

mous opinion of every member present that our staff has been a very courteous one at all times. Whenever we approached them to get anything typed or re-typed, we always found them ready, and they were always willing to stay overtime if necessary.... I am sure it is the unanimous feeling that they ought to know they have our great thanks for their loyal service at all times.

[The motion carried]

Mr. Smallwood I move the following resolution:

That the National Convention convey its sense of warm gratitude to the Broadcasting Corporation of Newfoundland for their fine public service in broadcasting the proceedings of the Convention, and to the press of the country its gratitude for the fine public service performed in publishing reports of the Convention's proceedings.

It is perhaps the only time in the history of any country that the actual speeches of a delegate assembly were broadcast to the public over a period of time. I believe, in Australia, the Broadcasting Corporation of Australia did once or twice broadcast some — one day or part of a day of the House of Commons of the Commonwealth of Australia. I think also on one or two occasions in other countries, they have broadcast part of the proceedings of such an assembly. We have, on occasion, heard the broadcast of the President of the United States when he addressed the members of Congress. I know of no other case anywhere, at any time, where all the proceedings, all the speeches, all the remarks, all the public business of such a body has been broadcast to the public, as the Broadcasting Corporation has done in this Convention. That, to my mind, is one of the finest pieces of public service ever performed in this country by anyone, by any organisation; because if this Convention of itself has been of any real value in Newfoundland, as someone remarked a few months ago, it was along the lines of interesting our Newfoundland people in their public affairs. But what chance would there have been really to have interested Newfoundlanders in their public affairs through this Convention if the speeches of the Convention had not actually been broadcast? I have been attending these meetings since the Convention opened. I did not miss a meeting until the other night, when I had to be absent for a night session. I have sat here

throughout the entire period, except when I stood over behind that door for a smoke, and apart from that I never left the chamber and I heard every word spoken by everyone. On top of that, I listened also to the broadcasts. I sat through it all the afternoon, did not miss one word spoken by one member, and then went home at 9.15 or 9.30, turned on the radio and listened to the broadcast from the first word to the last word, whether 11.30 or 12.30, for a very particular purpose. I had something special in mind in doing that. Sitting here, I heard it as we all heard it; but sitting home listening to the radio I heard the Convention just as the public heard it. That is the way I want to hear it. I sat listening to speech after speech, trying to figure in my own mind just how interesting were these speeches to the man in Joe Batt's Arm, the man on the Grand Banks, the man in Deer Lake, in Bonne Bay, in Bonavista and Gander — trying to figure, well now, will he listen? Will he wait to hear the next chap? Trying all the time to estimate how it was taking with the public of Newfoundland. It is no secret that the only thing I have been concerned with is the public of Newfoundland. I never made any secret of that.

The Broadcasting Corporation has performed a service of very great public value to Newfoundland. If the Convention has succeeded in arousing public interest, we have to thank the Broadcasting Corporation. The Broadcasting Corporation is run by a Board of Governors, and I am grateful to them for their decision to serve the public by their broadcasting. I am not thinking merely of the Corporation, but the men who are the Corporation — the General Manager, Mr. William F. Galgay; Chief Accountant and Business Manager, Mr. Gordon Halley; Chief Operator, Mr. A. M. (Bert) House, who is *almost* a member of the Convention. I am going to reveal a secret. The desk next to Mr. Burry has been occupied on more than one occasion by Aubrey MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald sat there with a card on his desk like we have. At first I wondered what was on the card, and when I saw it, it was marked "Mr. MacDonald, Funk Islands". Nobody noticed it. Nobody said a word about it.

If the Broadcasting Corporation has done great public service, it is because the Corporation is served by a magnificent staff of Newfoundlanders ... including Richard (Dick) O'-