

think it is a pity to adjourn now and not carry on. I don't care if Mr. Smallwood objects to having the tariff set out. Let's have something else. But I do object to one man insisting that his will shall be carried over 44 men. That's one thing, and I don't care if you take another hour to decide that. I think it is an outright disgrace to adjourn until Monday. Here we have the rest of this afternoon, and the night session, and tomorrow afternoon, and we should not adjourn, but go ahead and get what we are allowed to give to the people out of these Black Books.... These are the only things we can give to the people. We cannot go back to Canada and start to negotiate for better terms. We are not allowed to as a Convention, the delegation was not allowed to. I think it is ridiculous.... I am very much against any adjournment on this matter, and I think Mr. Crosbie might agree to that.

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that I created anything of a furore. I have never done that in my life! But here is the position. I have a lot of sympathy in many ways with Mr. Smallwood. He fostered this delegation to Ottawa in the beginning. They went to Ottawa, and I hold that the delegation came back with an incomplete report. They have made no report whatever as a delegation to this Convention, and this Grey Book may or may not be the result of their efforts in Ottawa; we don't know, because before they left Ottawa this was not in their possession. It was sent here afterwards by the Canadian government through His Excellency the Governor in Commission, and from then it was sent to this office, consequently the delegation which we sent to Ottawa merely came back with the Black Books. Now when we received this document here, and when we go into the figures in it, we find that they have no foundation in fact, and that there is no member of the delegation who is able to properly explain them. Mr. Chairman, surely the members of the Ottawa delegation should be able to get up and explain every item that is in here in connection with the financial situation of both Canada and Newfoundland; but no, what happened was, as I see it, when they adjourned in Ottawa to return to Newfoundland, the Canadian government made up a budget, so to speak, of its own, particularly with regard to federal expenditures, and the Ottawa delegation came back; and when they see this, whilst they might have talked about it up

there, they got no information on it as to how it should be spent, is \$9.4 million. It means, Mr. Chairman, that the Ottawa delegation fell down on its job, because they should have had all this information, and we should not have to ask any questions at all. Mr. Smallwood pointed out to me that the way I asked these questions this afternoon did not suit him. I am going to ask them the other way at the next meeting of this House, because I want to draft them properly — it took me all night to try to figure out the other one — and ask them on what basis they made them up.

Mr. Smallwood Hear! Hear!

Mr. Cashin And if they made them up on the same basis that they made up this \$9.4 million, then I will say they are fraudulent. It is all guesswork. I said when this House opened 15 months ago, and I am going to repeat it: there is only one regret I have, that I consented to be a party to this farce.

Mr. Chairman Well I don't know that you ought to say that, Major Cashin. You stated here 15 months ago...

Mr. Cashin Yes, and I am sorry that I have to make a confession about it. This has been the greatest political mistake of my career, to stay here and talk at a mock parliament that means nothing. The power remains with the other people, and we held the glory. I think I made that statement here, and I am going to repeat it now.

Mr. Chairman You made that statement on September 8, 1946.

Mr. Cashin No sir, September 18, 1946, and two days later it was attacked in the House.

Mr. Chairman That's right.

Mr. Cashin And some time later people apologised for making that attack, and now they realise that what I did say at that time was the truth.

Mr. Smallwood Major Cashin will you exonerate me from that? I made the attack, but I did not apologise.

Mr. Cashin I don't care who apologised. It was true anyhow.

Mr. Higgins I apologised.

Mr. Cashin Well, now we have arrived at the stage where the Ottawa delegation came back without a report, and we have got to go on the best way we can, in some way. We have either got to kick this thing out or discuss it. It is going to take us months to get the information. I am