

had an interview with Mr. Attlee when he was here; I told him we were 100% loyal and British, that we have given and we will give our best, but we are jealous of what we own. I told him we must have a voice in what is done with our property. The war is now over and the people expect to get back what is theirs or get adequate compensation for it.

When we finally take stock I would be in favour of a delegation to England, because I am convinced there are many things over there which should be in our stock sheet. I am not concerned any more about fish than about land and money on loan and landlease deals, it's all ours and our people need it all. This Convention, is an elected body from the people, let's forget this "asking" and "if you please" business. Let us stand on our feet and demand. My attitude may be termed radical, but I belong to the same stock from across the ocean and I have the same bulldog spirit and determination to have and to hold what is ours, regardless of who likes it.

Mr. Reddy I was particularly interested in section one of Mr. Job's resolution, in respect to establishing improved economic or fiscal relationships between the USA and this country, which was one of my real reasons for voting for the resolution as a whole. I was keenly disappointed on discovering how lightly this all-important question, was brushed aside by our Committee. If there is the least shred of hope of improving our relationship with the USA, which is the greatest country on earth, where thousands of our own blood relations reside, no stone must be left unturned to achieve this important objective. Any movement in this direction, will receive the support of 80% of our population.

If it were possible, for instance, to effect a reduction in the tariff of a couple of cents per pound on our fresh fish entering the USA this would mean the difference between prosperity and poverty to a large number of our fishermen. Therefore I am not at all satisfied with the attitude of the Commission of Government or our Committee on this question. And I hope at some future date this whole question will receive the attention from this Convention it fully deserves.

Mr. Vardy There is plenty of food for thought in the pamphlet published by Mr. Job and it is well worthy of study in view of the hold that

Great Britain, the United States and Canada have on our country as far as our foreign policy and defence are concerned. This, like forms of government, is something which must be decided by the people of Newfoundland, and our authority is limited to recommendation only. I have every sympathy with our unfortunate position which prompted the spirit and substance of Mr. Job's resolution but we are not the government, and it is strictly outside the terms of reference. It is correct that Professor Wheare stated we have got the power to send a delegation to the USA to discuss terms of union, and we must admit that the treatment accorded Newfoundland in 1933 has not been conducive to the promoting of the cordial relationship so much desired between the mother country and her oldest colony. It was the old Conservative Churchill government which set up the machinery for the National Convention and the newly elected Labour government merely took it over as a going concern, and being favourable toward Newfoundland getting some form of responsible government, they naturally set the machinery in motion as soon as it was expedient to do so. Despite what the first paragraph on page 2¹ infers, I am of the opinion that should a delegation go to London on any business pertaining to the welfare of Newfoundland, they will get a hearing on any matter affecting this country, even though it may not be strictly speaking within the terms of reference. It is also worth noting that the Governor was a member of the Opposition when Newfoundland lost her franchise and His Excellency himself voted against the suspension of democratic government.

Mr. Higgins Speaking of delegations next year we have the Olympic Games on, and I think we could send a very fine delegation from this House to the Olympic Games! I feel certain that if we could get them to put on a contest for long distance talking we could make a good showing.

We are hired, or retained by the people to do a job as a committee of enquiry, and any man who consented to be hired must put his own thoughts and ideas beside the point as a member of the committee. I may feel equally as strongly about responsible government as Major Cashin and Mr. Hollett. But even though I feel as I do, as a member of this committee of enquiry I still must

¹Volume II:447.