

Convention a gloomy report, and you all know how glad I would be if I could agree with Mr. Ashbourne that there are 60 million cords of wood in Labrador. That seems to be fantastic. There may be 50,000 square miles with some wood on it, but valuable wood I doubt very much....

Mr. Northcott Referring to Mr. Vardy's speech, it is a fact that we have 800 sawmills operating, and they saw up to 10,000 feet of lumber. They pay the \$5 license. Therefore we have 800 mills and 10,000 ft. of lumber sawn in this country and no licence being paid on it. I do believe that we should have royalty paid on every thousand feet sawn, under the present high price of lumber. If it was down to \$20 a thousand I would not mind, but with that high price we should have 50 cents on every thousand sawn. That in itself would give us a lot of extra money. While on this royalty question, I think that we should receive this royalty and it should be earmarked to use at a later date for reafforestation. I think it is a crime to use this money ordinarily, and after five or six years, getting 50 cents on every thousand feet sawn, we could use that up for some betterment in connection with the industry. I really feel hurt to know that all this lumber is being sawn and no royalty paid. We should get after the Department of Natural Resources and see that we have stricter and more rigid examination of these facts.

Mr. Chairman If there is no further comment on the Labrador, gentlemen, we will proceed to the summary.

Mr. Burry Does that mean that we are finished with the Labrador question?

Mr. Chairman Not if you wish to speak on it.

Mr. Burry Mr. Smallwood seemed to speak of a lot of things, that are going to get out in the papers and over the air, and many people, including the Labrador people themselves, will hear that and they are going to wonder what we are going to do here. I wonder if we will have an opportunity to take up these matters again?

Mr. Watton This Forestry Committee report seems to have come under considerable bombardment since yesterday. It has been severely criticised in more ways than one, and various questions asked which have not been answered, and, if I am in order, I would like to make a motion that the whole report be referred back to

the Committee.

Mr. Fudge Mr. Chairman, the convenor of this Committee is outside, but as you know when I introduced this report I referred to the sub-committee of the Forestry Committee, whose business was to try and get as much of the facts as possible together for the report. I would like to say now that you have heard Major Cashin refer to the awkward position in which this Committee has been placed. We have examined several officials of the department concerned and sought all the information we could, and some we got and some we did not get. As far as the report is concerned if there is something that some of the members think we should seek out, why not make those suggestions on paper so that if we should meet again, we should know what to tackle. To my knowledge, as far as Labrador is concerned, any further information that we could get is probably only guesswork, and I don't think that is much good.

Mr. Cashin What is your motion, Mr. Watton?

Mr. Watton My motion is that the report be sent back.

Mr. Cashin We promised last night that we would supplement the report with the information that we could get. With regard to Labrador we can tell you straight that we can't get any further information. We can't get the names of the individuals who are looking for leases at the present time. With regard to the amount of wood, we don't know — there has been no real survey made, and it is only guesswork. If you are prepared to pass this report, we will bring back any further information possible when the House meets again.

Mr. Watton In that event the various questions that have been put forward, if the Forestry Committee will take upon itself to bring in these answers in supplementary form ...

Mr. Cashin If the Convention will receive this report as it is now, I will assure you, and I think my colleagues will agree with me, that we will get the information if possible and get it here when the House next meets.

Mr. Watton In that event, if that suits everyone, I withdraw that motion.

Mr. Cashin Well I move that the report as it is be received, and that the committee rise, and when we meet again we will bring in that information as a supplementary report.