

for injuries since my return. I was promoted to commissioned rank in 1944 attaining the rank of Flying Officer upon my release in 1945. In an effort to supplement my pension since my return, I made application for 32 government positions advertised and was called for nine interviews on selection boards for junior government positions, but was unsuccessful. The other 23 positions I was ignored. I was successful in obtaining a temporary position with the Tourist Board with a small salary in the hope that some other position would open and under present circumstances this job will soon end. I obtained my Junior Associate Grade at Trinity East and have three years' training at the Baptist Theological College of Missouri, USA. My war record speaks for itself and my civilian character can be ascertained from any of my past employers. I was the oldest person from Newfoundland who served in air operations and took part in all major conflicts from the evacuation of Dunkirk to the crossing of the Rhine."

I am not going to say much about this because I do not know the set-up but I believe if ever we get a government of the people for the people, this is something that should not happen....

Mr. Ashbourne I suggest that Mr. Bailey take that case up with the pensions officer of the department.

I would like to answer some of the points brought up in the debate yesterday afternoon and last night. Major Cashin asked about the amount given for special food orders. The department does not give the cost of those food orders per district. It is in accounts rendered by supplying merchants and they are issued on recommendation of the doctor or nurse. The question was asked regarding cottage hospitals, whether a doc-

tor not attached to a cottage hospital and who is working in the area has a right to send a patient into the cottage hospital. It is understood that the doctor in charge will treat the patients; they charge \$4 for services for hospital outside the area. Some member asked regarding salaries of district nurses for Harbour Breton, I believe.

Mr. Spencer I did not ask for any particular section. I asked if there were two nurses, why were the amounts different.

Mr. Ashbourne The \$4,866.73 charged up for Harbour Breton is the salaries of the district nurses of the area, and not in the cottage hospital alone. The district nurse looks after the area, of which the hospital is the head. In regard to Mr. Penney's question, the answer is not yet available.

[The section was adopted, and the committee then adopted the report as a whole. The committee rose and so reported to the Convention]

Mr. Chairman In deference to Major Cashin who raised the question in connection with this report, its further consideration should be deferred.

Mr. Crosbie I move that this report be not adopted or received until the Convention and the public have received the full report regarding a secret and confidential report¹ given the members in private session.

Mr. Chairman If I may offer you a suggestion, the best thing to do is to defer it until tomorrow. That keeps it before the House and we can always defer it from day to day.

Mr. Vardy I second that.

Mr. Chairman Moved and seconded that this report be deferred until tomorrow.

[The motion carried, and the Convention adjourned]

April 10, 1947

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

Whereas it is desirable that the National Convention and the people of Newfoundland should be fully informed, so far as possible, of all the facts having any bearing upon forms of government that might be submitted to the people in a national referendum;

Therefore be it resolved that the appropriate authorities be advised that the Con-

vention desires to inform the Government of the United States of America of the Convention's wish to learn that government's attitude on the question of the federal union of Newfoundland with the United States of America: and further wishes to ascertain the terms and conditions on the basis of which the Government of the United States of America consider that such federal union might be effected, for which purpose

¹ Above, p. 445.