

who has the interests of Newfoundland at heart, leave no stone unturned to show our people, the people who sent us here and are depending on us, the light, the truth. I know something of the common people of this country. I know that you can come along with a fairy tale and fool them for a while, but I also know that you can't fool them long. Soon their keen minds see through the sham. Soon they see the story behind the story, and when they do, they act quickly and with decision. Today Iceland is getting the sum of \$13 million under the Marshall Plan — what is Newfoundland getting? Who is there to look out for her interests? Will we ever get anything? Will we ever get back the money shipped to England? How different things would be if we had had a government of Newfoundlanders! Yes, Mr. Chairman, I say a labour government would do no harm.

Mr. Chairman, I could go on in this way, giving you facts and reasons as to why there is and can only be the one proper form of government in this country, but I think I have said enough to satisfy the mind of every real Newfoundlander. If I have helped to do this in any small way, then I think I have done my duty to my country and the people whose interests I am here to safeguard.

Mr. Chairman, soon we shall leave this chamber to return to our respective homes, and it is not likely ever we shall all meet together again. To you, sir, and all present, I trust that at the end of life's disappointing road we shall be found ready and worthy of entering into that holy chamber where there is no need for divisions and where the "ayes" have it forever. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Fowler I move we rise until 8 o'clock.

Mr. Chairman I think at this time, as the chamber is very hot, we should rise. It is ten to six, so we will rise till 8 o'clock.

[The Convention adjourned until 8 pm]

Mr. Smallwood Before the debate proceeds, I rise to ask your direction. In view of the statements made this afternoon by Mr. Bradley, I would like to know from you what the position is under the terms of the National Convention Act and the rules of the Convention, with regard to the motion that is on the order paper in my name should the present motion before the Chair be adopted. What I mean is this. The present motion in its present form may or may not be adopted. Assuming that it is adopted, does that mean that

my motion proposing another form of government be submitted to the United Kingdom government — recommended to them for submission to the Newfoundland people in the referendum — will not then be received by the Chair and debated and voted on, or any other form of government? Does it mean that all members who vote for it cannot then vote for, or propose any other form of government to be submitted to the people? Or if any of us do not vote, are we then free to consider any other form? Does this motion exclude consideration and recommendation of any other form of government? I would like your ruling on that, sir.

Mr. Chairman Your point is this: whether or not the present motion, if adopted, would exclude discussion on your motion of which I have notice, or discussion on any other form of government of which I may receive notice. Does the adoption of this motion mean the exclusion of discussion on your motion, is that your point?

Mr. Smallwood Yes, and is Mr. Higgins' motion in its present form *intra vires* or *ultra vires* of the National Convention Act? Is it a good motion?

Mr. Higgins It has been passed by the Chairman.

Mr. Chairman No, it has not.

Mr. Higgins You allowed me to put it.

Mr. Chairman I have not put it yet. It has to be proposed from the Chair before it is put. I will have to try to resolve this problem, which is of a twofold nature under standing orders 24 and 39. Rule 24 provides, "No member may speak to any question after it has been put by the Chairman and the voices have been given in the affirmative or negative thereon." And in that connection, Sir Erskine May, pages 418-19: "No member may speak to any question after the same has been fully put by the Speaker; and a question is fully put when he has taken the voices of both the 'ayes' and the 'nos'." Now, if the present motion or resolution is either carried or negatived, it precludes thereafter any discussion on Commission government or responsible government. Once it is disposed of one way or the other, it is over and done with and that is the end of it.

The next thing, arising out of the remarks of Mr. Bradley and of Mr. Hollett, is to determine whether or not the adoption of this motion would exclude discussion on your motion, or on any