

sincere loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI, and the other resolution to the effect that the Convention wishes to express its sincere thanks to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Gordon Macdonald, K.C.M.G., for his inspiring and forceful address on opening the proceedings of this National Convention.

*[The motion carried unanimously]*

The committee on the address of loyalty to His Majesty the King and of thanks to His Excellency the Governor will be:

Hon. Mr. Job,	Mr. Harrington,
Mr. Ballam,	Mr. Crummey,
Mr. Hickman,	Mr. Fowler,
Mr. Fogwill,	Mr. Newell,
Mr. Cranford,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dawe,	Mr. Keough,
Mr. Penney,	Mr. Goodridge.

I would suggest that Hon. Mr. Job might be the convenor of this committee. As I said to you yesterday, I submit for your consideration the necessity of the immediate appointment of a committee on rules and procedure. I need not stress the special importance and necessity of this. I suggest that the committee be immediately appointed to take up this all important matter.

**Mr. Brown** I have much pleasure in moving that the committee be appointed from the Chair.

**Mr. Figary** I second that motion.

**Mr. Chairman** Proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Figary, that the appointment of a committee on rules of procedure be in the hands of the Chairman.

*[The motion carried unanimously]*

**Mr. Chairman** The committee will be:

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Butt,
Mr. Figary,	Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Bradley,	Mr. Smallwood,
Mr. Crosbie,	Mr. Fudge,
Mr. Ashbourne,	Mr. Hollett,
Mr. Starkes,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Job,	Mr. Cashin

I suggest that committee meet with all possible dispatch, and that while awaiting the report the rules of the House of Assembly, as we once knew them, should apply as far as possible to these proceedings of the Convention. When the

committee has completed its task and made its report and you have accepted it, these rules will supplant the old rules. Perhaps one of you will propose and second the application of those rules to the Convention whilst awaiting the report of the committee.

**Mr. Bradley** In the interim, and while awaiting the report of the committee, I quite agree with you that we cannot do better than adopt the regulations and rules of our House of Assembly. You are very familiar with these and they might form a basis for our draft of rules to be submitted to this house.

**Mr. Brown** I second the motion.

**Mr. Chairman** Is the house ready for the question? It is proposed by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Brown that pending the report of the Committee on Rules and Procedure and the adoption of that report, that the rules of the House of Assembly *mutatis mutandis* should apply to this Convention.

*[The motion carried unanimously]*

**Mr. Chairman** There is no further business — at least, on the agenda. But if any member wishes to speak, he may do so.

**Mr. Smallwood** On the matter of seeking and obtaining information from the government that the Convention may find necessary, would individual members have the right to submit questions or requests for particular information? And such requests having been made, would they be deemed to be going to the party concerned as from an individual, or would they be vetted by the Convention and then come to the government as a whole? And should they be directed to the government as a whole, or to individual department heads or commissioners? On these questions I am very vague in the absence of rules governing them; but I imagine that a great amount of information will be sought from the government. No doubt, the procedure for doing so will be laid down in the rules, which may take two or three weeks ... and in the meantime many members may have questions on which they desire authentic information. I do not know whether members will submit questions verbally or write them and hand them in.

**Mr. Chairman** I see no objection to following the rules of the House of Assembly. I may say that all questions were submitted in writing. Each member has the right to give notice of a question.