

begun a distinguished career when he was called to be Chairman of the National Convention. This latter post, which held no material advantage whatever for him, I believe he prized most of all. I said "I believe" — I think I am justified in saying that *I know*, for I knew the man. And now that he is gone, the greatest tribute that I can pay him is to say that, to me, he is now, as he always was and always will be Cyril Fox, the man. And yet he is not entirely gone from our midst. His cheery spirit can still guide us along the paths of unselfish effort and sound decision. May his clear intellect and his devoted patriotism abide with us to the end.

Mr. Job Mr. Chairman, I have the honour to second the motion which has been so very eloquently proposed by my friend, Mr. Bradley. There is not very much that I can add. I have known Cyril Fox in a personal way for many years. I have known him in recent years on the

banks of the river where we spent a week or two regularly, and under those circumstances one gets to know one's fellow companions. I have no hesitation in saying that during those times I never knew Cyril Fox to say an unkindly word about anyone; I have heard him say very many kind words about people and do very kind deeds. He was a devoted father and a devoted husband and his friends were very, very fond of him.

I do not believe he would wish us to take a gloomy view of his absence here. I believe he would like us to feel that he is still with us, influencing us in our deliberations and helping us to solve the problems connected with the land which he loved. Cyril Fox was, to sum up his character, a true sportsman, a true gentleman and a true Christian in every sense of those words. I have the honour to second the motion.

[The motion carried unanimously, and the Convention adjourned]

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Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen, I open the meeting with some ten members absent. I don't know whether you wish to continue with the meeting or wait a little.

Mr. Job How many?

Mr. Chairman Ten, sir. By now they should all be here. Well, if it is your wish, gentlemen, we will continue. I will ask Mr. Cashin to explain the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, on Thursday afternoon the Steering Committee met at the request of the Commissioner for Home Affairs and Education, in his office, to discuss the vacancy of Chairman of the National Convention. Mr. Walsh pointed out that when the National Convention Act² was being formed the government had approached Judge Fox, asking him whether or not he would accept the chairmanship of the National Convention. That was why it was inserted that the Chairman should be a judge of the Supreme Court. Now Judge Fox has passed away, and we find ourselves without a Chairman, and Mr. Walsh wanted to know what idea we had regarding the future position of Chairman; whether the delegates would be interested in electing their own Chairman from the members, or whether the government would have to appoint one. If the

Convention members desire to elect one of their own delegates as Chairman of the Convention, Mr. Walsh informed us that he felt that the Convention Act could be amended to cover it.

That is really the object of the meeting here this morning, to ascertain whether or not we, as delegates, are interested in electing our own Chairman. That is the sum and substance of what Mr. Walsh told us the other afternoon. Now the matter is open for discussion.

Mr. Butt I don't think that is quite precisely correct. The idea is to explore the idea, not to limit it to any one thing. I don't think the government has given it any real thought.

Mr. Cashin Well, I think they have, otherwise they would not have called us. They want to know if we will do the job or if we want to throw it over on them.

Mr. Job If we do not do something they will have to appoint a judge of the Supreme Court. It is up to us if we would rather have one of ourselves or a judge of the Supreme Court. I am not quite sure if he definitely states that it would have to be a member of the Convention or not.

Mr. Cashin No.

Mr. Job We can make all sorts of suggestions, and whatever we decide they would try to fall in

¹The Secretary, Captain Warren, acted as Chairman.

²Volume II:1.