

popular education, without which neither justice nor freedom can be permanently maintained." I leave that thought with all of you — realising that the establishment of a University of Newfoundland will be an immense stride forward in the growth of popular education in Newfoundland....

Mr. ButtFor many months the Convention has been occupied with attempting to assess the natural resources of this country — fish, ore, lumber and other industries. It has not been our business to assess that most natural and basic of all resources, that is, our people, our human resources. There is not one man here who is not conscious of the great potentialities of these human resources — the stuff and fabric of all we have attempted, suffered and achieved. There are many who may not yet have realised that our men and women, like our industries, are capable of infinitely greater development, and that just as we need the means for the development of our industries, we need the means for developing the knowledge, courage, the judgement and the co-operative abilities of Newfoundlanders. We need these things far more.... Newfoundland needs wealth, production, industries, but she also needs men and women with imagination, the creative abilities, the scientific knowledge and training to bring these things about....

Mr. FowlerAfter all the confusion and suspicions caused by delegations, motions and amendments, I am glad that Mr. Higgins found time and opportunity to introduce this resolution, which if instrumental in giving to this country a university, will have a greater effect upon the future citizens of Newfoundland than any other resolution we have had. A country cannot rise above its people, and any progressive policy designed to bring about a better Newfoundland must of necessity hinge on the ability of our youth, the future citizens of this country, to be able to carry out that policy. I contend, gentlemen, that the ignorance of the masses has been the curse of this country down through her long history, and unless and until we get a more enlightened people, a people who will be able to think and act for themselves, we will be kicked about by those who would stoop so low as to capitalise on our ignorance.

It is surprising to me that a charter for a state university was not sought and obtained years ago.

Countries smaller and less historic than ours are blessed with such institutions, even Iceland with its small population has its university. Some people may say, "Oh, that is no benefit to the poor people of Newfoundland, especially in the out-ports". That is not true, for as Mr. Higgins pointed out yesterday the benefits permeate downwards. The first and immediate benefit derived by the poorer classes will be to have fully qualified teachers possessing degrees in the arts and sciences going out to teach their children, and these same children in turn will be drawn through the channels of their schools and colleges to climax their studies in their own Newfoundland university. And let it be a Newfoundland university in the strictest sense of the word, a university which will cater to the needs of young Newfoundlanders and fit them to go out and grapple with the many problems peculiar to their native land.

As the proposed University comes to full stature, I would like to see a scheme inaugurated whereby one or more scholarships would be made available to every district; this, in addition to helping to defray the expense of outport students in St. John's, would be a great incentive to students to pursue their studies with greater enthusiasm....

Mr. Keough In a little while this land we live in will see the end of 450 years of history. More often than not those years have been lean. Our land has never flowed with milk and honey. Always, in this island, it has taken most of a man's time to keep body and soul together — to keep the wolf at the door in his place. The meagre grey existence that has been our historic portion has been come by only in consequence of hard work and high courage, epic in their proportions. The unrelenting struggle we have known has never left us with much margin of time for accomplishment of other than the making of both ends meet. We have been far too busy out on the squid-jigging ground to have made many songs. We have spent so much time in little yellow dories as left us but a meagre margin for literature and the drama. Our hands have been too busy with the "knots rotted with the salt water" to have given them to painting and sculpture. We have had to put so much effort into making cod as to have had none to spare to put into making concertos.

And yet there have been men in the land who