

is going to take time, a week or two, or maybe three, at least in the case of some of the nine committees. Some may be able to report back tentatively within a week. The whole point is that it seems to me regrettable, unless there can be provided in some way to the reporters, who are the eyes and ears of the Newfoundland public, a daily statement to keep the interest of the public continuously alert. I fear that a good beginning made at interesting the people of Newfoundland will be stopped abruptly for a week or two and then, let's picture it, a committee reports to the Steering Committee that it has done a certain amount of work and is able to report, tentatively at least; the report is brought in and tabled and the whole Convention receives it and it goes to the individual men to study. It is a case of the whole house meeting merely to receive these reports and I fear that there is not only a possibility, but a probability, that for the next two to four weeks the general assembly of the Convention will disappear with that amount of time lost completely, from this one standpoint of keeping the Newfoundland public interested and informed.... There is nothing personal in it, but I am terribly impressed by the need to arouse in our Newfoundland people a continuous and increasing interest in public affairs.

Mr. Bradley Mr. Chairman, I appreciate to the full all my friend Mr. Smallwood has said.... I am not quite sure that an adjournment, even for a month, will so kill public opinion that it cannot be immediately revived when we have something to lay before them. The brutal fact is that it is not physically possible for the whole Convention and the nine committees to meet at the same time. Obviously we cannot be in two places at once, and if we are to obtain some continuity of publicity it must be at the expense of the work of the various committees, and that must delay the completion of that work. Now if the Convention thinks that the value of that continuous publicity outweighs the value of speed in the working of the committees, why of course that is up to them.

Mr. Ballam I agree with Mr. Smallwood, not altogether but to some extent, but as Mr. Bradley says we must not do anything to keep us here longer than necessary. Anything that we can do to expedite matters I believe it is our duty to do. I was wondering, at the 3 o'clock meeting of the committees, if the session could not meet here, as

there may be some other people who would like to place questions, and the longer these are delayed naturally the longer we will be waiting for the answers.

Mr. Chairman That is in the next two sections, Mr. Ballam.

Mr. Ballam It is just merely a suggestion....

Mr. Jackman The people of Newfoundland have waited for almost 14 years, and I feel that what they want now is cold, hard facts. Reporting over the air and to the newspapers is all right, but I feel that what they want is nothing sensational at all, just the facts. I feel this is a good move, because I don't see how we are going to get anywhere if we are going to meet in full session every day like this. I don't think any of us want to be here longer than necessary, I think we should get the work done and put the information before the members.

Mr. Hollett I am somewhat in accord with the sentiments of Mr. Smallwood, that it is not possible to keep the interest of the public alive if we adjourn the assembly for a considerable period, and I am wondering if we could compromise a little on this plan and have the committees meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and then have the Convention meet on Friday. In some instances these committees are going to extend over a somewhat long drawn out time, and I feel that if we knew that the Convention would come in session once a week, it might make up for the lack of continuity. I think Mr. Smallwood and all of us would consider this a compromise.

Mr. Butt Mr. Chairman, I agree with the remarks of Mr. Jackman. If this Convention adjourns, and meets, say once or twice a week, it adjourns in order to give the different committees time to get the information that our constituents are asking for and need, and I feel sure, sir, regardless of the Convention adjourning for a week or two, the people are not going to lose interest. The people will be informed that the Convention is adjourned for a purpose, and that the representative they sent to this Convention is seeking information for them, and that the information cannot be gotten together while this Convention sits daily. There must be adjournment, and time given the members of the committees in order to seek this information which is so vitally important to this Convention. I fail to see where the citizens of this country can object when they