

sub-section 10:

Local works and undertakings other than such as are of the following classes:

(a) Lines of steam or other ships, railways, canals, telegraphs, and other works and undertakings connecting the province with any other or others of the provinces, or extending beyond the limits of the province;

(b) Lines of steamships between the province and any British or foreign country....

In other words, the Clarendville boats will be absolutely under the jurisdiction of the federal government, and therefore it will be up to the federal government to administer them and send them where they please. I want to point that out so that Mr. Hickman can rest assured that the answer was given in an evasive manner in order to cover up that particular point.

Now Mr. Chairman, Mr. Smallwood criticises what he calls "the responsible government majority" in this Convention for not wanting to recommend to the Commonwealth Office that confederation upon the basis submitted to the National Convention be placed on the ballot. I would point out to him that in addition to voting that responsible government go on the ballot, we have also voted to have Commission of Government placed thereon. We have done that because we are being consistent, and demand that the British government fulfil their pledge to the people of this country. After all, it was to the people that they pledged their word.

I shall vote against Mr. Smallwood's motion because I see in it a deliberate attempt to ignore all pledges and rush us into confederation regardless of the welfare of our people. Who makes this deliberate attempt? In my opinion, sir, the British government and the Canadian government, and they are aided and abetted by the Commission of Government and their servants. Certain individuals amongst the legislative and administrative bodies in this country are working tooth and nail to implement this high imperial policy.

Do you seriously think, sir, that either Great Britain or Canada is deeply concerned about our people? Were they ever so concerned in the past? Decidedly not. But why, you ask, are they so anxious now that we should confederate? The answer is quite simple. How else, I ask you, can they get American troops off British soil? Under confederation it would be quite simple, for under

the mutual defence pact between Canada and the United States, it would be quite an easy matter.

Let Mr. Smallwood answer me a few questions if there is any doubt left in our minds about this imperial policy which the Commission of Government would assist. Why was the Convention Act worded as it is: "form or forms"? Why was Mr. Smallwood sent to Canada by someone shortly after the election?

**Mr. Smallwood** He is implying that I was sent to Canada. He has no right to do that.

**Mr. Chairman** Either he is implying it or making a statement, I do not know which.

**Mr. Hollett** It is an actual fact. Mr. Smallwood did fly from Gander. I ask him why was he sent. He can interpret that how he pleases. Why did he call together certain people to a meeting held here in St. John's in August 1946? This was held before the Convention met.

**Mr. Smallwood** It is a lie; a downright, dirty lie.

**Mr. Hollett** Why at that meeting was it decided to introduce a resolution to send a delegation to Canada as soon almost as the Convention was opened?

**Mr. Smallwood** It is a lie. A black and foul lie.

**Mr. Hollett** Am I to be interrupted in this way?

**Mr. Chairman** I will make a note to deal with these matters. I am not going to have these exchanges. I have already warned you. Now Mr. Smallwood, please. I have already warned you once today, and I am doing it the second time, and I hope I will not have to do it the third time.

**Mr. Hollett** Is that statement to be left on the record that I am a liar?

**Mr. Chairman** That is a statement that I am not prepared to deal with at the moment. I will investigate that, but I will not deal with it at the moment, because I have not the facts before me to make such an investigation.

**Mr. Hollett** Can Mr. Smallwood state that another delegate is a liar?

**Mr. Chairman** Now Mr. Hollett, don't give me any further trouble here this afternoon.

**Mr. Hollett** I will not, sir.

**Mr. Chairman** I will advise you not to.

**Mr. Hollett** I will ask Mr. Smallwood not to give me any further trouble.

**Mr. Chairman** I will deal with that later.

**Mr. Hollett** I will ask another question, Mr. Chairman.

**Mr. Chairman** I will deal with Mr. Small-