

in moving this resolution I do so with no enthusiasm. I am a Newfoundlander and a British subject, and I believe the only country in the world today that is doing anything towards the welfare of the common man is the British government, and I don't want anyone to think for a moment that I am, by moving this resolution, disloyal to what I think is the best we have, but I do say that a lot of people want a delegation to the USA and why should we not send one there? Possibly the United States won't have it, and I hope they won't, but when the time comes for our delegation to go over to England, let them go with the thought that there is a sentiment in Newfoundland on this line.

Mr. Higgins I had no intention of indulging in this debate myself. In fact I felt very much like adopting Mr. Butt's attitude, but as this debate has gone so far I would much prefer now to have the motion on the main question put....

What I want to say is this: There's a lot of parts of the British Empire today where they are behaving like rats trying to leave a ship that they believe is in trouble. This is the oldest colony of Britain, the oldest colony and the first colony, and I want to say this to you: is the oldest colony, even by words, going to stab a Britain that's now practically on her back, going to stab her in that recumbent back today, even if it is only by words? I have got as much, not British but Irish blood as anyone, and I would be the last to support this motion. You ask how I am being consistent by uttering words like that. Well, Canada is part of the Empire, and if this country decides, if we as a people decide, to join Canada, we will not be getting out of the British Empire; but once we adopt such a motion, or the country adopts what would follow such a motion, we would lose our nationality, we would be no longer British. I don't think there is a possibility of this happening, but I don't like to see such a motion brought into the House like this. I want to raise every objection to this motion. Mr Jackman says, "What about India?" India is becoming a rat, are we going to become another rat?

Mr. Chairman Order, Mr. Jackman.

Mr. Hollett Gentlemen, I don't intend to make any speech, because I know I would lose my temper, but I shall vote against the amendment, and I shall vote against the motion. I have faith enough in the men of this Convention that if the

question is put now we shall get the correct verdict. If I am in order, I beg to move that the amendment and motion be now put.

Mr. Ashbourne I beg to second the motion just made by Mr. Hollett, and I intend to vote against the amendment and also against the motion.

Mr. Chairman The motion is that the previous question be now put. The motion is carried. I shall now put the previous question.

The motion is that the consideration of this resolution be deferred to a later date. I declare the amendment lost. The original motion is of extreme importance. I shall permit other speakers to this question if there are any who desire to address the Chair.

Mr. Reddy Mr. Chairman, while I believe the resolution now before the House has been badly timed, still I consider it my duty in fairness to the people who sent me here to entertain the resolution.

England so far has promised us nothing. Canada will only offer us just barely what she thinks would convince us that confederation would be the best thing for us. Canada is not a market for our fish. This resolution would be a means of helping the English delegation. It would greatly strengthen the delegation to Canada.

If it were possible for this country to associate itself with the USA our fishery problem, which is the greatest problem in this country, would be solved by giving us free access to the greatest fish market of the world and assuring our fishermen of a higher standard of living never before enjoyed by them, and removing forever the awful spectre of poverty always hovering over our fishing population. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow Newfoundlanders are residing in the United States. They are longing for the day when Newfoundland will perhaps become part and parcel of that great republic. It is too important a matter to be slighted in any way. If any delegate here objects to this resolution, he will be depriving his people of an opportunity to obtain real facts so vital to the country's welfare.

Mr. Vardy Mr. Chairman, I am sure we are all very conscious of the fact that this is a very delicate subject. We are also conscious that we are British subjects. Now it is a changing world, and all down through these several hundred years since Newfoundland was colonised we have not seen eye to eye with the mother country, but out