

in a fighting mood.... I realise I have said some things concerning these matters, but I meant them and I believe they were true and I have a right to stand up and express my opinion without having someone jump up and reflect on something I have said.

With regard to this particular motion, you know I have repeatedly expressed the idea that we have no mandate whatever to go to Canada and look for terms, no mandate under the Convention Act. Before you take any drastic steps with regard to any change in the constitution, you must have the mandated power of the people behind you. You cannot sneak in the back door as this is an attempt to do. I have nothing against the Canadian people or government; I have no objections to going into confederation, when and only when our people have been given an opportunity to say definitely that that is what they want. I must stand by that strongly. We are told by the Commission of Government we cannot talk fiscal things; we cannot talk on economic matters; we cannot bring up politics. How can we possibly go to the Dominion of Canada to look for terms if you cannot talk fiscal things, economic matters or politics? Is the committee or government so anxious because they know they have some very attractive terms to lay before us? I fail to see what good can be derived by any approach to the Canadian government by a delegation from this Convention. The Department of External Affairs in Ottawa is the department with which a delegation would have to deal; I fail to see how they can possibly talk to a delegation from here if they cannot talk about the things pertaining to the very matter about which they are going to enquire.

There are some who want these terms. They want to know what Canada is handing out. I maintain Canada is handing out nothing. The Canadian people and government are too shrewd to commit themselves to an absolutely unauthorised body like this with terms of confederation. I am quite sure any delegation sent from this Convention would be wasting its time unless and until they have, as I said before, the mandatory power of the people behind them. It is immaterial to me whether a delegation goes or not, because I am convinced they cannot submit final terms to this Convention. They may offer terms, broadly speaking. I was looking over the discussions of 1895 when we had a delegation proceed to Ot-

tawa to discuss terms of confederation. There were 30 or 40 subjects discussed and every one referred to matters fiscal, economical and political. Yet we are foolish enough to send a delegation to Canada to talk confederation.

I do not want the people to be fooled as in 1932 when the then Prime Minister promised the people of this country that there would be no change made in the constitutional status until the matter was referred back to the people by way of a referendum. It was not, and this status which we have now slipped in the back door. I would not be surprised if here is not the same sort of thing. This squandering of money is such that our surplus will not last six months, \$40 million expenditure in this one year. How do we expect to have any government of any kind if the Commission is going to set that standard before our people? I pity any government that gets in after this government goes out — they will just be a clean-up government. I am against the motion on principle only. If we are going to deal with our country and talk about our country, we must do it by proper constitutional means. On any other basis you will fail miserably. I shall vote against the motion.

Mr. Fudge There has been quite a lot said about "approach." I know something of this question. I came up the hard way. There is something I lack, but I have tried to make up for it in other ways. Some years ago I felt I could be of some assistance to my fellow men, and realising they had confidence in me I took upon myself the responsibility of leading and helping the underdog. I am afraid if I was to take the attitude some members advocate, to go along to the employer and say "Yes, sir" and "No, sir", I can assure you I would not have gotten very far. Our people in Newfoundland should be given a chance to earn their living. I have some people over on the other side in fact I visited some of the old folks in the years gone by. I feel that we should go to England because I realise that part of the assets belonging to this country is over there and it should be on the stock sheet here. We are going to try and dicker with an outside concern. I am not at all satisfied until I am positive all the fittings and gear are aboard of this one. Therefore part of the fittings belonging to this country is over there and I say we should surely see to it that all the gear comes back to this little ship before we decide to