

services of any kind. However, I see no point in enumerating the various needs of our districts and I feel sure that the people in St. Mary's district realise just what the Convention was appointed to do. I wish to assure them that I have great optimism for the future of this country and feel confident that never again shall it be said, "All gone and none for St. Mary's."

Mr. Higgins Mr. Chairman, if you will pardon me for diverting a moment or two to the last phrase, maybe St. Mary's pays for it all. I believe that the last speaker has a communication on his desk, and he should bring it forth; it is from his district.

Mr. Chairman That is a matter for himself, I have no knowledge of the contents of the document.

Mr. McCormack Mr. Chairman, this is a communication from a person in my district asking for a bridge which he thinks it is necessary to have there. Perhaps it is, but if any of the people in my district wish to have anything for the district mentioned here, they will have to speak of it to myself.

Mr. Higgins I think it is off the line, but as the communication came to me I passed it to him and I feel he should give it to the people. Perhaps he might for a moment tell what his constituents want.

Mr. McCormack I think I made it very clear that I believe the people of St. Mary's realise what the Convention was appointed to do here, and, as I said at the beginning of my talk, we are not here to talk of the needs of our different settlements. If most of the delegates had realised that from the beginning we would probably have finished up our work by this time. As I told Mr. Higgins, if this gentleman wants to have anything spoken of about his district he will communicate with Mr. McCormack and not Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Hollett In rising to ask Major Cashin a question I congratulate him on the complete report his Committee has brought in, and I would also like to congratulate both him and Mr. Smallwood on the affability with which they carried on their conversation today. I would like to ask if your Committee had any discussion with Mr. Lewin relative to the matter of either reafforestation or afforestation?

Mr. Cashin Yes, there was. I just give it to you from memory. We covered reafforestation in this

Report, I think you were there, and he told us that an expert who came here about a year and a half ago, went into the matter and made certain recommendations, and the two companies together were prepared to pay two-thirds of this reafforestation, the total cost being around \$19,000. They were prepared to put up two-thirds, but the government refused to put up the other one-third, feeling that it would be an awful thing for the government to put up \$6 - 7,000. That is the matter this gentleman was down here to discuss...

Mr. Smallwood Where were they to reafforest, was it company grounds?

Mr. Cashin Oh no, it was general.

Mr. Smallwood While you are on your feet, is that this Avalon Peninsula scheme that Mr. Lewin spoke of? We know that the Avalon is nearly barren now, is that the scheme?

Mr. Cashin Yes, and Bonavista and other places.

Mr. Smallwood The companies were willing to pay two-thirds?

Mr. Cashin Yes.

Mr. Hollett I understood it was also on the three-mile limit, and it would take ten years to develop.

Mr. Cashin Yes. It would cost \$19,000 I think.

Mr. Smallwood How much land would that reafforest?

Mr. Cashin I could not tell you that.

Mr. Smallwood I would like to ask Major Cashin one final question.

Mr. Cashin Good.

Mr. Smallwood All this information you have here in your supplementary report about the timber in Labrador, is information apparently that you got from Mr. Lewin. Right?

Mr. Cashin Yes.

Mr. Smallwood What information did you get from the government on timber in Labrador?

Mr. Cashin Nothing.

Mr. Smallwood This information that you got from Mr. Lewin, didn't the government have that?

Mr. Cashin No, I don't think so, it was Bowaters private property which they paid for in 1937 or 1938. They had given it to the government to have a look at, but they returned it.

Mr. Smallwood Didn't they make a copy of it?

Mr. Cashin I don't think so. I think we put in