

Letters Patent under the Great Seal at Westminster, dated July 17, 1905, be suspended and new Letters Patent be issued, which would provide for the administration of the Island until such time as it became self-supporting again on the basis of the recommendations in the report of the Royal Commission;

And Whereas as a result of this Joint Address, new Letters Patent under the Great Seal at Westminster were issued on January 30, 1934, by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland entitled "The Newfoundland Act, 1933" which said Act provided for the administration of Newfoundland during the period whilst the operation of the former Letters Patent was suspended;

And Whereas it is the opinion of this Convention that Newfoundland is now self-supporting;

Be It Therefore Resolved that this Convention recommend to the United Kingdom government that the wishes of the people of Newfoundland should be ascertained at the earliest moment as to whether it is their desire that Responsible Government be restored.

That, sir, is not going to be brought up as a motion until the Report of the Economic Committee has been fully discussed.

Mr. Smallwood Point of order. Is it in order to debate forms of government before the report of the Ottawa delegation and the communication received yesterday from the Government of Canada are received and debated?

Mr. Chairman At the moment the position is that this is merely a notice of motion, and I am only going to deal with the order paper as is. The motion which I will now call on Mr. Bradley to move is that the communication from the government at Ottawa be received. I only propose to deal with that, and I propose to deal with first things first.

Mr. Bradley Mr. Chairman, I think that earlier in the afternoon I made quite an explanation of my views upon how this question should be treated, which makes it unnecessary for me to deal with this matter at any length, so I don't propose to enlarge upon it at all. I move the resolution today.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that the communication from the Government of Canada be received.

Mr. Bradley I thought that they would be taken together, but if you wish to divide them I will move that the communication be received.

Mr. Chairman The motion before me now is that the communication from the Government of Canada be received, and that the Convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole on tomorrow.

Mr. Bradley Yes.

Mr. Chairman That would mean that it would be made tomorrow.

Mr. Bradley No, it would be made now. This is a motion that the committee do resolve itself tomorrow. It is a determination to deal with it by committee.

Mr. Higgins That was not the ruling you gave today, sir.

Mr. Chairman I would prefer it if you would divide your motion into two parts, one that the report be received, and then secondly you can defer your motion to move the Convention into a committee of the whole, or let your motion stand over.

Mr. Bradley It does not make any difference to me, sir.

Mr. Chairman It would save me considerable embarrassment here, in view particularly of the assurance I gave members already this afternoon.

Mr. Smallwood I second that motion.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that the Report of the Ottawa Delegation be received.

Mr. Smallwood Yes, sir.

Mr. Higgins I don't want to embarrass you, sir, but that is not actually the motion we have. We have a complete motion. If Mr. Bradley wants to change it now he should do it by giving notice of motion and bringing it up at the next session.

Mr. Chairman In fairness to the House and to Mr. Bradley, my interpretation of this motion when my attention was first drawn to it, rightly or wrongly, was that the motion was of a double-barrelled nature. That is to say that the House would be asked to receive the report this afternoon, and then on the following session, whether it is tomorrow or on any subsequent day, that the motion to resolve the House into a committee of the whole would be made. What I understood, the inference I drew, was that there would be two