

meetings, and I don't think we can continue this debate until the other members study the report and bring in their questions.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Job, you moved that the report be received and that it be referred to a committee of the whole. Mr. Butt's motion will not be superseding your motion in any way.

Mr. Job May I be permitted to meet the committee of the whole tomorrow?

Mr. Smallwood If I may speak again. Mr. Crosbie, for whom I have the profoundest respect, is not, I hope, going to be content with leaving us with this written report without some amplification from him on the report. I take it that the whole Fisheries Committee are not going to leave this

written report of theirs as their only word, but that they will, participate in the debate.

Mr. Chairman May I point out that that original motion, which will be taken up tomorrow if we now adjourn, is that the report be referred to a committee of the whole. I take it that a full debate in committee will then follow.

Mr. Crosbie Mr. Chairman, that's only an interim report anyway. As far as the Fisheries Committee is concerned it is only an attempt at what we have to do. It is far from finished.

Mr. Chairman The debate will continue when the Convention goes into committee. Is the House ready for the question?

[The motion carried]

Report on the Financial and Economic Position of Newfoundland¹

Mr. Chairman What is the wish of the Convention on the subject of the Chadwick and Jones report?

Mr. Reddy Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to trespass on the time of the Convention whilst I make a few general remarks about some of the subjects that have been before the Convention since its opening. It is, I think, expected that every member should make some contribution, no matter how modest it might be, to aid the Convention in its work. That is expected of us by the country which sent the Convention here, and by the people of the different sections who have chosen us to represent them and to speak for them as well as we can.

No matter what the outcome of the Convention may be, the section of the country that I come from will always have to depend almost entirely on the fisheries. For a great portion of the southwest section of Newfoundland the future economy is a matter of the development on progressive lines of the fishing industry. I think everybody will agree with Mr. Wild when he says "there is room for considerable development of the fisheries", and we hope that, no matter what form of government is to follow the Convention, the policy outlined by Mr. Wild will be carried out when he says that "a determined effort will be made to stabilise prices and to ensure that primary producers are given a fairer deal than they often were in the past." If we could feel that this would be really the policy of the future government of Newfoundland, no matter what it

might be, it would be good and heartening news for large numbers of the fishermen throughout the country.

I would like to stress that the men from the district I represent are engaged largely in what we call the deep sea fishery. This entails greater hardship than the shore fishing. The men leave their homes in the dead of winter when storms are most severe, and the danger and hardship to which they are subjected earn for them a special place in our consideration, and a special recognition by the government in any future plans for the development of the fisheries.

There will have to be other means of work for the people in times outside the fishing season. We were glad to hear the remarks of the Governor the other day when he referred to the road from Burin Peninsula to Terenceville. The people of the peninsula have been looking forward to this main highway for many years. Some of the older people in the district still remember the first campaign of Sir Edward Morris when he came to the district nearly 40 years ago. Addressing the people of Burin, he spoke of the need for this road to help the development of the Burin Peninsula. Some people might be inclined to say this was done for political purposes, but however that may be, Lord Morris showed great insight into the future. We hope that in the reconstruction work of the next few years this important highway will have a foremost place.

Speaking of the election, I would ask that a date be selected which will enable every voter to

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