

the Conference on September 29th." I think, as additional information, Mr. Smallwood might tell us the names of those who attended the final meeting, and if the summary was agreed to by all parties.

Mr. Chairman It is up to Mr. Smallwood to decide what information he will give; it is not relevant.

Mr. Smallwood The meeting was the last plenary session held before we left Ottawa, September 29. That was attended by all members of the Newfoundland delegation, a number of ministers of the cabinet of Canada, and a number of permanent officials who had been sitting in on our various plenary sessions. It was agreed to by all members of the Newfoundland delegation and by all members of the cabinet of Canada who attended.

Mr. Butt On page 6, paragraph 12: "The following sub-committees were appointed..." By whom? How?

Mr. Chairman They were appointed verbally. The Canadian members of the sub-committees were appointed by the Hon. Mr. St. Laurent, the chairman; and the Newfoundland members of the sub-committees were appointed by me.

Mr. Butt Page 7: "Sub-committee on Economic Development composed of ... to examine into the availability of data on the physical resources and general economic conditions of Newfoundland." Did that sub-committee report? There is no appendix according to the regular pattern.

Mr. Smallwood The answer to that question will be very gladly given at the moment the terms arrive, because the answer to that will be in the terms, in my belief; that refers to the economic surveys to be made of the resources of Newfoundland to see what can be done, if anything, and how and when to develop the resources of Newfoundland.

Mr. Dawe Was the subject of the Crown Lands Act discussed?

Mr. Chairman There was no specific discussion of the Crown Lands Act of Newfoundland.

Mr. Jackman When we adjourned we had a lot of unfinished business. I think that is the first thing to be taken care of.

Mr. Chairman You can raise that question when this particular question has been dealt with. The question before the Chair is the reception of this report and the laying of it upon the table. I

will gladly give you an opportunity to inquire into any matters on which you need light when this particular resolution has been dealt with.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Chairman Notices of motion. Major Cashin to give notice that he will on tomorrow move that the report of the Finance Committee be reconsidered.

Mr. Cashin This Finance report has been in the hands of the Convention since the 16 of April. I give notice that I will move that the Convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole to discuss the findings of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Butt I give notice that I will move the following resolution: whereas it has been brought to the attention of members of this Convention that its presiding officer, both in his official capacity...

Mr. Chairman Just a moment; I have something to say. A good many of you here present — and I refer now, of course, to the members of the Convention, not to those technically termed "strangers" outside the bar — a good many of you will remember that when I was first approached to allow myself to be recommended for the position as Chairman, I refused point blank to do so. I had no desire whatever to be Chairman. I was not sent here for that purpose. I finally consented, and in doing so, I made it crystal clear that I had no intention of giving up my rights as an elected member. Whatever rights you have, I have. If you have a right to believe in this or that form of government, I have exactly the same right. If you have the right to express, either in private or in public, your beliefs or opinions about forms of government, I have exactly that same right. These facts I made perfectly plain from the outset. Although I was not present at the meeting at which I was recommended — unanimously, incidentally — to the government for the office of Chairman, I have it from good sources that it was made abundantly clear to you all that I would not accept your recommendation except upon the definite understanding that all my rights as an elected member were preserved to me in their entirety. That fact is made perfectly clear in the act which authorised my appointment. But, though I forfeited no rights when I became Chairman, I did take on additional and special duties. What were those duties? Simply these: that I would faithfully and impartially conduct the proceedings of the