

Mr. Hollett Would the chairman of the Mining Committee read the mining law relative to this?

Mr. Harrington I thought we had left the committee of the whole. I move the resolution be now put.

Mr. Job I second that.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Starkes I move we adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Mr. Northcott I second that.

Mr. Job On the eve of your departure for England, I am going to express the hope once more that that very important matter of our relations with the United States of America be not forgotten. I may be a little persistent with this, but I feel if it is forgotten it would be a rather serious matter. The Commission of Government seem to be inclined to discard what I think is a very vital question, and I fear we are already being faced with the results of that inaction.

When we met the Commission of Government as a delegation, one of the things we discussed with them was the question of trade and tariffs. They pushed it aside. I think they were wrong in the stand they took. I hope when this delegation gets to England they will bear that question in mind and will not allow it to be pushed aside. It is a vital question for Newfoundland. I feel if they press the point it will be discussed. I am of the

opinion, as I have always been, that there should be a conference to talk this matter over, between representatives of Newfoundland, Canada, England and the United States. I believe at a round table conference something could come out of it. It will be the duty of this delegation to try and impress upon the British government the very strong desirability of assisting us in getting that meeting. There is a rather extraordinary situation today in connection with fresh fish fillets. They have purchased from our competitors quite a large quantity of fillets and we, her ward, have been neglected. The reason is exchange rates. They pay for the Norwegian fillets in pounds, shillings, and pence, but would have to pay us in dollars. They have purchased a large quantity from our competitors, we are still without orders from them, and we are unable to sell at the present time in the United States at a price which will enable us to give the fishermen of this country a fair price. I hope that this vital question will not be forgotten on the trip to England. I hope the delegation will have a very pleasant trip, and I wish them the best of luck.

Mr. Hollett I think the motion was to adjourn to the call of the Chair.

[The motion carried, and the Convention adjourned]