

the United States, which is the vital point. I have stressed it on a good many occasions. I don't see any reason for not endeavouring to get this interview, if you like to call it that, to find out whether it is possible to get formal discussions. I have heard people who have come back from the USA quite recently state that there is a feeling there in business circles that, in view of connections here, we are entitled to special consideration.

I would like to read if I have not lost it, an extract from a letter from a gentleman who has been living in the USA for the last 15 or 20 years, and is connected with one of the universities. He stresses that the great difficulty in the USA is that we are not known there. The public has no conception of what Newfoundland was, what it is, and what it expects to be, so it is very difficult to get any public interest in this question.... As you know, I published a pamphlet which I circulated among the members of the Convention a long time ago, and I have had some communication about it from the United States, they have been favourably impressed, and I think something will come if we can discuss matters with them. We can do nothing by sitting here, we have to get there. Difficulties will be raised by the authorities here, I think. They will say it is not within our terms of reference, and they can't agree to it. It may be they will say, "Even if you pass this resolution, you will have to provide your own funds to go". In that case we might pass around the hat.

Mr. Jackman Over a month ago I introduced a resolution regarding a delegation to be sent to Washington. It received such a chilling reception, and myself as well, that I am not properly thawed out yet. When I brought that resolution in here I had one thing in mind, and I still have it.... I had the concern of the working people of Newfoundland, and I still have it. The people are looking for the wherewithal to live. I had that in mind when I brought in the resolution. I feel as I felt in the beginning, that I am a lone wolf in this Convention. I came with preconceived ideas and I have them today, and I am going to hold them despite the political groups in this Convention. I have not said a word for the past while because, as I said before, I was frozen.... I do not like the attitude of the Convention itself. When I entered this door I was not asking favours from anyone

— no personality. If I have to tread on a man's toes, I will tread on them whether he like it or not. I am here to do all in my power for the people of Newfoundland. Personalities are outside the question as far as I am concerned.

Regarding this resolution, I am going to back it up, as it is similar to my resolution. I see in this something of benefit, possibly we won't get anywhere but you have got to knock on the door before you get an answer. Scripture says, "Ask and ye shall receive". We are going to ask. With regards to my resolution, I want to say a few more words.

Mr. Chairman If you will pardon me, we can't discuss your resolution now. We are discussing this resolution before the Chair, and you must confine your remarks to that.

Mr. Jackman All right, I'm wholeheartedly behind it, and I am going to support it. This resolution is after all dealing with a foreign people, so we say. A foreign people — why? Why, outside this House we have a foreign flag. We have three flags in this country, and if we are not careful we will have the fourth flag, the red flag, and I will support that if we can't get something better than we have got today....

Mr. Hollett I have not spoken to the amendment. That amendment is going to tangle things up. They both mean the same thing, and it seems rather silly to divide on a motion and an amendment which mean the same thing, so I am going to vote for the motion and we can make any necessary alterations afterwards.

Mr. MillerThe motion asks that we discuss general trade discussions. We have been told that we can't deal in trade discussions, but we have not been told, and one thing they had better not tell us, is that we can't go and seek information. That's my point — it is seeking information regarding the future of Newfoundland.

Mr. Chairman That's my ruling, gentlemen, the amendment is an amendment. Those in favour of the amendment please say "aye", those against it say "nay". I think the "nays" have it. I therefore declare the amendment lost. I will now put the original motion. Those who are in favour of this motion say "aye". Those who are against the motion "nay". I think the "ayes" have it. I declare the resolution carried.