

and seeing what these terms are, but it is premature, sir. We have not yet got for the people of this country what we were sent here to get. Therefore I am in duty bound to vote against the resolution and to vote for the amendment. Nobody, Mr. Smallwood or anybody else, has ever approached me or offered me a senatorship or a trip to Ottawa or anything else. As perhaps the oldest member here I say here that nobody apart from God Almighty directs my course. I have a mind of my own.

While men in this House today may come to the chamber for the first time, I know even more about what I speak than people whose fathers before them have spent their lifetime in connection with the fisheries of this country. I am not one of those. I feel that we came here to do a duty to the people. I don't feel as Mr. Watton felt this afternoon that some are here with an ulterior motive. I have no ulterior motive. I was elected by acclamation. I was called out by the people in my own district, and not only one crowd but several. I never intended to run as a delegate to this Convention, but I did intend, if I was spared, to run in whatever election might come forward at a later date. I was called by my people, like it was said of me one time when I was called for another district. My reply was that it was not that I can't go there, I was not afraid to go there. I have never feared a political election or a political fight. I loved it, and I love it today. Therefore, when we come down to supporting this motion I feel that I can't do it in sincerity.

I have been practically 30 years representing labour in this country. My younger days were spent in the Pacific coast fishery business in Alaska. I know all about fishing — more than many who have had so much prate on it. I was there with frozen fingers, on the Banks and in the dory. I have gone through the mill as much as the average man in this House has gone. Yet I don't come here pretending that I know it all. I have handled labour in this country for 29 years. I have led strikes and settled strikes, and got wages increased, and I have done many things for the people of this country, and I am not ashamed of it today.

Mr. Fudge referred to the Woods Labour Board. I am a member of that Woods Labour Board, and it has done a lot for this country, and is still doing it. That Woods Labour Board is showing to this country that we don't want anybody else to come in and run our own affairs. That Woods Labour Board, under the chairmanship of the late revered and honoured Judge Higgins, and of the present Mr. Justice Fox, has done work that perhaps few others could do. We have experienced people on that board, and it has done a good job; therefore I join with my friend, Mr. Fudge, in saying that we can handle our own affairs and we don't have to go to Canada.

You will find today in Canada places where people are just as backward as they are in Newfoundland. I have a piece of paper in my pocket now, I won't read it, but if I did I doubt if there would be ten men in this House who would vote for this resolution. Let it go. I will not read it now, I will leave it to some other time. I am not jumping to any conclusions, I know where I stand.

Some get up and make flowery speeches, Mr. Chairman. I have never read a speech in this assembly from the first day up to the present day, and you know sir, that the rules of the House of Assembly would not allow members to read their speeches. You had to get up and spit it out of you and have no hesitation in doing it. I have done it for years, and I hope I am doing it now. In the meantime, Mr. Chairman, I am not sorry to see that this is allowed now to the new members in this House. The only thing about it, are the speeches that the members read all written by themselves or by someone else? I don't have to write a speech to get up and express my opinion, I can get up and speak my mind without a written speech.

I have never met Mr. Penney before coming here to this Convention, and I have not spoken 20 words to you since you have been here, but I hold you in the highest esteem. Thank you for seeing fit to bring in this amendment. I think that in doing so you are doing no injustice....

[Mr. Brown collapsed at this point. The Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Cashin I would like to make the motion that this House adjourn until Monday afternoon at 3

o'clock, in respect for one of our delegates, Mr. Brown, who dropped here yesterday after-