

that knowledge is necessary for the people that they may be the better able to judge of what will be best for them. They have a right to that knowledge in justice. We owe it to them in conscience. We may not seek to deny it to them without doing injury to the integrity of this Convention.

"'The time has come,' the Walrus said, 'to speak of many things,' Of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, and cabbages, and kings.'" I am quite prepared to leave the sealing wax to those adroit in its manipulation—the agents of government. I am quite prepared to leave all the kings there ever were, or will be, to the verdict of history. I am concerned to search out as soon as possible that form of government which, other things being equal, would seem the more to offer Newfoundland an adequacy of ships and shoes and cabbages. And that I may the better be able to do that I will, for the moment, vote against the amendment and for the motion. We must be equal to tomorrow, or beware of it.

Mr. Cashin This Convention met on September 11, and a week later we formed ourselves into nine committees for the purpose of ascertaining certain facts relative to the present financial and economic position of the country. Two reports were presented yesterday and immediately these reports had been presented, something upset the applecart. Yesterday afternoon I listened very attentively to Mr. Smallwood's abuse, so to speak, of our country, and our people. Following which I listened to my friend, Mr. Harrington, who is a colleague of mine for the district of St. John's City West, and following which I had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Hollett. Mr. Smallwood has not repudiated the statements made by Mr. Harrington or Mr. Hollett and I want to know, what is behind the idea of offering senatorships and trips to Ottawa to try and influence delegates? On whose authority is that being done? Is it on Mr. Smallwood's authority alone? Is it on the Commission of Government's authority? Is it on the Canadian government's authority? Is it on the Dominions Office's authority? Or whom? That is the thing that should be cleaned up now before we vote on this. If there are influences outside of this House about which we know nothing, offering positions, emoluments and trips all over the country to certain individuals if they vote certain ways, the time is

right now to put an end to it. I would like to have Mr. Smallwood, before we go any further with this debate, either to deny or affirm those statements that he made offers or suggestions to either Mr. Harrington and/or Mr. Hollett. I understand one has been offered the job of Lieutenant-Governor when this place becomes a province. Mr. Smallwood is now gone out of this house and I would ask that he be brought back and settle it once and for all. I have lived in Canada ... I have liked Canada, it is a great country, but I love Newfoundland and I am not going to have it railroaded up the St. Lawrence, as expressed by my friend here. Here he comes! Mr. Chairman, I never said anything outside of this House which I am not prepared to say inside and I want an explanation here right now. The idea of Mr. Smallwood or any other member of this Convention offering or suggesting senatorships and trips to Ottawa provided they vote a certain way for a certain resolution—I want an explanation of that before this thing goes any further, and before I vote we are going to get it.

Mr. Smallwood You'll get it.

Mr. Chairman Please, gentlemen, I want this debate conducted without the interchange of personalities. I laid that down as a primary rule, and there is no reason why the motion before the Chair cannot be discussed without the introduction of personalities. Personalities can have only one result, and that is disorder. It is my duty to prevent disorder, and I propose to carry out that duty. Major Cashin, please discuss this without interchange of personalities.

Mr. Cashin I am entitled to an explanation, the country is entitled to it. The statement was made here yesterday in my hearing. This gentleman here, a young man, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. Hollett, two reputable members of this Convention, one stating he was offered a trip to Ottawa as a member of the delegation, the other offered a senatorship. I am not out of order and I am not being personal. I am asking Mr. Smallwood to tell us on whose authority he made such offers if he made them. I am asking that question and I await his reply.

Mr. Chairman If you await his reply someone will take up the debate. Once you sit down you have spoken once to the motion. You have to confine yourself to the motion.

Mr. Cashin We cannot get away from the fact