

the Chair, I would have time to think it over. I would not like to think that there is going to be anything rigged in the way of selecting delegates to go to Ottawa.

Mr. Chairman I can assure you, Mr. Penney, that there has been nothing rigged. No one in the world knew of this except myself and His Excellency until this afternoon.

Mr. Penney I know that, but there was whispering going around after the delegation for England was elected that there was a kind of a selection made or agreed upon. Whether that was so or not I don't know; I did not have any part in it and I voted for the delegates I thought best. I don't agree that we are wasting time if we proceed with the business where we left off last night, and then select the delegates and give us all a fair chance.

Mr. Fowler I would like to support Mr. Hickman's motion simply because on looking around here I see six or seven seats vacant, and possibly by the time we have this disposed of the members may be here.

Mr. Chairman Let me be quite sure what your motion is, or have you withdrawn it?

Mr. Hickman I suggest that we put the motion which is that the election be deferred until this report is finished and adopted, except for the proviso of Major Cashin, but until the debate is concluded, and immediately after that proceed with the election.

Mr. Smallwood The debate of the committee of the whole.

Mr. Chairman The motion is then that the election take place after the completed report of the committee of the whole has been received. Does everybody understand that clearly? When the committee of the whole on the Public Health and Welfare Report has reported that they have considered the matter and passed it and recommend that it be received and laid on the table of the House, after that the election takes place. Is that it?

Mr. Hickman Yes.

Mr. Higgins It strikes me that if you are going to wait until the report is adopted, and there is talk of adjourning until after the Easter recess, in that case it could very well be that the election would not take place until after the Easter recess.

Mr. Hickman I thought that it would be completed today. I had no intention of delaying it till after Easter.

Mr. Vardy We decided here a little while ago to send two delegations, and it was the understanding that the delegation would be chosen for Ottawa immediately we learnt from that country that they would receive that delegation. I think we should all be big and broad enough to face the issue now and then get on with the report. None of us knew this was coming up, but I think we should face up to it now. We are all in the same boat, and then we won't be accused of ganging up on anyone.

Mr. Hickman I would suggest that in any event it would be the last business before the Easter recess.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that the election of the delegation to Canada be the last business before the Easter recess.

Mr. Higgins I am not trying to obstruct the progress of the House, but I understand that it was something of a similar nature to the last one and it was acted upon immediately. Is this going to be regarded as discourteous or not? This is merely a thought, not that it matters to me much, but it would look a little discourteous. I would like the members to think that over before they make a decision.

Mr. Harrington May I point out that there was no other business before the House at the time?

Mr. Chairman I ask you to consider the point that has been suggested by Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Hannon I would like to also suggest that previous to the election of the delegation to London every member of this Convention was fully aware of the fact that the election was to take place, I am not sure, but I think at least two days previous.

Mr. Chairman I don't think that is correct, Mr. Hannon. I gave nobody any information about it until I brought the document into this chamber.

Mr. Vardy If you remember, I came in a little late and those who refused to be nominated were sitting at the table and I did not know what they were sitting there for then. I did not know what it was all about.

Mr. Hannon I must admit I did not get it from you, sir, but from hearsay.

Mr. Chairman I believe there were some suspicions, and that was because the House was called together when there was apparently no business to go ahead with.

Mr. Crosbie It is my opinion that we are wast-