

services of any kind. However, I see no point in enumerating the various needs of our districts and I feel sure that the people in St. Mary's district realise just what the Convention was appointed to do. I wish to assure them that I have great optimism for the future of this country and feel confident that never again shall it be said, "All gone and none for St. Mary's."

**Mr. Higgins** Mr. Chairman, if you will pardon me for diverting a moment or two to the last phrase, maybe St. Mary's pays for it all. I believe that the last speaker has a communication on his desk, and he should bring it forth; it is from his district.

**Mr. Chairman** That is a matter for himself, I have no knowledge of the contents of the document.

**Mr. McCormack** Mr. Chairman, this is a communication from a person in my district asking for a bridge which he thinks it is necessary to have there. Perhaps it is, but if any of the people in my district wish to have anything for the district mentioned here, they will have to speak of it to myself.

**Mr. Higgins** I think it is off the line, but as the communication came to me I passed it to him and I feel he should give it to the people. Perhaps he might for a moment tell what his constituents want.

**Mr. McCormack** I think I made it very clear that I believe the people of St. Mary's realise what the Convention was appointed to do here, and, as I said at the beginning of my talk, we are not here to talk of the needs of our different settlements. If most of the delegates had realised that from the beginning we would probably have finished up our work by this time. As I told Mr. Higgins, if this gentleman wants to have anything spoken of about his district he will communicate with Mr. McCormack and not Mr. Higgins.

**Mr. Hollett** In rising to ask Major Cashin a question I congratulate him on the complete report his Committee has brought in, and I would also like to congratulate both him and Mr. Smallwood on the affability with which they carried on their conversation today. I would like to ask if your Committee had any discussion with Mr. Lewin relative to the matter of either reafforestation or afforestation?

**Mr. Cashin** Yes, there was. I just give it to you from memory. We covered reafforestation in this

Report, I think you were there, and he told us that an expert who came here about a year and a half ago, went into the matter and made certain recommendations, and the two companies together were prepared to pay two-thirds of this reafforestation, the total cost being around \$19,000. They were prepared to put up two-thirds, but the government refused to put up the other one-third, feeling that it would be an awful thing for the government to put up \$6 - 7,000. That is the matter this gentleman was down here to discuss...

**Mr. Smallwood** Where were they to reafforest, was it company grounds?

**Mr. Cashin** Oh no, it was general.

**Mr. Smallwood** While you are on your feet, is that this Avalon Peninsula scheme that Mr. Lewin spoke of? We know that the Avalon is nearly barren now, is that the scheme?

**Mr. Cashin** Yes, and Bonavista and other places.

**Mr. Smallwood** The companies were willing to pay two-thirds?

**Mr. Cashin** Yes.

**Mr. Hollett** I understood it was also on the three-mile limit, and it would take ten years to develop.

**Mr. Cashin** Yes. It would cost \$19,000 I think.

**Mr. Smallwood** How much land would that reafforest?

**Mr. Cashin** I could not tell you that.

**Mr. Smallwood** I would like to ask Major Cashin one final question.

**Mr. Cashin** Good.

**Mr. Smallwood** All this information you have here in your supplementary report about the timber in Labrador, is information apparently that you got from Mr. Lewin. Right?

**Mr. Cashin** Yes.

**Mr. Smallwood** What information did you get from the government on timber in Labrador?

**Mr. Cashin** Nothing.

**Mr. Smallwood** This information that you got from Mr. Lewin, didn't the government have that?

**Mr. Cashin** No, I don't think so, it was Bowaters private property which they paid for in 1937 or 1938. They had given it to the government to have a look at, but they returned it.

**Mr. Smallwood** Didn't they make a copy of it?

**Mr. Cashin** I don't think so. I think we put in