

November 3, 1947¹

Mr. Chairman Before proceeding with the order paper I must ask the indulgence of the Convention to direct your attention to a cable that I received on October 21, almost immediately after adjournment was taken.

The Chairman of the National Convention
Newfoundland Hotel
St. John's

We, the Newfoundland Lumbermen's Association at its tenth annual convention extend to you and members our heartiest co-operation in all things for the betterment of our island home and its people with an immediate return to equality and responsibility, which is traditionally ours.

Signed,
J.J. Thompson
President,

Newfoundland Lumbermen's Association

In view of the fact that the Lumbermen's Association was then in session and that it would be some eight or ten days before the Convention

would reassemble, I decided that the cable ought to be replied to, and, on the following day I sent the following reply.

J.J. Thompson Esq.,
President,
Newfoundland Lumbermen's Association,
Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

On behalf of the National Convention of Newfoundland, may I convey to you, and through you to the Newfoundland Lumberman's Association, our deep appreciation and thanks for your very kind cable of the 21st instant, to which the attention of the Convention will be formally drawn at its next session.

Signed,
J.B. McEvoy
Chairman,
National Convention

I trust that you, gentlemen, will ratify and approve my action in sending this cable.... We'll now proceed to the order of the day.

Report of the Finance Committee: Economic Report Committee of the Whole

[*Mr. Cashin read the Economic Report.*]

The committee rose and reported progress, and the Convention adjourned]

November 4, 1947

Report of the Finance Committee: Economic Report:² Committee of the Whole

Mr. ChairmanThe Economic Report represents the accumulated effect of your efforts since you have been constituted as a National Convention. It is designed to co-ordinate or correlate all the reports heretofore tabled respecting the economic potentialities of the several industries which the reports are designed to relate. In consequence, ... I feel duty bound at this stage to inform you that, with one exception, forms of government, any member talking on any point arising out of any report heretofore tabled, shall be ruled by me to be in order....

Mr. Hollett When you say "any matter", do I take it to mean that you refer to any matter embodied in the reports already tabled?

Mr. Chairman Or any matter arising out of these reports....

Mr. Smallwood Mr. Chairman, I want to say at the outset everything that I can say complimentary about this report. I happen to be one who has a great respect for hard work. Major Cashin, who wrote this report, is a hard worker, and I take my hat off to a hard worker any time. Secondly the report shows this, if nothing else did, that he is a man of great optimism, and I take my hat off to him for his great optimism also.... I am afraid that what I have got to say from this point on is not very complimentary. But Major Cashin has been a Minister of Finance. He has introduced three budgets before, and it won't be a new experience

¹The proceedings for November 3, 1947, were taken from the recording of the debate.

²Volume II:425.