

and got this information have got the right to keep it from the 44 of us. We're getting the same pay. We represent the same people. I believe firmly that we as a body of men should receive it in secret and put out what we believe the people should know as near as we can, on account of it was to be kept in. I know there are things as you said when your hair is let down, but I firmly believe that whatever's been said should be let known to the representatives of the people. Can't the 44 of us keep it as quiet as six of us? I, as a member of this Convention, demand that we now have the report.

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, I happened to be a member of that delegation. I have a clear memory.... I attended the first meeting of that conference over there, and to my recollection I don't remember Lord Addison saying that we were to keep these things confidential. That is my recollection. I do remember him saying, the last day we were there, five or six minutes before we disbanded, that we've had very fine talks between ourselves, and these are confidential talks. These were his exact words. That was five minutes before we disbanded. That is the position. There were matters in connection with

American bases and so forth which wouldn't probably be made public. But as far as before we started saying, "Well now gentlemen, all our talks here have got to be confidential", there was no such statement made. That's all there is to it.

Mr. Chairman Just a moment please, just a moment. I have made a statement here which I stand by.

Mr. Cashin So have I.

Mr. Chairman That Lord Addison did definitely indicate to us that we had these two alternatives and he assumed that if we were to talk freely, then all these talks would be confidential. He definitely made that statement in the House of Lords at our first meeting, and I assented.

Mr. Hollett That is right, what you say. I remember Lord Addison making the statement. He said words to the effect, if I remember, that things would be said off the record that would not be said if he knew the record was going to be for publication. As it is three minutes to six, I propose the committee rise and beg leave to report progress and sit again tomorrow.

[The committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Penney I give notice that I will on tomorrow move the following resolution:

That this National Convention appoint a delegation of some six members, or less, forthwith, to proceed to Washington, if and when arrangements can be made, for general trade discussions and other relevant matters

affecting the future economy of Newfoundland with the Government of the United States of America.

Mr. Higgins I hereby give notice that I will on tomorrow move that the Report of the Committee on Education be further considered.

Report of the London Delegation:¹ Committee of the Whole

Mr. Miller Late in yesterday's session I asked whether or not any discussion took place in London as to possible future relations between the United States of America and Newfoundland. I did not receive a satisfactory answer; in fact, I received no answer. So now I ask again:

1. Was the matter discussed? 2. If so, why was it not included in the report of the London delegation? 3. Is the delegation, having not reported on the matter, at liberty to answer from this floor? 4. If there is a "hush-hush" policy on this question, who, in the opinion of the delega-

tion, are the parties behind it?

I have one further remark to make, I think it very unfair for Lord Addison to pledge our delegation to secrecy on matters that concern us. I think that British diplomacy was gone pretty low when that happened.

Mr. Chairman As chairman of the delegation I have to say, as far as my recollection goes, there was no discussion as to possible future relations between United States and Newfoundland. It did come up in connection with the bases; beyond that I have no recollection as to discussions of

¹Volume II:448.