

**Mr. Chairman** There is no debate on this point. I am not ruling on a question of procedure, I am ruling on a point of law.

**Mr. Hollett** Mr. Chairman, I did not ask you to rule on a point of law.

**Mr. Chairman** I have ruled this as being *ultra vires*, and I hope I won't have to do it again.

**Mr. Cashin** There is a point of law here. Coming back to the Labrador Exploration thing again. It says the company shall employ Newfoundland workmen, provided they shall be available. If Newfoundland enters union with Canada, and Newfoundlanders become Canadians, does this point stand in law?

**Mr. Chairman** To whom do you address this question?

**Mr. Cashin** To the House.

**Mr. Chairman** If the House ... of course, I am not going to be here when you decide it. I am not prepared to recognise this House as a court of judicature, or having any jurisdiction whatever to pronounce upon a point of law. Why the whole thing is becoming absurd — too ridiculous for anything.

**Mr. Hollett** You just decided on a point of law.

**Mr. Chairman** I decided this point of law: it is for me to decide as a Chairman whether any man is *intra vires* or *ultra vires*.... I am not sitting here as a senior partner of McEvoy and Lewis, I am sitting here as Chairman of this Convention.

**Mr. Cashin** Well, I will ask Mr. Smallwood. Does this proviso stand in law?

**Mr. Smallwood** I am not a lawyer, and it is a bit ridiculous for me to give an opinion on a matter of law, but I will give you an opinion for what it is worth — a cent and a half, and the cent is plugged. It is not even worth a cent and a half, but I will say this: the contracts we have with corporations stand.

**Mr. Cashin** Yes, as far as the corporations are concerned.

**Mr. Smallwood** No, as far as the Government of Newfoundland is concerned.

**Mr. Cashin** Well, Mr. Chairman, in order to get an answer to this question I will have to address a question to the Department of Justice.

**Mr. Chairman** I am afraid you will. That is the proper procedure.

**Mr. Cashin** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I will probably be told it is none of my business.

**Mr. Chairman** I am sorry. I don't defend the

Department of Justice. I am not the Department of Justice. If you will table your question we will endeavour to have it answered.

**Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, it is now 5.30, and if the House has indulgence enough we could finish this final clause. Would that be all right?

**Mr. Reddy** Regarding Labrador. If Newfoundland-Labrador develops into such a great mine as we think it will be, is there anything to prevent Newfoundland being flooded by French Canadians, taking the work from Newfoundlanders?

**Mr. Smallwood** We just answered that question twice, once to Mr. Cashin and once to Mr. Jackman. If Mr. Reddy does not agree with my answer I can't help it. The answer is, "No".

**Mr. Reddy** That is not true. There is nothing in God's world to prevent French Canadians from entering Labrador if there is work there, if we become a province of Canada.

**Mr. Smallwood** Would Mr. Reddy be kind enough to give his reasons. That's a very categorical statement.... Mr. Reddy says there is nothing to stop the French Canadians, millions of them, from flocking into Labrador if we become a province. He ought to have some reason for that statement.

**Mr. Reddy** Mr. Chairman, is there anything to prevent a man from Sydney going to work in Saskatchewan?

**Mr. Chairman** I have no knowledge of it myself.

**Mr. Reddy** Well then, why can't they come in here? It will be all the same if we become a province.

**Mr. Chairman** Your opinion is predicated upon the ease with which people can move from one province to another now, so that if we become a province you said...

**Mr. Cashin** I have been in every province in Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and there is no bar on the borderline, anyone can go right through. I have been from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland, not once but many times. They never even question it.

**Mr. Smallwood** But here you are up against the position where Newfoundland, as a province, enters with its contracts made with corporations, including the Labrador Mining and Exploration Company. That contract either stands or it does not. Now, why not direct a question to the