

to the motion, the possibilities are we will find ourselves within the next two weeks without any reporters at all.... Therefore I would accept an amendment to that effect.

Mr. Job I move an amendment that the Convention hold night sessions on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week instead of every night.

I would like to add to the Chairman's remarks that, in consultation with our very efficient reporters, they very clearly stated it was not possible to report on every night. This is a compromise to meet the situation, and I believe it is very desirable.... I think that broadcasting can be done, even if it is a little delayed.

Mr. Chairman They will be recorded but the broadcasting must of necessity be a little behind.

Mr. Hickman I am glad this amendment was made. I felt that six nights a week would not be suitable to all members. I have much pleasure in seconding the amendment. I feel we cannot get through this any too soon....

Mr. Chairman There seems to be some misapprehension that perhaps members of the Convention are not trying to push the work of the Convention as fast as people think it ought to be done. That is not so. It was not possible before now to have evening sessions.... I do not want the position of the Convention to be misconstrued. We have gone into the matter and after investigation — we have to consider reporting and broadcasting — we find it is not possible to hold more than three night sessions per week....

Mr. Smallwood On the question of meeting at night time. I would like to say this. There may be in this Convention delegates who enjoy more than I do, being in here. I have yet to meet them. I enjoy being here as much as anyone. I love every moment of it. I hate to think of its closing. That is frank and it is sincere. Because, in my view, the people of Newfoundland are getting an education in the affairs of the country that they have never gotten in the history of the country since 1497. I love the thought of the people finding out for the first time something of what is going on in their country. As far as I am concerned, I would like Mr. Higgins' motion to carry — to meet every night. Not only every night, but every day but Sunday. There cannot be too much of a good thing.

There is another matter. If this Convention is

going to close around the middle of December ... that leaves one month between the end of this debate and the closing of the Convention. During that month we have two orders of business to deal with: the question of confederation, and the question of the forms of possible future government that we will recommend to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to be laid before the people in the national referendum. A month in which to do that! As far as I am concerned ... there should be a thorough debate on the terms of confederation, and that debate should be known and heard by all the people of Newfoundland. To the extent that the holding of night sessions might prevent the people from hearing the debates, I would not advise holding night sessions. If the night sessions are not to be broadcast, it means the people are hearing only half the debate, and that might be a half when some essential matters are debated. I would like to be satisfied that debates held at night time are broadcast.

I do not feel like making an amendment to the amendment; possibly it might be agreeable to add, "but that no night session shall continue beyond eleven o'clock on any night".... I would suggest that amendment to Mr. Job. Could that be done, with the understanding that the debates be broadcast so that the Newfoundland people will know what is going on?

Mr. Chairman I cannot give you any undertaking that the evening sessions or any of them will be broadcast. All I can tell you is that Mr. Ryan, our Assistant Secretary, has contacted the Broadcasting Corporation and has been advised that they are very sympathetic.... I am advised that the facilities of the Broadcasting Corporation, insofar as human endeavour will permit, will be placed at the disposal of the Convention. It depends upon the outcome of the motion.

Mr. Smallwood I do not anticipate any violent opposition to any of the motions. Would the mover be willing to let it stand over until Monday so that the Broadcasting Corporation can be approached with this request — in case we had sessions three nights a week, could they undertake to broadcast on these three nights?

Mr. Chairman This motion has been brought about by the fact that the members of this Convention and myself have been criticised for not proceeding as thoroughly and as exhaustively as