

side speculators, and other speculators are buzzing around to try and get the rest of it, slick promoters, then it throws some light on the situation; but we have not even that much light. I think that this Convention will admit without any hesitation that we definitely must know what we have or have not got in Labrador. If the Committee comes back and says that they can't get it, and says that they have tried every avenue and it is not to be had, we will perhaps have to accept their word.

Mr. Cashin We will have to form a survey party, that's the only way.

Mr. Smallwood I don't ask them to do that, but I am full of suspicion about this Labrador business. I feel very indignant about it. I think if this country today had the same suspicion that I have got, and from scraps of information that I have picked up about Labrador and what is going on, there would be a little revolution in this country. We have been very shortsighted in Newfoundland, and it looks to me that we are in danger of making the same fatal mistake in Labrador. It is a very crucial time, and some queer things are going on behind the scenes. If necessary I would like to see a royal commission appointed to get to the bottom of this. There is some skulduggery going on about Labrador, and we ought to know the truth of it. If we have to decide what Labrador may or may not be worth to this country in the next 30 to 40 years we have to base it on some definite information. This report does not give that information.

Mr. Hollett I support Mr. Smallwood. There is skulduggery going on, very definitely, and I think when Mr. Smallwood has definitely thrown overboard the idea which he had of certain things, then I am perfectly able to support Mr. Smallwood, because he has definitely some political intelligence, which the best of us perhaps have not got, but I do insist that there is skulduggery going on.

Mr. Cashin I have to rise to a point of order. If there is skulduggery going on, and if this Committee is mixed up in it I would like to know it.

Mr. Smallwood My reference to the Forestry Committee is only to the lack of information they have given us. My reference to "skulduggery" is to things going on about Labrador, outside speculators, etc....

Mr. Burry This is interesting of course to me,

representing that great area, and I feel incompetent in representing it sometimes. The importance it has to play in the future of our economy, and all the love and interest that I have in Labrador is back of me, and I am interested in its welfare, and what Mr. Smallwood had to say was very new to me. I had a little suspicion, but "skulduggery", whatever that means, I am not informed of it. But I do have a feeling, Mr. Chairman, that I should give this Convention and the Forestry Committee my idea about this timber land in Labrador.

We have large areas of timber land in Labrador. Some of it is not very important in our estimation, and some of it is very good timber. Now there is a reference here in this report to the further concessions being made in Labrador. A great many concessions have been made as we see on this map, and I am wondering what is left to be conceded ... in the accessible areas, that is along the coastline. The vast areas in the interior are wooded, but it is wood with small growth, stunted. I understand from trappers, and my own observations by air over the country, it is not very thickly wooded, and being so far in from the water as 2-300 miles the state of the timber would make it almost not worth bringing out. That is considering the fact that we would have to build a railroad in there. It would have to be very rich timber to make it of any value to the country. At the present time, the interior can be left out as far as bringing anything into the treasury of this country of ours. At the present time close to the coastline there are areas taken as well. The area between Battle Harbour and Sandwich Bay is all taken by two companies. That is the 6,074 miles referred to.

Mr. Hollett Where is that map?

Mr. Burry In a general way that is all the timber available to that particular area, and it is all taken up by those other companies. Now to come to the Hamilton Inlet area ... most of the possible wooded territory is taken up by J.C. Hepburn and the Grand River Paper Co. There is one area left that should be of value, around the Grand Lake area, and the north side of Lake Melville itself. Therefore, in this area (not including the interior) we have 10,000 square miles taken up, and we have 2,000 square miles taken up in the north by the Three Rivers Estates and the Stag Bay Estate. I don't know much about that, but if there is