

will have to go on without its Chairman if he is ordered to London. I would be entirely in the hands of the delegation. Is the House ready for the question?

**Mr. Reddy** I support the resolution. I believe that a delegation going to the British government may accomplish far-reaching results which will benefit generations of Newfoundlanders yet unborn. The approach should be firm, stating clearly and firmly Newfoundland's position.

*[The motion carried]*

**Mr. Chairman** Mr. Smallwood to move the following resolution:

Resolved that the National Convention desires to send a delegation consisting of the Chairman and six other of its members to Ottawa to ascertain from the Government of Canada what fair and equitable basis may exist for federal union of Newfoundland and Canada; and

Resolved that the National Convention requests His Excellency the Governor in Commission to ascertain whether the Government of Canada will receive such a delegation for the purpose stated; and

Resolved that should the Government of Canada be willing to receive such a delegation, then the said delegation shall be elected forthwith by secret ballot, and shall proceed to Ottawa as soon as possible after the Convention shall have received from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that government's replies to the questions adopted by the Convention pursuant to Mr. Hollett's resolution of even date, but not before.

**Mr. Smallwood** I believe that in Ottawa there is information that this Convention needs to have, and that the people of Newfoundland need and want to have. I believe that a delegation ought to go and get it if they will receive the delegation. However, the delegation to London should go first, and return to bring its report before the Convention, before the delegation goes to Ottawa on the mission stated in this resolution of mine. That's about all I have to say. My personal position is well known. I do now move the resolution.

**Mr. Job** The whole object of this motion is to get information on this subject of confederation. There is no doubt there are numbers of people in

the country who want that information, and I think we ought to get it. I second the motion.

**Mr. Chairman** The motion as read has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?

**Mr. Cashin** I want to thank the honourable delegate from Labrador for an opportunity of clearing the atmosphere. I know when the cap fits. Mr. Chairman, before I deal with this matter before the Chair, I want to clean up this insidious propaganda that is going on inside and outside this House. I have been accused of being anti-British, and I want to tell those individuals who make such vile accusations that they must be possessed of very diseased minds. I want to point out that some 32 or 33 years ago I offered my service to King and country in western Canada; I was young at the time and my father telegraphed me and suggested that I return and join the Newfoundland Regiment, which I did. I went overseas, and my friend across the way here, Sergeant Northcott, went overseas at the same time.... Following that I commanded a unit of an English regiment on the other side, and still it is insinuated that I am anti-British. Also, in the last war, although well over 50, I offered my services and took a contingent across from Canada, but on account of my age I had to get out. If I hear any more of this I am going to take further steps, not in this House, but outside of it.

Now with regard to the motion. I have from the beginning been an exponent of a return to responsible government based upon the choice of the people. But before we discuss this I want to place myself on record as still retaining that view, and consequently I feel that I will probably have to bore the House somewhat, and I trust they will excuse me. Go back to 1932. I have here the manifesto of the Prime Minister<sup>1</sup> of that year to the people of Newfoundland. In this document on page 6, I will just read it: "The trouble indicates the only remedy. Confidence in this country and its administration must be restored. Government business must be conducted in an honest, efficient, economical and business-like way. And I must see an end to the extravagance and waste of recent years. I undertake that with the return of my party that result will follow. I am convinced that it will be possible to obtain the financial accommodation necessary to meet immediate demands and to tide the country over this next

<sup>1</sup>F.C. Alderdice.