

other members; also to the various news bulletins and the different papers. They have done a magnificent job, and I think the country appreciates it fully.

Mr. Hickman I would like to concur with the previous speakers in all they have said, particularly the Broadcasting Corporation and the news bulletins and the papers. I do feel that we should make special reference to the reporting by the *Daily News*. They have given very complete coverage of our proceedings, and at no considerable inconvenience to themselves....

Mr. Burry I would like to associate myself with this motion, because I represent the most remote district in this Convention, a district where the people depend upon the radio and the Broadcasting Corporation for their general news, and for the proceedings of this National Convention; and while I know it has been very hard on their dry battery supply this winter, and they will probably have to forego listening to other stations, perhaps

not being able to get a supply of dry batteries, yet I think they are very pleased to be able to listen to this Convention, and I want to express our warmest gratitude to the Corporation for broadcasting the proceedings of this Convention to the country.

Mr. Reddy I wish to add a word of praise to the broadcasting station. The broadcasting of the proceedings has been a source of political education, especially to our outport people, the majority of whom had no other means of hearing of the work of the Convention. It will revive political interest throughout the country. It will perform a service to our people that cannot be measured in material costs. For the long hours those officials had to remain on duty, I presume they will be fully compensated. For the press and the Gerald S. Doyle News Bulletin I also add my praise.

[The motion carried, and the Convention adjourned]

January 30, 1948

The Convention met at three of the clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. Thereupon strangers were admitted.

Thereupon the arrival of His Excellency the Administrator was announced to the Chairman. The Chairman left the Chair to receive His Ex-

cellency the Administrator, whom he escorted to the Chair.

Thereupon the Chairman delivered to His Excellency the recommendations of the Convention to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

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29 January 1948.

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations

London, England.

Sir,

Section 3 of the National Convention Act of 1946 defines the duties of this Convention as follows:

It shall be the duty and function of the Convention to consider and discuss among themselves as elected representatives of the people of Newfoundland the changes that have taken place in the financial and economic situation of the Island since 1934, and, bearing in mind the extent to which the high revenues of recent years have been due to wartime conditions, to examine the posi-

tion of the country and to make recommendations to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom as to possible forms of future government to be put before the people at a national referendum.

The Convention was opened by His Excellency the Governor on September 11, 1946. As a first step in its investigations of the position of Newfoundland, the Convention appointed nine committees consisting of ten members each to enquire into the following:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Finance and Economic
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Local Industries
- Mining
- Public Health and Welfare