

Mr. McCarthy Is there any pulpwood cut within the three mile limit? And is it being used locally?

Mr. Cashin Yes, within the past three years.

Mr. Burry I would like to know if there is any regulation governing the size of the stump remaining after a tree is cut.

Mr. Cashin Yes, there is a regulation of a certain specified size, but I cannot explain it in detail.

Mr. Fudge In all Bowaters' camps they have a height posted up and I think that the stumpage is not to exceed 12 inches. But I think small contractors cut everything in their way, regardless of size.

Mr. Smallwood I wonder if the production of cellulose is contemplated by the AND Company, as I know they had it under consideration in years past. I have here the wages and figures given by the AND Company showing that from 1907 to 1940 the expenditure in wages and salaries in Newfoundland was \$76 million; local purchases \$14 million; railway freights \$4½ million and so forth. Now I happen to know that that company has been giving these figures year by year from the beginning and they could give them up to the present year. The same thing applies with Bowaters at present. Their figures under wages and salaries and under other headings for the years 1923 to 1940 amounted to \$86 million, as compared with \$105 million by the AND Company in expenditure from 1907 to 1940. Would the convenor of this committee undertake to get these figures up to the present?

Mr. Cashin When we were preparing this report we had to be guided by our terms of reference, and were concerned with getting a picture of the economic and financial position of the country. I have no doubt but that the figures asked for will be made available for us by the companies concerned, although I do not think they have any great bearing on the country....

Mr. Hollett I think it is most important and desirable that we have all the statistical information possible before us to aid us in our work.

Mr. Cashin Would not the figures in the Chadwick-Jones report be of some assistance?

Mr. Hollett I would rather not rely on that for reference, particularly dealing with Grand Falls where I have lived for some time. I would like to know with some degree of definiteness the num-

ber of employees the AND Company have; the wages paid; the amount for local purchases and the amount of duty paid, so that we can see what value that company is to the country and to the revenue. Another desirable thing to know is if that company hopes to make anything else besides paper during their term in this country. In other countries such companies are making other wood products. If the AND Company or Bowaters cannot do that, let us get other companies to operate here and let us get the best we can out of the industry. However, I do think that if the Committee had an interview with the AND Company more necessary information would be forthcoming to work on.

Mr. Cashin We would undertake to do that and have the information obtained embodied in a supplementary report, which it is proposed to bring in.

[There followed a discussion on how the Convention might obtain additional information on the newsprint industry. The section on reafforestation was discussed briefly.]

Mr. Cashin We were fortunate in having as convenor of the Committee, Mr. Fudge, who is connected with the union on the west coast and I would suggest that Mr. Fudge would reply to anything in connection with the labour situation of the pulp and paper industry. Mr. Brown, who is unfortunately ill, was also a member of the Committee and he was also connected with the labour unions.

Mr. Fudge "It is a well-known fact that during depression years wages paid our woodsmen and other employees throughout this particular industry were little better than sufficient to keep body and soul together." That is correct. In 1937 when I came into the union which I represent,¹ the wages paid for a 10 hour day were \$1.60; and the cutting of wood by contract was from 90 cents to not exceeding \$1.50 per cord. The wages in 1945-46 were \$5.30 a day for a 10 hour day; cutters \$3.60 per cord. All other rates were jacked up in proportion. If I remember, the board rate was 75 cents per day, and out of \$1.60 you have some idea of what was left. Today they get \$5.30 and the board rate is 80 cents per day. I would like to say that the agreement which exists between the union and the paper companies automatically dies on April 10, 1947; whereupon a

¹The Newfoundland Labourers' Union.