

selves, can we hope to bring about in Newfoundland that decent standard of living and certain independence which we all desire. One great man, now passed to his reward, said it this way — a man who devoted his life to achieving small steps towards the future betterment of Newfoundland, a man whom Newfoundlanders have reason to respect, Sir Wilfred Grenfell; what he said was this: "What this country needs is not infallibility, but courage."

Mr. Vincent I move that the debate be now adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow.

[The motion carried, and the remaining orders of the day deferred]

Mr. Higgins As I intimated yesterday afternoon, I proposed, with the consent of the House, to introduce this evening a motion whereby members absent through illness or for good and sufficient cause, would have the right to have their wishes recorded at this stage of the proceedings. As you will remember, sir, I intimated some months ago that Mr. K.M. Brown had made a request to me that provision be made whereby his vote could be recorded. You are aware of the details of our application at that time to make provision in this respect. Because of that, and I think it is imperative, if the House is satisfied to receive the motion I think we should pass it as soon as possible, and perhaps I could make the motion now.

Mr. Chairman In that case, I will try and endeavour to ascertain the wishes of the House. As the House is aware, this is a motion of urgency, but I am not expected to receive a motion without previous notice. In this particular connection the matter was gone into at a private session held approximately a month ago, and I think it was agreed that some machinery should be set up whereby Mr. Brown, because of illness, would not be deprived of the privilege of recording his vote. In fact, I would be prepared to record it now under rule 39. I must assume Mr. Brown is in good standing, at all events, and the nature of the motion has already been made known to the house.... The motion therefore is that the operation of rule 13 be suspended so as to permit Mr. Higgins to introduce the motion, the substance of which has already been made known to the House, without the necessity of giving notice.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Higgins I beg to move the following resolu-

tion:

Whereas section 39 of the rules of procedure of this Convention requires the Convention, in discharging its duty to make recommendations to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom as to possible forms of future government to be put before the people at a national referendum, to include in its report to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs the opinion of each several member of the Convention as to the form or forms of government which, in his opinion, should be put before the people together with any preference which he may desire to express as between one form of government and another;

And whereas no provision is made in the Convention's rules of procedure for recording the opinion of any member absent from the Convention;

And whereas by section 54 of the rules of procedure, when any matter arises in the course of the proceedings not covered by the rules of procedure of the Convention, then the rules of the House of Assembly shall apply;

And whereas by the rules of the House of Assembly it would be imperative that a member be present for the purpose of voting;

Be it therefore resolved that section 54 of the rules of procedure of the National Convention be amended by adding to paragraph 54 the following words: "save and except that in the event of a member of the Convention being incapacitated by reason of illness or some other good or sufficient reason from attending the meeting of the Convention, such member shall have the right to have his vote recorded by delivering to the Chairman of the Convention an expression of his wishes. The wishes of such member may be conveyed to the Chairman by letter or by telegram from and bearing the signature of any such member."

Mr. Vardy I second that motion.

Mr. Chairman In putting this motion, let me again remind members that no man can afford to disregard what each needs for his own protection. Since it is of general application and concerns everybody, I presume at this time that the nature and substance of the resolution is clear to all.... Is