

concessions, but also as a *quid pro quo* for the concessions already granted by way of 99 year leases and free customs entries.

5. Whilst this report deals mainly with the cold storage industry in relation to fisheries, sight must not be lost of other Newfoundland products which are, or may be, subject to duty and tax restrictions entering the USA, and which also have considerable bearing on Newfoundland economy. Among these may be mentioned:

- (a) Herring and its by-products, such as herring oil and meal.
- (b) White fish meal.
- (c) Seal oil and seal skins.
- (d) Cod liver oil and common cod oil.
- (e) Salt codfish and all other fishery products including canned goods.

6. Recommendations contained herein must not be construed as limiting any views on the subject of tariffs which could be reasonably put forward in the interests of other Newfoundland industries, such as lumbering, pulp and paper, and mining.¹

I cannot believe, Mr. Chairman, that great countries like the USA, Canada, and of course, Great Britain, will fail to realise our viewpoint and will deny us the opportunity to expand our important fishery, sealing and other industries to a point that will enable us to improve our standards of living, which have been the subject of so much destructive comment in the press of all these countries from time to time. They now have a chance to help us and I believe they will do so if properly approached with a direct appeal.

I cannot help believing that a round table conference between authorised representatives of these three great countries with Newfoundland representatives acting entirely in Newfoundland interests, could not fail to arrive at some arrangement which would give us the tariff and tax free concessions which we so urgently require, to secure for our people by their own effort a respectable standard of living. It may be that during our discussions at this Convention of the forms of government to be recommended, one of those put forward might be some form of responsible government sponsored or fostered by a joint advisory council consisting of representatives from Great Britain, Canada, and the

USA, with or without some partial control by such a council over our financial and external policy, to help us to keep from running off the rails. This idea is not entirely my own, and I merely mention it in passing.

I beg to move that the interim report of the Fisheries Committee be received and that the National Convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole for further discussion of the report.

Mr. Chairman Do you wish to have the report read?

Mr. Job Copies of the report were laid on the desks of the delegates, I thought perhaps they would rather take it home and consider it.

Mr. Chairman I think it would finish your address if the report were read by you or by the Secretary.

[The Secretary read the report]

Mr. Butt Mr. Chairman, I am not a member of the committee, but it is apparent that the committee wishes to give us the facts of the fishing industry in Newfoundland, and this very important question has been agitating the minds of many Newfoundlanders for some time. There are a number of very important separate questions involved in this wider one, and in order to deal with them properly I suggest that the members have some time to study the questions further. I would therefore move, sir, that we adjourn the debate until tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Figary I second that motion.

Mr. Chairman You have heard the motion, gentlemen.

Mr. Smallwood There are ten members of the Fisheries Committee. Are none of them perhaps prepared to go on with the debate today? To them the report is quite familiar, and could we not hear from some of them today? I don't know if there is any other business that could be done today. This is the first session in two weeks, and to adjourn within an hour of meeting seems a little unnecessary if any of the other members of the Fisheries Committee are prepared to go on with the debate.

Mr. Chairman I invite the comments of any members of the Fisheries Committee on that point before putting the motion for adjournment.

Mr. Crosbie Speaking as a member of that committee, we have thrashed all this out in our

¹Volume II:213.