

our people, I have faith in Newfoundland and Newfoundlanders. We fought in two wars and we came out on top, and not only on top, but we got from the highest rank and authorities in England these comments. Lord Haig said in the last war, "Newfoundlanders are better than the best." Montgomery said, "Give me a million Newfoundlanders and we will clean up all the Germans in the world." Here is what I say: I have faith in my country, and I have faith in our people, and I do not like the idea of sending delegations anywhere. I do, however, agree with the delegation going to England, and that's one of the reasons why I move this resolution, because when our delegation goes to England they are going to be asked, "Well, what do the people in Newfoundland think?" The answer is, "Some say responsible government, and some confederation", and it stops there. Now if this resolution is passed today, they will be fully aware of this as well, when the Dominions Secretary asks, "What do you think of the USA?" Well, we also want to know what about that. I move this resolution first of all because I know there are a number of people in Newfoundland who would vote for amalgamation with the USA, and secondly because I want our delegation when they go to England to let the British government know that we are beginning to get pretty itchy — in other words we are willing to go in with anyone. I personally do not agree with it. I am a Newfoundlander, and I want Newfoundland for Newfoundlanders, but as I see it you are having a delegation sent to England and one to Canada, and in order to give the people what they want, and in accordance with our terms of reference and what Professor Wheare told us, I move that this delegation be also included.

Mr. Chairman I allow the resolution, but in doing so I feel that it is my duty to point out clearly to the Convention that this proposal directly and essentially involves a secession from the British Commonwealth of Nations, and the incorporation of Newfoundland into a foreign power, under a foreign flag. Does anyone second the motion?

Mr. Figary I rise to second the motion made by Mr. Jackman. I am not going to make any comments because I think it has been well covered by Mr. Jackman. I want to say that I am not altogether in favour of it, but there are a lot of

people in this country and in the district which I represent, and in many other districts, expecting this resolution to come up, and if it did not I believe these people would be very disappointed. I do not see anything wrong with it. I think we should have all the facts and information that we can get. I am not so much concerned about federal union with the USA, but I think we should get some information with regards to trade between the USA and Newfoundland, and I believe there is a lot of information that can be obtained. On these grounds I have much pleasure in supporting this motion.

Mr. Banfield I am much opposed to this Convention sending a delegation to the USA, and I will vote against it.

Mr. Hillier With regard to the resolution before us, I feel we all have to have the greatest respect for the USA and its people, and we wish to be forever on good terms with them, but despite that I am not able to support this motion.

Mr. Chairman Is there any further discussion?

Mr. Butt I feel we have had too little time to consider a question which to me is of great importance. I realise that I may be considered rather crazy and unpatriotic, but sometime or other somebody has got to say it. I am as interested in the welfare of Newfoundland as anyone else. All my people came from England, and for three generations we have been born and brought up in Newfoundland, but we have had the terms of reference interpreted to include all forms of government. There are a number of people who feel that the time has come when we, as Newfoundlanders, ought to make a decision for ourselves as to what we want to do. Now that's the question. We ought to make a decision for ourselves as to what we ought to do. There are, so far as I can judge, quite a number of people who would consider it. I have people of my own in the United States, and I know that they look upon themselves as blood brothers to Britishers. Now I don't want to go into consideration of the reasons why we should or should not debate this question. I think it is the wrong time for us to do it, and I want to move that the whole question be deferred to a later date so that we can have time to think about it.

Mr. Harrington If that's an amendment, I second it.

Mr. Chairman It has been moved by Mr. Butt