paper, because presumably it has electioneering connotation, then obviously it has to be prepared in such a way that will meet the approbation of the people in the area concerned.

Well the hon. the Minister of Mines, he has been under the influence of his colleague the hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation, and that gentleman is a great believer in participatory democracy. And he believes as I do that if you are going to implement a program, that the first people to whom you must turn are those who would be most directly involved. Those who will most directly benefit from any proposal of development for their particular area. And that is how it should be. And the hon. the Minister of Mines is a courageous man. He following the undoubtedly the urgings of his colleague, the Minister of Rehabilitation, went and held a meeting in the district at Rocky Harbour on May 9, 1970, and he put it to the people. They were there - they were there from NARDA. They were there. It was a good meeting as he reported with a very large crowd in attendance. And the indication was that ninety percent of those in attendance were foreigners. But I have been furnished with a copy of the minutes of the meeting duly signed by the president of the Association known as NARDA, which was so generously praised by the hon. the Minister of Education a few minutes ago. The president if a gentleman named Martin Lowe, and he is president of NARDA. He was very affectionately referred a few minutes ago by the hon. the Minister of Education, the hon. Minister may have been absent from the House. He

quoted his report and said that they too seem to be on our side because that report confirms our proposals in the White Paper. Well Mr. Speaker, I commend the hon. the Minister for going to this meeting and putting the issue to the people - what I do not understand is how he can come back and report to this House that there was an enthusiastic response to this meeting. Now Mr. Speaker, the Minister quite detailed but they are most relevant to this debate. Very relevant indeed, far more relevant than the political meeting that is going to take place in Grand Falls tonight.

MR. MURPHY: Or the big business deal in Gander.

MR. HICKMAN: Oh well I do not know what is going on in Gander, but whatever it is - well Mr. Speaker, the meeting was duly called to order at eight twenty under the chairmanship of a gentleman named Mr. Guy Dyke, and the minister was warned that the meeting was for the people to question Mr. Callahan, and they would not sit and listen to him talk for hours on end, and in accordance with this admonition, the hon. the Minister spoke for only twenty minutes and then discussion was given to the floor. The warning was given by Mr. Bennett. T. Bennett is the gentleman referred to in the White Paper - Mr. Trevor Bennett who did some work in connection with this and whose views have again been referred to as a great deal of approbation by the hon. the Minister and his White Paper.

Then questions were asked from the floor concerning the oil concessions, and Mr. Bennett, he obviously is a great admirer of the hon. the Minister of Mines, because he congratulated Mr. Callahan for being brave enough to come into this area. And then next on the floor was Mrs. Mildred Bennett - I do not know if Mrs. Mildred Bennett is the wife of Mr. Trevor Bennett -

AN HON. MEMBER: She is.

MR. HICKMAN: She apparently does not share her husband's same affection for the hon. the Minister, because next on the floor was Mrs. Mildred Bennett, who was fed up with Mr. Callahan's beating around the bush, and

when he mentioned employment she interrupted. "What about employment, what about our young people?" And this brought a number of young people standing at the back. There was loud applause - things let loose, then we really got down to the meat of the issue so that all could comprehend. And Mr. Speaker, his audience (this is the minister's audience) his audience was an adult one, not a bunch of idiots. The meeting nearly got out of order, as people asked questions and audience answered it in spontaneous no's. Only a few "ayes" were let loose. That showed the feelings of the audience. Obviously this is not an election dodge Mr. Speaker, it could not be. Then T. Bennett produced the free pre-election map showing another peninsula paved from Deer Lake to St. Anthony across to White Bay, and reference was made to the fact - (this part I am adlibbing)

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Trevor Bennett who runs a business in Daniel's Harbour, a very good hotel at which I stayed, but is now I believe a resident of Corner Brook most of the year. He commutes from Corner Brook to Daniel's Harbour?

MR. HICKMAN: Well I have no idea. Maybe he does, but if the hon. member for White Bay, White Bay North and in whose district is St. Anthony, where the road has now been paved according to the map. I will take his word for it. And then Mr. Speaker, Mr. Arthur Humber asked if ever a reforestation program had been considered - this could give employment to five or six hundred men - the meeting spontaneously said no. Then the Reverend Spencer gave a lengthy talk. Look what he did. He questioned the sincerity of the White Paper. The resettlement and the welfare program. It breaks his heart to see such a beaten trail to the welfare officers door. He said that if 60 million were to do what the White Paper outlines, then he would buy a bike instead of a car, to ride on on the pavement. And then Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Gillingham addressed the meeting and he asked Mr. Callahan if he thought people naive or dull enough to believe what the White Paper contained. Did Mr. Callahan

in all honesty believe it himself? This is the Reverend Gillingham. Now there was another gentleman on the hon. minister's side and I do not want to be accused to be reading out of context. Henry Payne of Cow Head congratulated Mr. Callahan on his White Paper, and then reminisced until a point of order was called by Mr. Al Sheppard to get back to the issues at hand, namely the Park.

