

have an opportunity then.

Mr. Cashin Getting the information is another thing.

Mr. Vardy Mr. Penney has given the thoughts I had in mind when Major Cashin made the motion. I feel if I could go on with the report it would be better. We have Mining to come in and then Finance and then the delegation to London has to move off. This will give us time to consolidate all this into the main report. Eventually we all have to take our stand here. We have to pick to pieces all these reports and it is my firm conviction that Major Cashin will not find himself alone at that time. I have done all I possibly could to get the information he refers to released to the Convention and to the people of this country. A whole lot of the facts contained in the various documents will be looked into when a fully qualified government takes office in this country, and I do feel we should do nothing to jeopardise the work of the Convention. I would like to see Major Cashin reconsider his position. I think we will get further in the end. We will all support each other when that main report comes before this Convention and every man is called upon to speak according to the dictates of his conscience. Let us get on with the report. I would again ask Major Cashin to please reconsider his motion.

Mr. Cashin In reply to Mr. Vardy, it looks to me like a case of whitewashing. We all know they have been down in that department digging up things and the report is incomplete. It does not contain the right facts and you know it. When we go to England I want to know the true statement of the Public Health and Welfare Department before I go over and talk to the Dominions Secretary, otherwise how am I to know? The department is under a shadow. Clean it up! They have been at it six months; it could have been done three months ago. The Department of Public Health is deliberately hiding facts from this country.

Mr. Penney I want to tell Major Cashin and the House that I am not in favour of smothering anything. I know in this report there is a whole lot of stuff hidden that the country and the House should know. But as I said we shall have an opportunity later to go into that and to demand all the information we want. I think at this time it is better to get ahead with all the work we can. You have to go overseas the 24th or 25th of April and

we can get that information later.

Mr. Cashin We would like to have it before we go.

Mr. Crosbie I agree with that.

Mr. Cashin I am prepared to compromise. I am prepared to go ahead but on condition that the report will not be definitely received until they get this information.

Mr. Chairman That is a matter for the Convention to decide when we have the motion to receive the report and lay it on the table. That was my suggestion to you. Am I to understand that your motion is withdrawn?

Mr. Crosbie I am not satisfied to withdraw. Three months ago we were asked to receive a confidential report. We were not allowed to use it or release it. What have they been doing? Are they going on investigating until the Convention winds up? I think the people are entitled to know about it. I regret very much that I took the confidential report. If I had not taken it I might be able to print it.

Mr. Chairman I still suggest that the bringing up of this matter on the report of the committee is the proper place to hold up the report. In the meantime I suggest we let the details of the report go through. This is a committee of the Convention to examine the details of the report and to amend as the committee thinks they ought to be amended. When the report comes formally before the Convention, the whole thing is in the melting pot again and can be all discussed. I suggest you let it go through.

Mr. Crosbie Very well, sir.

Mr. Chairman The motion is withdrawn with the consent of the mover and the seconder.

Mr. Hollett In connection with that statement that \$45 million has been spent by the Commission of Government on public health; also in connection with the matter raised this afternoon in connection with the *Lady Anderson*, it was intimated there was no doctor and no nurse. It was also insinuated that the hospital ship was not doing as much as she could in regard to medical services. I would like to point out...

Mr. Ashbourne I rise to a point of order. We have not said that the hospital ship has not had a nurse. I have the information here. Since June 1941 there has been no doctor available, but there has been a nurse on the ship continuously. There is a nurse on the ship now.