

square miles of timber land, which includes lakes, Grand Lake, Gander Lake, etc. They are paying rental on water as well as on land, I am pretty certain. I will let you know that the next day we meet.

Mr. Smallwood On Page 8, under "Birch," the last paragraph.... What does that mean?

Mr. Cashin Referring to the pulp and paper companies, there is considerable birch on their property. They will not allow us to go in and cut where they are cutting at the present time, but I understand that they are only too delighted for the people to go in and cut on what has already been cut over. By "material assistance" I don't mean that the government should finance that venture, but they should encourage it by tariffs, etc. We have found out that there are markets in Canada, as well as in the United States, for birch. It is a wood which is very difficult to handle because it is very heavy, but at the same time the opportunity is there for men making furniture, veneer, etc., and I understand that quite an industry can be developed in that. I think Messrs. Wm. Dawe and Sons did export some of that over 20 years ago. I did not mean that it should be financed, but that it should be encouraged.

Mr. Higgins On page 2, Major Cashin, of the report, you say there is \$360,000 collected in revenue at Grand Falls. Is it suggested that that is from the wood working?

Mr. Cashin Prior to the inauguration of the paper mill at Grand Falls there was no revenue there. We attributed that to the fact that when Grand Falls was built up it brought in revenue in other ways. Buchans has a customs department in its own place. If you will go on further there was over \$1 million collected in Corner Brook, and no doubt the herring fishery contributes a lot in the way of revenue, and if the pulp and paper industry had never been started we would have had considerable revenue....

Mr. Fudge In connection with this matter of birch, I may add that early last year I was called to the office of Bowaters¹ and Mr. Shaw informed me that there was an outside concern interested in the birch, and that they were prepared to erect a mill or a factory which would employ some 150 men. We went on further to discuss the wage rate and it was all agreed upon. I am not in a position to state to this Convention

just what will happen, but when we were preparing this report we took that as a possibility. I believe that there will soon be an industry opened, an American outfit, and that they will employ about 150 men in their factory there. The birch will be made into veneer I believe.

Mr. Dawe I believe there is a market for birch.

Mr. Smallwood On page 8 again, Mr. Chairman, under the heading of "Labrador", in the second paragraph, there has been no reliable survey made of the amount of timber on Labrador and the opinions vary. What estimates, or whose?

Mr. Cashin I have seen various surveys of Labrador areas, some were not so good, others fairly good. I happened to see an aerial survey of Labrador some years ago, but I am not able to express an opinion as to the amount of wood in the various areas, but some people say 100 million cords. Other people say 50 million cords. There was a survey in Hamilton Inlet some years ago, and ... the gentleman in charge down there figured 50 million cords. I have seen the survey of the Sandwich Bay area and Eagle River on properties owned by the McMaster interests of Toronto, and these areas have over 10 million cords of wood. I know that the Hamilton River is heavily timbered. I would say that in those 300 sq. miles there is some 1.5 to 2 million cords of wood. There is also the Double Mer property. A survey was made some 30 years ago and shows it carries 6 million cords of wood. I believe there is only 2 million on it.

Adding them all together, Mr. Smallwood, I have no hesitation in saying there is at least 50 million cords on it. I don't think there is 100 million cords but I hope so.

Mr. Hollett I might say that I read this report through when it was presented and remember I noticed there was a noticeable lack of statistics with regard to the earnings of our people generally from forestry, and of the amounts of revenue collected by the government down through the years. It would have been wiser if the Forestry Committee had brought in some statistics over a period of years since they would give us a broader idea of the value of our forests and our financial and economic set-up, and also the possibilities for the future. I can find nothing in this report which shows me those figures. I wonder if Major Cashin can tell me why.

¹Bowaters operated the pulp and paper mill at Corner Brook (1938).