

the matter.... My position is simply this, and I have to appeal to the generosity of members. Mr. Job has been very ill, and I know what I'm talking about because his doctor brought the question before me since Mr. Job ... insisted that he was going to come into this House contrary to his doctor's instructions, when he shouldn't attempt to walk across the street. I called on Mr. Job and pointed out to him what a great risk he was taking.... I felt it my duty to communicate with him as a result of the remarks that were made by Mr. Smallwood this afternoon, and Mr. Job intimated that his doctor may allow him to appear for a few minutes when the evening session begins. As far as I'm concerned, I'm prepared to sit here until 3 or 4 o'clock tomorrow morning on condition that Mr. Job should be permitted to speak. He isn't going to speak very long, and it's my intention to ask him to remain in his seat. I think having regard to all the attendant circumstances the House will endorse my action. I have no power, of course, to take the floor away from the speaker. But I would appeal to your good nature, gentlemen, and ask you that should it develop that the Hon. Mr. Job is permitted by his doctor to attend the evening session for a few minutes, would the member who then has the floor be good enough to yield it for a few moments, so that Mr. Job may be able to express himself briefly on the question.... It may very well be that we would be doing a great kindness in enabling Mr. Job to discharge a duty which has been troubling him now for some two weeks. Therefore I ask the member who may be occupying the floor at 8 o'clock, would he kindly consider yielding to Mr. Job when he comes.... I assure you the circumstances are very urgent.... Would you be good enough to go ahead, Mr. Ashbourne.

Mr. Ashbourne Mr. Chairman, I want it distinctly understood that I am not a party to any filibuster. I don't believe in any such tactics.... I think that you will admit, and members will admit, that I haven't taken up a very great amount of time in this Convention.

Mr. Chairman No, you certainly haven't.

Mr. Ashbourne Others have come in here, and for days have gone on. I've sat here and listened to them, and any day that I've been in my seat here I haven't left, with the exception of answering three phone calls, not for a minute.

Mr. Chairman That's perfectly true Mr. Ashbourne, perfectly true.

Mr. Ashbourne I've been speaking a little over an hour. I realise that members probably would like to have some explanation from me as regards the fact that I was a member of this Ottawa delegation. Sir, I don't intend to take up much more time. I shall be a happy man when it's over and done with, and when our work is finished and I can go back to settle down to some real work. I am fond of Newfoundland and of its people, the men and women and the boys and girls. For our children we want to plan what we consider the best. Our people deserve the very best, and nothing short of this can adequately satisfy their aspirations or bring them prosperity and lasting happiness.

Mr. Reddy Mr. Chairman, for a great many days and weeks we have been listening to the arguments in favour of confederation by the member for Bonavista Centre, which arguments have been based on the offer contained in the books sent here by the Canadian government. I want to congratulate the member for Bonavista Centre, who in his own masterly manner has explained the meaning and the application of these terms. I must confess that to me Mr. Smallwood is a magician with words, and I have listened to him repeating and repeating the points that he wanted to stress and to be remembered by the radio audience. And he has shown the same ability to side-step and gloss over the shaded and dark spots that for his purpose might best remain hidden and ignored. Mr. Smallwood, by his ability to outtalk and outguess any member here, has usually had the last word time and again. He has drawn one or other of us away from our point that he did not wish to discuss, and then having his opponent in deep water, so to speak, he has proceeded to drown him by something irrelevant to the case in point. Mr. Smallwood has reminded me of a French chef who, with a few scraps of leftovers, can combine them and with a little flavour make it appear a dish for a king. But unfortunately, in this instance, it is not the appearance that matters, much less Mr. Smallwood's ability to debate it. We cannot live in a beautiful picture or a fantastic dream, because we do not live in a land of make-believe. We live in a hard world, where facts and not debates are the most important things.

A few days ago in the papers, there was an