

other matters. That was ruled out — there was no ruling out of the idea that we could discuss anything which the Canadian government was willing to discuss. This discussion is getting to a stage where it is tiresome, it is such a simple matter. We are not committing ourselves to confederation; we are simply trying to get some information which we know some people in the country want and some people in this Convention want. Why we should object to getting that information, I really cannot tell.

Mr. Bailey I have listened to many speakers here today and tonight. I am not worried about the legal aspects of what we should do, or what we can or cannot do. I came into this Convention after 30-odd years travelling on this earth and I am here tonight for one reason, because I have not found any place better to live than this island home of ours. I am not interested in the terms of confederation. I am interested in the way the people in that country live. I have never believed a large country could be as well governed as a smaller one. Everybody seems to be afraid of the future because of the past. We talk about a trans-insular road. In Canada during the depression of 1931-32 they put men working on the roads; they were paid \$5 in the summer and \$10 in the winter, they put the men in camps, 100 men to every five miles; sometimes they received a cheque for 8

cents or 10 cents. They worked in temperatures of 60 below zero. The Dominion government handled the depression their way. If the Newfoundland government had done that, we would certainly have had a cheap road. During the depression of 1929 I went to the United States. I stayed there until 1936 because I could not get enough money to get out of it. From October, 1931 to April, 1933, I received \$378.78. There was nothing for me but the Salvation Army soup kitchens and the Sisters of Charity.

Mr. Chairman We are not concerned in this resolution with conditions in the United States of America. Please confine yourself to the resolution and the amendment.

Mr. Bailey They had depression in other places besides Newfoundland, that is what I am trying to show. I do not believe anyone in this world can do anything for Newfoundland, only her people; and I am afraid if we go off the deep end and do not trust the right people in this country now, we are going to pay in the future. I do not believe in confederation because I do not believe it can do anything for Newfoundland — Canada did not do it in the past when they had a chance. I vote for the amendment and against the resolution.

[The amendment moved by Mr. Harrington was defeated. Mr. Smallwood's motion then carried, and the Convention adjourned]