

Brien, and Cecil Penney. This Convention — most of us — have no idea of the work that these men have to do. They have been here all hours of the day, until 5.30 the other morning, also someone in the studio taking it all down on the records. I hope the Broadcasting Corporation will not forget to remember the staff when the bonuses are being passed around. I hope they will remember the work of the staff.

I want to say a special word for the Doyle News Bulletin.¹ I am not thinking only of their impartiality, of their fairness in giving a square deal to every speaker; not only am I thinking of their accuracy. A man gets up here and talks for three-quarters of an hour. A man sits in that press box, and sums up quickly and accurately what that man says and compresses it into three or four minutes; that is a high-class job that calls for real skill. The Convention rises at six o'clock and they come on the air at quarter to eight, and give a compressed, square account of the proceedings. It is a fine piece of work, and in that work Mr. Michael Mulcahy is beyond comparison — one of the finest newspaper reporters or radio reporters this country has ever had. That man worked until he collapsed, simply collapsed.

I also want to say a word of admiration for the *Evening Telegram*. I read every newspaper in the country — I read everything. I read the reports of the Convention in the *Evening Telegram*, and for their impartiality I have a great respect and I pay them tribute for their fair reports. I also pay tribute to the rest of the press in the country, and for that matter, all radio broadcasting.

This is the last that Newfoundland will hear of me through this Convention. I want to explain for the benefit of the gentleman in Bonavista Bay or Placentia Bay — a gentleman who remarked to someone who was passing through that settlement that he listened to that man Smallwood, thought he was a good man, but one thing he could not understand was why Smallwood was always getting up and asking for "a pint of water". It is not "a pint of water". I am not thirsty. It is "a point of order".

I want to say to all the members with whom I have been cross or angry at one time or another, that it was in the heat of debate, in the heat and

fire of debate. If they have been cross with me, they are thoroughly forgiven, and I hope they will forgive me, and I wish them — all of you — the very best in the world. Everyone here knows the best form of government. I hope we will get our heart's desire. But whatever turns out, we will all be great friends. Some of us will be back next year — most of us, I hope, please God, with the leave and sanction of the people.

I move that resolution that we express our gratitude to the Broadcasting Corporation and to the press of the country.

Mr. Higgins I suppose this is the first time I seconded a motion of Mr. Smallwood; it probably will not be the last. I could not allow this motion to go without adding my praise to the Broadcasting Corporation. I owe a lot to the Broadcasting Corporation for any political prestige I might have. Particularly do I owe them a lot for what they did on March 2, 1947.² I want to add my appreciation of the fine work done by the staff of the Broadcasting Corporation, particularly the night we were here until 5.30 in the morning — they were here recording all that time.

I also want to voice my appreciation of the fine work done by the Doyle Bulletin and in particular Mr. Mulcahy, who was a reporter in this House 40 years ago, and today he is able to do the job as well as 40 years ago. With regard to the others — newspapers and VOCM — I also think they have done a good job. They have done the best they know how.

It is not my intention to make any lengthy address; but before I withdraw, I want to again voice my special appreciation to the Newfoundland Broadcasting Corporation for all they did for me on March 2, 1947.

Mr. Harrington I do not mean to speak to any great length on this motion, but I feel I would be mean to my old colleagues at the Broadcasting Corporation if I were not to express my appreciation for their good work. As Mr. Smallwood has said, I am very familiar with the work they have done. In the afternoon after 6 o'clock, I have wended my way down there to do a daily stint, and I know what work they have had to do, and the technical difficulties they have had to face, and I would add my appreciation along with the

¹A news bulletin sponsored by the firm of Gerald S. Doyle Ltd., broadcast twice daily, six days a week.

²The editors were unable to discover what the Broadcasting Corporation had done for Mr. Higgins on March 2, 1947.