

consideration which matters of this kind not only deserve, but in connection with which they are imperative, we may come to a hasty decision as to nomination or election; whereas the Chairman himself, having regard to his more superior knowledge, is the most suitable person. I move this.

Mr. Dawe Mr. Chairman, I respectfully object to that.

Mr. Chairman Does any other person care to express his views on that section? I would like to say that, whilst expressing my appreciation to Mr. Bradley for his remarks about me, for me to appoint committees is a very honourable duty but it is also a very onerous duty, and looking at it from that point of view it is an obligation which perhaps I might prefer not to have. But you must remember, gentlemen, that I am but your servant, and if you in your wisdom want me to undertake that duty, I shall.

Mr. Brown Mr. Chairman, I quite agree with the remarks of my honourable friend, Mr. Bradley, when he has suggested, sir, that you, as Chairman, appoint all committees. His point is well taken. You have perhaps more parliamentary experience than any man in this House. Your knowledge of parliamentary procedure and the handling of the rules of the assembly in years past, your long experience, makes you the right man, as Chairman of this Convention, to appoint all committees. I have much pleasure in seconding Mr. Bradley's motion.

Mr. Ashbourne Gentlemen, I support the remarks of Mr. Bradley and Mr. Brown in this connection. I think that considerable work may have to be referred to certain committees. The steering or business committee is one of the most important committees which will be appointed, and we should have that committee at the very earliest moment. A certain timetable should be devised by this steering or business committee which might form a blueprint for the members of the Convention, in order that we can get down to certain definite business. We need a plan, and realising the amount of work which confronts us, it seems to me that only by appointing different committees and studying the different estimates which bear upon the financial and economic condition of the country, shall we get down to something whereby we can intelligently study the various reports of the committees. Otherwise it

will be the duty of each member of the Convention to himself undertake the exhaustive and complete study of the economy of Newfoundland, which will be a very onerous and difficult task. I believe that a lot of this work could be referred to various committees who would meet in the morning, or after the adjournment, or in the evenings. Unless this is done, and some of this work apportioned to the various committees, I believe that the task will be most difficult and the sittings unduly prolonged. I am prepared to vote for the adoption of this section.

Mr. Smallwood In joining with the shower of tributes being paid to you, I would like to express a word of gratitude to you for the great enthusiasm and loving care with which you have seen to the restoration of this chamber to something approaching, equalling, and perhaps even surpassing its former glory. It is an achievement for which we owe you deep gratitude. Anyone who is at all familiar with the chamber as it was, and who has any feeling for the glories of the past, must have deep gratitude to you for the meticulous care you have given to getting the chamber back to what it used to be. The mere physical job of gathering desks and chairs that have disappeared, never to be recovered some of them, carpets that have been sold by auction and could not be replaced, great draperies that have disappeared to be replaced by the best that could be obtained, the paintings that have been restored by our own Clem Murphy, I believe. You have done all within your power, and as far as the \$34 million resources of the country would permit, to get this chamber fit to receive the new representatives of the Newfoundland people. I have heard that you are determined to restore the old legislative library, and we all know the earnest way in which you are endeavoring to bring the old people's house back to its pristine beauty, and I think we can say how deeply grateful we are to you.

Mr. Dawe Mr. Chairman, may I pass a little personal remark, when I said, "I object to the motion", I did not mean it towards you. I think this House should choose you.

Mr. Chairman That is quite all right, Mr. Dawe.

Mr. Brown Mr. Chairman, if any man has any doubt as to the man most capable and most fit to choose the committees he can forget it. There are