

sir, you know they can receive them today. The notice that I would give, and the members can make the decision, is as follows:

Be it resolved that the members of this Convention desire to place on record an expression of their appreciation of the able, impartial and courteous manner in which the Chairman of the Convention, Mr. J. B. McEvoy, K.C., has presided.

Be it resolved that the members of the Convention desire to place on record an expression of their appreciation of the work of the Secretary of the Convention, Captain Warren, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Frank Ryan.

Be it resolved that the members of the Convention desire to place on record an expression of their appreciation of the work of the secretariat and assistants of the Convention.

If the members will agree to receive these notices, I would like to have them formally indicate it.

Mr. Chairman I think, in the circumstances, there would be no necessity for me to put it to the House.

Mr. Higgins That being so, I would like to proceed with them now, if it is in accordance with the wishes of the members. Well, sir, the first resolution that I move now is:

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Sir, the motion embodies I feel what all the members of this Convention feel. I am extremely pleased myself to be able to have the honour of moving this, particularly as a brother member of your profession, to be able to record the appreciation of a group of citizens from all over the island assembled here in a Convention of which you have been such an able guide and guardian. I can say quite truthfully that at times matters have not been altogether in due decorum from the members' point of view. But you, I am sure, felt, with strong feelings running as they were bound to on matters such as we have had to debate, they would of necessity provoke an expression that at times might not be in accord with all that par-

liamentary practice would desire; but that has happened in the best regulated parliaments, and I feel that the members here have nothing to be ashamed of in this respect. But even at times when tempers were on edge, you managed to preserve your impartiality, and treat members with your well-known courtesy, and the motion speaks of the able manner in which you have presided. I feel there is very little that needs be added to that. You carried out your duties here in the same able and professional manner that you carry out your professional duties, and for that reason I have much pleasure in moving this motion at the present time.

Mr. Job I would like to have the honour of seconding that motion. I feel we all know that our Chairman has acted in a very fair and courageous way in all his arduous and difficult duties. I have personally received great kindness and consideration, not only from the Chairman, but also from all the delegates, and I very much appreciate this. I have been referred to, sir, as the father of the House, and I must say at times, while my children have been a little unruly, it has been a great thing, you have not had to call on the Sergeant-at-Arms at any time. I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, as one who has perhaps given you as much trouble as any other one member of the House, I would like to add my word of complete concurrence in the motion and in the remarks of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Job. I said, sir, when you took the Chair, that I regard you as one of our country's most brilliant sons, a brilliant lawyer, a prodigious worker, and frankly, sir, I am full of admiration for the way in which you took hold of this job and mastered it, in spite of the fact that all your training for the last 12 or 15 years was in a place and at work which is so very different from the work you had to take on when you became Chairman of this Convention. I refer of course to your work and training in the courts, where they have a tradition and a procedure running back for a thousand years, and to take on work with a very different tradition, and in many respects very different procedure, that is parliamentary work, without having had the advantage of having been a former Speaker of a House of Assembly, was a very great challenge to the ability and adaptability of any man, and I am full of admiration. Sir, I think now I would be