Two ladies (and this is directly related to the White Paper) two ladies living at Bonne Bay from the Old Country put forward a good argument in favour of a national park and how people could help themselves - handicraft etc. They commented on how little co-operation could be obtained from the Government for any form of creativity. Mr. Callahan was told by one of the ladies to wipe away his silly grin before he made her vomit.

Apparently Mr. Callahan had been paying very little attention to the speakers. Mr. Callahan was asked how much money per annum on education. He gave the figure (millions). Then the question was asked, why are we educating people? Do the people in this meeting think that in the year 2000, that their children and grandchildren will make a living by catching a rabbit, or chopping a stick of wood? If this is the thought then when do we expect to catch up with the rest of the world, North America in particular.

Alan Manuel recommended that if a pollution problem is being feared, why have dusty old silica mines introduced to destroy the only bit of clean air that is left. Mrs. James Hutchings R.N. of Cow Head is a very dedicated lady who has been on that coast for over twenty years, "The question of communities on fringe of park zone make living from natural environment, fish berries, lobster..."

The minutes conclude, Mr. Speaker: "...no questions received a direct answer from Mr. Callahan. The meeting broke up at 11:15 P.M. and once again a feeling of rejection was evident, people were getting nothing from the meeting and had been leaving for the best part of an hour before it finally broke up."

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How the hon. the member for Humber West can stand in his seat and say that this White Paper is an election dodge, or election bait, escapes my imagination, because obviously the people who are most directly concerned are those of White Bay North, St. Barbe North and St. Barbe South, and we know what St. Barbe South and St. Barbe North people think about it. They to quote say "they are about to vomit." Now  
Mr. Speaker

MR. HICKMAN:

Can we expect, Mr. Speaker, can we blame them, Mr. Speaker?

MR. CALLAHAN: May we know, Mr. Speaker, by whom the minutes were taken and by whom the minutes were signed and whether they contain and had appended to them the signature of the chairman of the meeting?

MR. HICKMAN: The minutes, Mr. Speaker, were contained and prepared by the secretary, Mr. Trevor Bennett. Who else prepares the minutes of the meeting?

MR. CALLAHAN: That is quite important. Mr. Trevor Bennett is not the secretary to start with, Mr. Moulard is the secretary.

MR. HICKMAN: Well anyway it is a great set of minutes.

MR. CALLAHAN: It is a fraud.

MR. HICKMAN: Oh! Now it is fraud.

MR CALLAHAN: Sure it is fraud.

MR HICKMAN: But, Mr. Speaker, who else signed the minutes?

MR CALLAHAN: It is fraud.

MR HICKMAN: Can you keep that crowd quiet, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker, can the people of the proposed Bonne Bay Park Area be blamed for being a bit skeptical? In 1967 the then Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, it may have been in the fall of 1966 but if not it was early 1967, the hon. the member for Trinity North who was then in that Portfolio announced publicly because it was my first brush with the idea and the theory that if a Cabinet Minister speaks he speaks for the Government, the hon. the member for Trinity North was unwise enough to his regret and to his chastisement to have stated in a public announcement that the final plans for the Bonne Bay National Park had been completed and that all he was waiting for was a decision from his colleagues in Cabinet and that sort of brought down the roof on the head of the hon. the Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources. But the significant thing is that in 1966, the fall of 1966, the final plans for the development of the Bonne Bay National Park had been completed. Now, Mr. Speaker, -

AN HON. MEMBER: No.

MR. HICKMAN: Well, if as the hon. the Premier has so often said, "If an hon. Minister stands in this House and says this is a fact, it is a fact."



MR. ROBERTS: He did not say it in the House.

MR. HICKMAN: In the House or out of the House, Mr. Speaker, I happen to have been involved at the time he made it and the final plans were ready if his colleagues in Cabinet could only make up their minds they would get on. Now, Mr. Speaker, -

MR. CALLAHAN: The surveys only began in 1966.

MR. HICKMAN: That was the survey for the silica, Mr. Speaker. But, Mr. Speaker, the time obviously has come for the hon. the Minister of Mines and his department to get together with the hon. the Minister responsible for the Tourist Development because the reports of the Tourist Development Division for December 1969 would appear and were tabled in this House, would appear to place a much greater emphasis on the wilderness park development than does the hon. the Minister of Mines in his White Paper. In fact on page (1) of this report of the Department of Tourist Development it says that it is recognized that the wilderness aspect of the Province and especially of our Provincial parks is a great attraction.

Now, Mr. Speaker, on page (4) of the White Paper Grosse Morne like Terra Nova seems to be intended merely as a wilderness park catering by means of little more than camping and picnic facilities to visitors whose interest generally falls into the rather narrow category of camping, hiking, sight-seeing and photography. The economic impact of this narrow appeal obviously would be limited.

