

the minds and policies of the people looking after the agricultural industry in so far as the government is concerned. Where you find quotation marks in the report, they are nearly always from that memorandum. Before we start to discuss the report, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Gillis for I know he wished, at times, that the Dickens had us. Having examined this document we proceeded to get certain facts about imports and local production. We then got government expenditure figures, and when we thought we had a rough picture of agriculture in Newfoundland, we then got from government officials and outside sources, evidence; and this evidence we used for checking and cross-checking our own opinion. The result you will find in the report before you. The Committee was careful not to make the value of agriculture either too much or too little. It would be fair to say we viewed the prospects in agriculture in the future with much greater enthusiasm than would appear from the report itself. There is one section on the demonstration farm which may suggest that the Committee did not put much value on the farm. That would be incorrect. All we wished to convey was the fact that for one reason or another, the farm did not appear to us to be used as much as it should, in the interests of agriculture as a whole.

That is all I have to say, except that the Committee will answer all the questions we possibly can; we will be happy to go back and find out anything that will help the members make up their minds as to whether Newfoundland is self-

supporting.

*[The Secretary read the report. The committee then rose and reported progress]*

**Mr. Smallwood** Mr. Chairman, I beg to give notice that I will on tomorrow move the following resolution:

Resolved that the National Convention desires to send a delegation consisting of the Chairman and six other of its members to Ottawa to ascertain from the Government of Canada what fair and equitable basis may exist for federal union of Newfoundland and Canada; and

Resolved that the National Convention requests His Excellency the Governor in Commission to ascertain whether the Government of Canada will receive such a delegation for the purpose stated; and

Resolved that should the Government of Canada be willing to receive such a delegation, then the said delegation shall be elected forthwith by secret ballot, and shall proceed to Ottawa as soon as possible after the Convention shall have received from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that Government's replies to the questions adopted by the Convention pursuant to Mr. Hollett's resolution of even date, but not before.

**Mr. Hollett** I rise to give notice of a motion or resolution to be placed on the table tomorrow....  
*[The text of Mr. Hollett's motion is given above, pp. 319-320. The Convention adjourned]*

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*[The Secretary continued reading the report.]*

**Mr. Butt** Mr. Chairman, I skipped one small detail yesterday. We have the recapitulation of imports in detail, so if anyone wants any particular item you can have it. Further, you will find on your desks a memo on the feed pool situation. We did not look upon this as part of our report, because it was more or less an emergency measure about the distribution of feeds. I

apologise because we only got it on February 25, and I barely read it myself, and some of you have not even seen it.

*[The Secretary read the feed pool report.<sup>2</sup>]*

**Mr. Smallwood** I wonder if Mr. Crosbie would tell us, how serious is it to take 5,000 sacks of fish meal and export it? Does it leave enough to meet local needs? There is a shortage of high protein fish meals. Have our local dairy and pig men

<sup>1</sup>Volume II:167.

<sup>2</sup>Volume II:179.