

as follows: "The Province of Newfoundland will include the territory of Labrador, defined by the award of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in 1927 as Newfoundland territory."

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman...

Mr. Chairman There is no motion before the Chair, Mr. Hollett.

Mr. Hollett I was about to give notice of question, but I wanted to say a few words about the question that has been raised.

Mr. Chairman I am not going to listen to much more on it, Mr. Hollett. It is decidedly out of order, although I did allow Mr. Cashin to quote from a newspaper, which I am not bound to recognise at all. I am not bound to take notice of any newspaper reports or anything which is apparently or allegedly happening in Canada or anywhere else, but if you are going to be brief, I suppose...

Mr. Hollett I will be very brief, sir. I too was very much perturbed when I saw the *Telegram* on Saturday.... I immediately prepared a question to be laid on the table. There is just one other thing that I want to draw to the attention of this House, and that is the British North America Act, 1871, which reads as follows: "Alteration of Limits of Province", section III: "The Parliament of Canada may from time to time with the consent of the Legislature of any Province of the said Dominion, increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the limits of such Province, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said Legislature; and may, with the like consent, make provision respecting the effect and operation of any such increase or diminution or alteration of territory in relation to any province effected thereby." Which simply means this: if we become a province of the Dominion of Canada, the Canadian government could alter the limits of the Newfoundland...

Mr. Chairman I know that.

Mr. Hollett The Canadian government could alter the limits of the Newfoundland province with the consent of the Newfoundland legislature.

Mr. Chairman I prefer to put it this way, and it is the way I was always taught to put it: that the areas that any province might bring with it into confederation cannot in any way be abrogated or taken away by the Parliament of Canada, except by and with the express consent of the legislature.

Mr. Hollett That is exactly what I said, and I just want to add one further remark before I put my question, and that is this: having studied very carefully the two Black Books which have been brought back by the delegation to Canada, I foresee that within the next eight years the finances of this country will be in such a rotten state that the legislature of Newfoundland will be prepared to make any change in the limitation of the province. Now this is the question which I wish to lay on the table:

Whereas certain statements have appeared in the press of this country, as well as in the press of the Province of Quebec, to the effect that the premier of Quebec has served formal notice upon the Government of Newfoundland that the province of Quebec does not consider that the judgement of the Privy Council in 1927 relative to the boundary between Quebec-Labrador and Newfoundland-Labrador is the final settlement of this issue, and whereas such statements may have a considerable bearing upon the deliberations and recommendations to be made by this National Convention, I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask the Commission of Government to lay on the table a factual statement as to whether such formal notice from the Quebec government has been or has not received by the said Commission of Government.

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Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, when we rose on Friday we were at clause 22. I had got about half way through my explanation of the clause when the House rose, and so I do not intend now to take very much time although, as I said then, this is the most important clause in the entire

document. It is no harm to read it again, sir?

Mr. Chairman I think it would be very advisable.

Mr. Smallwood Clause 22, *Economic Survey*.

Should the government of the province institute an economic survey of New-