

**Mr. Hickman** The motion I made was that the question of the election should come up after the completion of this report.

**Mr. Smallwood** Do you mean its adoption, because you recall Major Cashin's motion of yesterday, which he withdrew to bring up again on the motion of the adoption of this report?

**Mr. Hickman** That might take us another three weeks. No, I mean the completion of our debate on it, Major Cashin's motion might keep us a month.

**Mr. Chairman** May I suggest that your motion should be that the election be deferred until the orders of the day are completed?

**Mr. Hickman** I am not up on parliamentary procedure.

**Mr. Chairman** That will follow the report of the Committee.

**Mr. Hickman** Supposing we don't finish today, it might be necessary to continue tomorrow?

**Mr. Job** I can't see why we should not go ahead now, it has to be done sometime.

**Mr. Hickman** Well, I thought if we finish tonight we can go ahead with the election.

**Mr. Newell** I am entirely in accord with the sentiments of Mr. Job. Sometime ago we decided we would send a couple of delegations, and when the letter was brought in here informing us that one such delegation would be received we went ahead and elected it. I don't see why we should waste any further time. We have known that we were going to send a delegation to Ottawa, and frankly I did not know that today might be the day of the election, but I have known that we would be sending a delegation, and I have in mind who I should like to see on that delegation. I don't need any further consideration or advice, and I don't see why the matter should not be disposed of and then get on with our regular business. There has been altogether too much pussy-footing around here.

**Mr. McCarthy** I was going to say much the same as Mr. Newell. It is only a matter of 20 minutes or so. We all knew for some time that there would be a delegation to Ottawa, and there was no comment last time when the delegation was elected to go to London. According to the motion that the delegation should proceed to London and the other should proceed to Ottawa there was nothing in that motion to say that the delegation could not be elected before the other

one had returned; so I don't see why we should delay. Let's get it over with.

**Mr. Smallwood** I think Mr. Hickman's motion is reasonable. If we finish this report tonight, we can then get on with the election.

**Mr. Hickman** I am perfectly satisfied to withdraw it. I thought we would clean up one thing first, but I am perfectly satisfied to withdraw it.

**Mr. Ballam** I don't want to hold up the thing at all, but the orders of the day were to continue with the Report of Public Health and Welfare and I don't see why we should inject anything into the orders of the day.

**Mr. Chairman** This is a communication from His Excellency the Governor and that's why it was introduced at the beginning of the session. I received this communication since lunch, no one knew I had it, but I felt it was my duty to bring it before the Convention immediately. What the Convention does with it is for the Convention to decide. It seems to me that we are only following the precedent that we set a few weeks ago when we elected the delegation to London.

**Mr. Hickman** Vote on the question and let the house decide.

**Mr. Ballam** I seconded that motion, but I am willing to let it go as you wish. I don't like Mr. Newell's saying that we are pussy-footing around. Any delegation that goes from this Convention is important and there is no nonsense about it. I don't know what is going on, because there is so much inside and outside stuff going on, and it's time we got down to rock bottom. It seems to me there are some who are bent on selling the country or tying its hands.

**Mr. Chairman** If you will excuse me, please, no delegation from this Convention can possibly sell this country, or in any way tie the country's hands. I want that to be distinctly understood.

**Mr. Ballam** I will withdraw that, sir.

**Mr. Newell** I find that Mr. Ballam and I are very much in accord, and it was precisely for some of the things he hinted at that I would like to have the election now. Let's have it — now is the time.

**Mr. Ballam** That's what you think!

**Mr. Penney** I am with Mr. Ballam on Mr. Hickman's motion, for the reason that I have not given any thought to it, and I am not prepared to select members of this Convention at this moment; but if we proceed with the business before