

doubtful and so fearful about bringing responsible government back to our country.

But there are those in this Convention who are all in favour of responsible government. I am not one of those, and I am not one of those with much faith or belief in Commission government. I do not deny that they have done some good things for this country. How could they be here for 12 or 13 years without doing some good? I believe the people should have some say in the government of their country, and that is why I am willing and anxious to get all the facts about union with Canada. I do not pretend I know anything about such union and its benefits, or disadvantages, that is why I am anxious to at least hear the terms, so that we can discuss and debate them, and if we so desire have it placed on the ballot paper for the electorate to make the final decision. I am not a confederate, neither am I anti-confederate, but I can assure this house that if the people support the terms at the referendum, Newfoundlanders most assuredly will have their elected representatives; they would then have their elected prime ministers, and be given a chance to throw them out, and elect someone else after four years of their stewardship. Someone may say that responsible government would give us that. Yes it would, but how would it give it?

Would responsible government have any hope of success when the hard times came again? Or would it mean that we would be on our own again, with nobody to come to our rescue? I think I know already what the outcome would be. What I and our people want to know is this: under confederation, would we have help in case of need? That is another reason why I am so anxious to get the terms and conditions of confederation without too much delay. Now so far as Mr. Penney's amendment is concerned, it's all right for one thing only, and that is to give the resolution ... not two months or six months hoist, but to obliterate it completely.... The people are not going to be satisfied to have this confederation matter put on the shelf. They are determined to have the terms, as many telegrams from my district have clearly shown me these past four or five days, and other telegrams to other delegates have shown so clearly.

I would like to know what is wrong with Mr. Bradley's amendment. It says very clearly that no matter when the delegation is appointed,

it cannot go to Canada before January 1, 1947. What do the opponents of this amendment want? Do they want it to be next February or next March, or next April or May? I'm one man who isn't willing to hang around here all through the winter helping to spend \$1,000 a day of the people's money. It's all very well to pooh-pooh such a small matter but \$1,000 a day sounds like a lot of money in a district where they haven't even got a doctor, such as Green Bay district, although 25 years ago they had two. To some people a \$1,000 a day may sound like a very small amount. They may be willing to stay here for a whole year spending this money, but so far as the people of Green Bay are concerned I think they would much rather see some of this money going to help them with the new cottage hospital that they hope to have built at Springdale, the capital of my district, to which I hope and trust the government of today will give very serious consideration. Seeing the way things are going here, I feel like putting on my coat and going home. It looks like a certain number of people are out to kill the people's chance to get the terms of confederation. And why? Is it because they want responsible government, that they spend half their time trying to think up this objection or that objection to this motion and amendment to get the terms of confederation?

Before I sit down I want to tell this Convention that the people are going to have the terms of confederation in spite of the efforts of a certain few to keep it from them.... I would not be doing my duty to my district and my country if I voted against getting these terms, so I will vote for the motion as amended by Mr. Bradley. I call upon every fair-minded man in this Convention to do likewise. It's time for us to give the people a chance, and not deny them the chance to get the truth about this matter once and for all. Can't we as men be true to the confidence placed in us, secure the facts from the Dominion of Canada, from the United Kingdom, and if need be and it is possible, secure the facts from the United States of America? That is what we are sent here for, and why not do it now? I give my whole-hearted support to the amendment made by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Fudge I rise to a point of order for information. I would like to know whether or not we have gotten into a place where we are to discuss forms