

have, and I want to consider it too, Mr. Hollett, if you don't mind. You moved the adjournment, Mr. Higgins?

Mr. Higgins Yes, sir.

Mr. Job I would like to ask whether we are likely to be here for the next six months, or for how long? And whether we are going to still continue to meet for 2¼ hours a day, and if we are, how long will we be here? I would suggest very strongly that some steps be taken to either meet in the morning for a couple of hours, or in the evening. I don't know what the views of the members are with regard to that, but I am convinced that we are getting through very little, and achieving very little, and the sooner we make up our minds to try and find a winding-up date the better....

Mr. Higgins I thoroughly agree with Mr. Job in every way that we will have to step up our discussions here. I think it might be better for all of us if, instead of having morning sessions, we decided we would have night sessions every day that the Convention is in session. I make the motion that, beginning Monday, we have night sessions on every day that we have a day session.

Mr. Chairman Does the House agree to eliminate the necessity for notice?

Mr. Smallwood I object.

Mr. Chairman In that case, with a single dissenting voice, you will have to give me notice.

Mr. Higgins If you will give me about three minutes I will deliver the motion, if that's satisfactory. I don't see why Mr. Smallwood must object.

Mr. Smallwood What I was thinking of is the

fact that confederation has to be debated yet, and I want the people of Newfoundland to hear the debate, and if we have sessions every night...

Mr. Higgins I rise to a point of order. If we have this member objecting all the time, it's time we stopped sitting altogether.

Mr. Chairman Members will please remain silent. As far as I am concerned I am getting notice of motion. I can only waive notice by and with the universal consent of the House. That I have not got, together we will have to deal with Mr. Higgins' motion when it goes on the order paper, and when it comes before me.

Mr. Fudge Mr. Chairman, I agree with Mr. Higgins and Mr. Job that we are trying to get on with the job, but at the same time I feel that it is very unfortunate that two of the members disagreed. If that had not happened this debate might not have been as long as it has been....

[The committee rose and reported progress]

Mr. Chairman Mr. Bradley's motion — Mr. Smallwood?

Mr. Smallwood I move that that be deferred sir, and also number four.

Mr. Higgins I move the deferment of number three, sir.

Mr. Chairman The motions are that items two, three and four on the order paper will be deferred.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Higgins I would like to give notice of motion. I will on tomorrow move that this Convention hold night sessions on every day that a day's session of the Convention is held.

[The Convention adjourned]

November 14, 1947

Mr. Smallwood I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission to furnish the National Convention, in non-technical language, with a complete description and account of the creation, nature and operation of the sinking fund against the guaranteed 3% sterling public debt.

Mr. Cashin I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask the Honourable the Commissioner for Finance to table the following information:

- (a) The total revenue and expenditures from April 1, 1947 to October 31, 1947.
- (b) The total accumulated profits of the Newfoundland Savings Bank which would

include the reserve fund as at March 31, 1947.

(c) The total recoverable advances to date made to the St. John's Housing Corporation from its inception, as well as the total recoverable advances made to other housing associations from their inception.

(d) The total amounts due by the United Kingdom government to the Department of Public Health and Welfare on account of navy and army allotments and war pensions, etc., as at October 31, 1947.

(e) The total amount owed by various firms on account of advances made for the en-