

our fishing industry, remember. We have done that. What have we done by way of making our mining industry grow? What have we done by way of making our main fishing industry grow? What has happened to make our main forest industry grow? They have not grown. Their figures are swollen because prices have gone up, and they are handling more money just as the government is handling more money. What made them grow? The war. And yet we are going to turn around and tell the British government and the people that those revenues are not the result of wartime conditions. Why? Because the war is over for two years, therefore they cannot be the result of the war. What kind of logic is that?

Is there a man in this Convention today, one man, who will tell me sincerely and honestly that the present price of newsprint is not the result of the war? Is there a man who will tell me that the present price of fish is not the result of the war? That the present price of fish oils is not the result of the war? That the present price of Buchans ore and Bell Island ore is not the result of the war? Is there a man who will tell me that? If there is, I will not believe him, because I know that these prices are the result of the war, and the wartime boom. How can we adopt that part of the report, saying as it does that these inflated revenues of the government, and of the AND Co., the Buchans Company, Bowaters, Bell Island and all the other companies, that these inflated values are just the ordinary result of the growth of these industries, and are not the result of wartime boom? I don't believe it, and I don't believe the people of this country are going to believe it either, and I for one will not vote for that report so long as that section is in it. Not only that section, but there are several others I would want taken out before I can support it, because I do not believe that the report is an accurate, true, fair account of our country's economy now or in the years to come. It is neither correct nor fair.... If it was an honest report, realistic, trying to face the

hard facts, it would paint a different picture altogether. Not a picture of blue ruin, or of disaster, any more than of rosy hopeful optimism.... It should try to paint for the people of this country, who are looking to us for an honest to God, truthful statement of how our country shapes — their country, not our country. The fishermen want to know what the future is likely to be before they cast their votes for some kind of government next spring. The miners want to know what conditions are likely to be in Newfoundland before they go out with an easy heart to vote for some kind of government. The railroaders want to know, the loggers want to know, and the labourers, the teachers and civil servants want to know, the shop workers, clerks and office workers want to know, the loggers want to know, and our decent Newfoundland people want this Convention, in God's name, to give them a fair and square picture of how Newfoundland stands today, and how she is likely to stand in the years to come before they can go ahead with any kind of heart and confidence to cast a vote for some kind of government when the referendum comes around next spring. That, Mr. Chairman, this report is not. It is neither fair nor accurate. It is optimistic and it should not be optimistic. It should be realistic — not pessimistic or optimistic, facing the hard, brutal, real facts, and this report does not do it, and as such this Convention should not adopt it, and as such the people of Newfoundland should spurn the report and throw it out. It is not worth the paper it is written upon.

Mr. Higgins Mr. Chairman, we have only one reporter.

Mr. Chairman Yes, I think I ought to declare a recess for 15 minutes.

Mr. Cashin I move that the committee rise, and report progress and ask leave to sit again tomorrow.

[The motion carried, and the Convention adjourned]