

at all. I am not concerned with the expressions of opinion by newspapers, or any other individuals, beyond the members of the Convention, or me.... It is of absolutely no concern whatsoever what goes on outside of this Convention, and a lot of time would simply be saved if members would confine their remarks to the report itself. Whether members disagree or agree with the report in toto or in part is their God-given right, but in view of the fact that ... a motion to adopt this report will be placed before me, at which time you can register your approval or disapproval, aren't we wasting a lot of time in discussing this time and time again? We had better get on with the business of the House.

Mr. Smallwood When Mr. Hollett made his point of order I was discussing the accuracy of the figure given in the Economic Report of our accumulated surplus. I tell you now, sir, that the Secretary for Finance told me officially on Saturday past that our surplus is approximately \$28 million.... Would it be in order for me to move that this Convention desires to ascertain officially from the Commissioner for Finance, or His Excellency the Governor, what is our surplus. Would that be in order?

Mr. ChairmanIf you direct to me any request for information to be obtained from the Governor, or any department of the government, it is my duty, Mr. Smallwood, to make that request. But you are putting the cart before the horse.... I have to sustain Mr. Hollett on this point, and say, Mr. Smallwood, that unless and until you obtain from the Finance Department, figures calculated, fully calculated to support any inference that you wish to draw from that Economic Report, I am afraid I can't allow you to go on.

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, this does not come as any great surprise to me. This is not an attack on me; not an attack on the Finance Committee; it is an attack on the country, and I resent the whole thing. There has been a brazen, brutal attack on the economy of Newfoundland, and on Newfoundland itself. As only one Newfoundlander I say right here now that in 1941-42 and right up to 1945 when German submarines were lurking outside this harbour, that she was in no greater danger than she is at the present time. I may say that I am not prepared to tolerate it any more — there is a Quisling in this country today, and I call upon our returned men who are in this

House tonight, and I am one of them, if they are going to tolerate that kind of stuff right in here. There's men here, Mr. Chairman, who nearly died for this country, and we are going to be told by one or two Quislings, because that's what I must call them....

Mr. Chairman No Major, you must not use that term.

Mr. Cashin Well, Judas Iscariot then.

Mr. Chairman I must request you to withdraw that statement.

Mr. Cashin I am not withdrawing anything.

Mr. Chairman Well, the committee will rise.

Mr. Cashin Right.

Mr. Higgins I beg to move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. Smallwood I beg to give notice of a question, Mr. Chairman. I give notice that I will on tomorrow ask His Excellency the Governor in Commission to inform the National Convention of the amount of the government's accumulated cash surplus, together with the details in the most recent date.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman is that a notice of a motion?

Mr. Chairman No, notice of a question.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, is there any debate on that tomorrow?

Mr. Smallwood Not as far as I am concerned, sir.

Mr. Hollett In that case I would like to ask what in God's earthly world has the Governor got to do with it?

Mr. Smallwood The Governor in Commission.

Mr. Hollett But we have a Finance Department.

Mr. Chairman Give me rule 36, please: "Questions may be put through the Chairman of the Convention to any Department of Government, public body, or to any person, on any matter connected with the Convention. Save by permission of the Chairman, no questions may be asked without notice of at least one day...."

Mr. Hollett"Most recent date," that's the point I want to get. That Economic Report is bearing on that Financial Report, and the figures are dated December 31, 1946. I insist if we want to make any comparisons these are the figures we want.

Mr. Chairman On that question you had better address yourself tomorrow. I require 24 hours notice of the question, which I am entitled to