MR. CALLAHAN: Now would the hon. gentleman read paragraph (6) on page (7): so that the House will be fully and properly informed? Page (7) of the Tourist report.

MR. HICKMAN: Page (7), for sometime the division, yes, I have this underlined, for sometime the division has pointed out the lack of recreational facilities in Terra Nova National Park as compared to national parks in the same classification in other parts of Canada. Now the significant thing is the last sentence of that. Assurance has been given that the situation will be reviewed in the forthcoming discussions on the Grosse Morne Park in Bonne Bay. Now, Mr. Speaker, we were told earlier this afternoon that whatever we have in Terra Nova Park we are stuck with. Well, Mr. Speaker, this is not so. Mr. Speaker, we have announcements from Federal officials that in the plan development, in their

MR. HICKMAN:

plans for the further development of Terra Nova National Park there will be a swimming pool, there will be eventually they hope a golf course. There is nothing binding, nothing absolutely about the announcements made last year.

The superintendent whoever he is out there, Mr. Evans is that his name?

MR. ROBERTS: Sure.

MR. HICKMAN: Sure, that is the man. The hon. Minister of Health, he recalls it. Yes, you do, you recall the announcement.

Mr. Speaker, again let us go back to page (8) of the Tourist Development. One of the most appealing and saleable features of the Province is its wilderness. It is essential that our wilderness areas, park, wild life habitat or environment be maintained as far as possible in the natural state. It is essential also that recreational facilities be provided not only for the use and enjoyment of our visitors but also of our own people. Both those can be achieved without one adversely affecting the other. A realistic policy with proper planning would allow for commercial development of the most commercially productive parts of the Province would preserve and protect certain well defined and characteristically wild and beautiful areas against any form of exploitation whatever.

MR. CALLAHAN: Exactly right.

MR. HICKMAN: Of course it is right. This is the policy of the Department of Economic Development.

MR. CALLAHAN: This is the policy of the Government.

MR. HICKMAN: This is not the policy of the Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources because the policy of the Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources is an all or nothing at all policy. I have written down all that the hon. the Premier's announced but subject to any eroding that has been going on as a result of the meetings between the hon. the member for St. John's West and his friend, the hon. the Minister of Health I still believe -

MR. ROBERTS: What meetings? It is an interesting rumor the hon. gentleman is spreading.

MR. HICKMAN: If the hon. the Minister of Health would only come into the House sometimes he would have heard the great debate that took place here on Thursday

MR. HICKMAN:

past between these meetings that are going on between -

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, but what has the hon. gentleman's debating got to do with that? What meetings? Are these the meetings in connection with the hon. gentleman crossing the House. Hogan's Hill. I am down at the poor end of Hogan's Hill. The hon. member for St John's West is up in the good end.

MR HICKMAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I take it that we are still entitled to assume that when the hon. the Premier speaks that he announces government policy. And the hon. the Premier said, earlier this afternoon, that this <sup>is</sup> what we will get. We will settle for nothing less.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that obviously is all or nothing at all.

MR ROBERTS: Get on with the quotation.

MR HICKMAN: That was it.

MR ROBERTS: No it was not it.

MR HICKMAN: Now, Mr. Speaker, to be against this white paper, it would be easier to be against motherhood.

MR ROBERTS: Carry on -

MR HICKMAN: Because, Mr. Speaker, if tomorrow the hon. the Member for Hermitage decided that in the interest of appealing to his people that we should have a national park on a great peninsula, by the way that was left out of the Premier's talk, the Connaigre Peninsula which is one of the great peninsulas in the this Province. I can see no reason at all why we could not have another paper setting forth in great detail all the requirements for a recreational facilities in the Connaigre Peninsula nor can I see any reason why the hon. the Minister of Transport in Ottawa should not, as I know he is, showing a very keen interest in the possibility of the Federal Government developing the Spanish Room, Marystown area as a national park. We can have as many national parks as the sympathetic Government in Ottawa is prepared to provide us and, Mr. Speaker, the thing that I believe has aroused the concern and the suspicion of the people on the West Coast is that obvious lack of sympathy.

MR. ROBERTS: Do not dig yourself in too deep.

MR. HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, again it would appear that the Tourist Board in its wisdom and the Department of Economic Development has been in some consultations

MR. HICKMAN:

with another department of the Federal Government concerning the L'Anse-au-Meadows development because again on page (2) of this report it says that the Viking site at L'Anse-au-Meadows continues to attract visitors with 3,000 recorded for 1969. Further development of the site will proceed as responsibility for it is listed in the National Historic Sites Division, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Do we understand that this is all going to be part of the national park, that it is all going to be administered by Mr. Chretien and his department?

