

another 200 square miles in that area that anyone would want to go into that's the outside of it. There's only that Melville Lake area left. I am basing my remarks on the Committee's report. Two thousand possible square miles not taken up, which altogether means 12,200 square miles of inaccessible timber area, of which 10,000 sq. miles has been taken up.... In Newfoundland we find we have 20,000 square miles taken up by the two pulp and paper companies. On this 20,000 square miles in Newfoundland we estimate that we have between 45 and 50 million cords of wood. In Labrador we have 12,200 square miles on the coast area and we estimate that there is 50 to 100 cords of wood on that possible 12,200 square miles.

You all know how glad I would be to be able to put up a very good story about the timber areas in Labrador, but it has often been said here that we have got to be realists.... I appreciate that the Committee was at a serious disadvantage and probably cannot possibly get the information, but I would not like to give the impression that we have a vast timber area in Labrador, and find out in the next few years we were mistaken. This is not a scientific survey, but I feel that with my own knowledge of Labrador this 50 million cords of timber in the country is too high, and I wonder if we should look into the future thinking that we have that much timber capable of being turned into money which will flow into the treasury in the foreseeable future.

I would like to have the optimism that has been expressed by so many when speaking about the timber area in Labrador. They tell me of the great wealth in Labrador, but I don't think we have the wealth in the timber areas of Labrador that we think we have, and I think as a Convention we ought to find out the exact facts. This is based upon what we know, and upon information that I have after being in Labrador all these years....

**Mr. Jackman** With all due respect to the Committee I can't concur with this report as it stands. It is really too incomplete as I see it. We have to assess the true value of our assets if we are going to agree on the form of government we want. A report like this is not sufficient to form an opinion of the genuine value of one of our greatest assets — Labrador.... I have heard it said that there are certain matters about Labrador on which the Committee was refused information. That is a

matter for us to find out, why this information is withheld, because we have got to get this information. There is one question here that I refer to in particular: "This particular company, after having done some work received financial assistance from the government in 1935 ... etc." Who is this company?

**Mr. Cashin** The Labrador Development Co.

**Mr. Jackman** Who are the directors?

**Mr. Cashin** Mr. Williams and ...

**Mr. Jackman** As Mr. Smallwood said, the thing is not complete. You have not got sufficient information to pass any judgement on it.

**Mr. Cashin** It is impossible to get it, there is no survey. The government has not got a survey of any timber area in the country. We can only get it from private individuals.

**Mr. Hollett** What private individuals did you discuss it with?

**Mr. Cashin** I did not discuss it with any private individuals.

**Mr. Hollett** Well, why say so?

**Mr. Jackman** Has the Committee been denied any information?

**Mr. Cashin** The only information that we asked for was, who were the individuals applying for concessions on the Labrador, and we had a meeting with the Information Committee, and Mr. Flynn told us that there were applications, but he was unable to give us any further information. We only gathered that there were applications, but we were not able to get particulars.

**Mr. Jackman** I am not going to sit in this Convention and try to get facts if the people are going to refuse to give them. If we can't get them we will have to go back to our people to tell them that we can't get the facts, and that the whole Convention is a joke.

**Mr. Hollett** In other words you don't want a private opinion.

**Mr. Higgins** This seems to be generating a lot of unnecessary heat. The fact is that the question originally came to the Commissioner for Natural Resources from Major Cashin, requesting this information. As a result of that request the Commissioner for Natural Resources attended a meeting of the Information Committee some three or four weeks ago. Major Cashin and Mr. Fudge were present at that meeting, and the Commissioner could not deny that negotiations were going on, but said that the parties had requested