

# Joey Claims Titanic Battle On Behalf Of Province

By JACK PICKETTS  
 Premier Smallwood says he is in the midst of a "titanic battle" on behalf of Newfoundland in connection with the struggle that is going with the development of Labrador's hydro-electric potential at Hamilton Falls.

after William J. Browne (P.C.—St. John's East Extern) twitted him about "being dead," a reference to Mr. Smallwood's statement last spring that the pelleting plant would be built in Quebec over his "dead body."

The Wabash Iron Company's pellet plant which eventually went to Point Notre, Que., despite Mr. Smallwood's predictions, was only one phase of the battle, Mr. Smallwood indicated in the Newfoundland legislature Wednesday.

"I wish I could tell all the facts," said Mr. Smallwood. He indicated the pelleting plant was only one part of the overall picture in the development of Labrador. "I had to do certain things, and I had to say certain things. . . It all makes up 100 per cent."

## Business Briefs

OTTAWA (CP) — Department store sales in the week ended Sept. 28 were valued 0.8 per cent above those in the corresponding 1962 week, the bureau of statistics announced.

Increases of 1.4 per cent in the Atlantic provinces, 3.4 per cent in Quebec, 7.2 per cent in the Atlantic provinces, 3.4 per cent in Quebec, 7.2 per cent in Ontario and 0.3 per cent in Alberta more than counterbalanced decreases of 5.8 per cent in Manitoba, 6.2 per cent in Saskatchewan and 9.2 per cent in British Columbia.

Production of coke rose 2.1 per cent in July to 367,442 tons from 359,775 in the same month last year and 6.3 per cent in the January-July period to 2,478,363 tons from 2,331,448 in the corresponding 1962 period.

Production of wheat flour in August amounted to 300,400,000 pounds, up five per cent from the July total of 285,900,000. The August production compared with 290,500,000 pounds a year earlier. However, it was seven per cent down from the 1953-1962 August average of 321,500,000.

### BATTLE NOT OVER

The two-year battle isn't over, Mr. Smallwood said. The last installment was "as recently as yesterday." "It had been going on for two years, and there will be more 'ups and downs. I will go on."

Mr. Smallwood went on to comment on statements made in Northern Quebec Tuesday by Resources Minister Rene Levesque of Quebec, who said Quebec's geographical position in relation to the falls means the province will have to serve as vendor of the electricity produced.

Mr. Smallwood said there are two ways of getting the power across Quebec: Get right-of-ways for Newfoundland's power

lines, or sell the power to Quebec at the Quebec-Labrador border. He indicated Quebec favored the latter plan. Hamilton Falls would take 10 years to develop at a cost of \$1,000,000,000, and would produce 9,000,000 horsepower of electricity, including 2,000,000 at a secondary development downstream from the falls.

The premier said Hamilton Falls is controlled by the Hamilton Falls Power Corporation, which "at this moment" is owned by the British Newfoundland Corporation and Hydro-Quebec Corporation. Hydro-Quebec owns 2 per cent of Hamilton Falls power.

"But Hamilton Falls is not going to produce until the power can be sold," Mr. Smallwood said, and "Quebec is almost ready to buy it. There has been no announcement."

He believed that "very, very shortly now this thing will be off the ground." Outside the House, he has said he expects development to start next spring.

Of his battles to get it off the ground, Mr. Smallwood said: "I know what I'm doing and I know where I'm going." No other leader in this province "ever had such a battle to wage."

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