MR. ROBERTS: Well Mr. Chretien is the Minister responsible for the National Historic Sites Board.

MR CALLAHAN: The same minister.

MR HICKMAN: Right.

MR CALLAHAN: Well scratch that point - on to the next.

MR HICKMAN: No. we will not scratch that point, Mr. Speaker.

Obviously the Department of Economic Development, with the hon. the Premier as Minister, seems to be going off on a frolic of its own and is doing its own negotiations and is carrying out its own programs for the development of L'Anse Aux Meadows.

MR ROBERTS: There is nothing in there that says its own negotiations.

MR HICKMAN: The hon. the Minister for Provincial Affairs has taken a very keen interest in the development of the L'Anse Aux Meadows.

MR ROBERTS: Talk about it on the estimates.

MR HICKMAN: Mr. Speaker, we have been told of the great \$1.5/<sup>million</sup> which was saved this week as a result of negotiations with New Brunswick and Quebec. So be it! But, Mr. Speaker, how can you save \$1.5 million when you look at the estimates and in the estimates there is not one single, solitary cent for the acquisition of land for the Bonne Bay Park? You cannot save something that you are going to spend. You are not going to save half of it. How can you save half of it?

The simple fact, Mr. Speaker, is this that the people, and this is what this motion that is before the House at this time says, it does not say we are against the White Paper, it does not say that the White Paper is trash or whatever adjectives were used, this motion says that the Government has been

MR. HICKMAN:

dilatory over the past few years in its efforts in trying to develop the Bonne Bay Park as a national park in Newfoundland and nobody can deny that. No-one can deny it. The hon. the Minister of Mines remembers quite vividly the statement at Trout River in 1968 when \$350. million was then going to be spent under the FRED program. So what happened to the \$350. million that has obviously been spent because the hon. Minister would not be a party to an announcement that did not come to pass? Obviously he would not tolerate it. I know that because of lack of planning, no planning, no communications with Ottawa that the FRED program was torn up and fired out the window. That is what I know, Mr. Speaker, and this is why Ottawa demands good planning and not a figment of any one Minister's imagination and, Mr. Speaker, if what this White Paper says is true, if we get a swimming pool started this year or next year, if we will get a golf club started next year or even the year after, if within the lifetime of the hon. the member for Humber West we christen the Wells highway, if all this happens, if the hon. the Minister of Health in St. Anthony this year or next year cuts the ribbon for the paved highway all the way to St. Anthony, so be it, more power to them, we are all for it. We know that it is all in the White Paper but if it does not come to pass this year, never mind, Mr. Speaker, silly announcements, any fool can make an announcement but it takes more than a fool to carry out what is contained in the announcement.

Mr. Speaker, this is why there is the uncertainty, this is why there is the disgust, this is why men of the cloth are standing up out in Rocky Harbour and saying to the hon. the Minister, "How naive do you think we are?" This is why, Mr. Speaker, that there is this concern and why this motion is still appropriate because it condemns Government for the unnecessary, unpardonable delays in developing what is unquestionably the most scenic park, in fact one of the Federal Officials in Ottawa from Mr. Chretien's department stated this year that the Bonne Bay National Park could, if they could get green light, become the most attractive national park East of the Rockies.

MR. CALLAHAN: Who said that?

MR. HICKMAN: The assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Indian Affairs, Mr. Chretien's assistant Deputy Minister and he is so right. I could be,

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MR. HICKMAN:

Mr. Speaker, the most attractive national park East of the Rockies.

MR. CALLAHAN: Heresay.

MR. HICKMAN: That is not heresay, that is a fact. Any fool knows that, any fool knows that in the park in Nova Scotia that it has been referred to that there is a fair amount of Provincial funds in swimming pools and golf clubs, that was omitted, and hotels, everybody knows that. Mr. Speaker, where is the Provincial Government involved in it? Where is it? All you have to do is look at the estimates, dig it out and see under Mines, Agriculture and Resources sub-heading 1001, golf club at Trout River. You cannot find any vote there at all, Mr. Speaker, of course you cannot and this, Mr. Speaker, is why we have lost and the pitiful excuse in this is that it took us eight years to develop Terra Nova Park so we should take another eight years, there is nothing wrong with taking six years or eight years or ten years to take a look at the Bonne Bay National Park. In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, the people of St. Barbe North and St. Barbe South have been sitting since 1964 waiting and waiting for some evidence and all they have seen is some people out there digging around looking for silica that nobody wants anyway.

MR. CALLAHAN: As I have said six months for hon. members out of the Government, we get it done.

MR. HICKMAN: I have been out six months so far, Mr. Speaker, and they have even stopped going out now with their little trowels looking for silica and instead of that we see the oil gushing out of Parsons Pond and that is more doe for Doyle. Mr. Speaker, I support this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I now call it 6:00 o'clock and I left the Chair. This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday at 10:30 o'clock.