

the delegation will bring back the answers to all the points under the different headings and we will have a complete story. Of that I have no doubt.

Mr. Figary Are we in a position to know whether the Dominions Office will receive a delegation?

Mr. Chairman We will not know until the request goes through.

Mr. Dawe One of the most important things is trade; another is tariffs. What are we going to develop? Where will we get the machinery? Whatever form of government we have, men must work to live.

Mr. Fogwill The Steering Committee was requested to bring in a detailed statement. The other committees which brought in reports, brought in details. I agree with the other speakers who object to this report and I wish to register that objection. *[The motion carried]*

Mr. Higgins I move the adjournment until the call of the Chair.

Mr. Hickman I second that motion.

Mr. Miller Before we go on to the adjournment, there is one matter I would like to have your ruling on. What manner will the Convention take in its ending? In what way will the findings of the different members or the different committees be presented. In what way will the vote be taken?

Mr. Hollett I rise to a point of order. There is a motion before the Chair.

Mr. Chairman Under the circumstances, it is always usual to allow a member to ask for information, even on a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Miller I have heard it put this way. After the information is all concluded, some member rises and proposes that Commission of Government must go on the referendum, and if it passes in the

House it goes on the referendum, provided the Dominions Office is willing. Someone else proposes responsible government, and a third party proposes confederation. These three are placed on the referendum, the Convention is over and we go home. I would like to be clear on what the ending of the Convention would be like. I think now is the opportune time to have the question taken care of.

Mr. Chairman In reply to your enquiry, I am not in a position at the moment to tell you what resolutions may be introduced on the questions of what possible forms of government are to be placed on the ballot. It may be one, it may be two or three, but it is impossible for me to tell you that. That really lies in the hands of the 44 men (or 43 men now, unfortunately) who sit on the benches. It is in your own hands. The only thing I can say, which may help you somewhat, is that the Convention dies when its final recommendation has been sent to the British government; it has no further function after that.

Mr. Harrington I rise to a point of privilege. In connection with the recent talk on the delegation to Ottawa, there is an impression gone abroad that two of my authorities whom I quoted in my talk, had difference of opinion. I would like to correct that. I chose to disagree with Professor Wheare. I quoted from Professor Fraser who dealt with the political wisdom of this country going into confederation with Canada. I did not imply that there was difference of opinion between Professor Wheare and Professor Fraser. I disagreed with the one and agreed with the other.

Mr. Chairman You fear you left the impression they disagreed on the law, whereas the disagreement was perhaps on the facts.

[The Convention adjourned]

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[The Secretary read the following communication]

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs has informed His Excellency the Governor in Commission that he will be glad to receive a delegation of the Convention consisting, as proposed, of its Chairman and six of its members, in order to provide them with an opportunity for raising certain questions with the United Kingdom Government on behalf of the Convention.

As a convenient date, Tuesday, April 29, and the following days is suggested.

Regarding the subjects set out in the resolution on which the delegation wish to seek information, the Secretary of State would be glad if the precise questions which the delegation propose to ask under these heads can be formulated and forwarded to him at the earliest possible date in order to allow time for them to be fully considered before the meeting with the delegation take