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Now turning to Mr. Cashin. I like Mr. Cashin. I enjoy him. He fascinates me. His arguments fascinate me. His statements fascinate me. For instance, that statement he made here that he never said anything outside the House that he wouldn't be prepared to say in the House. Most men I'd hardly be willing to believe if they made such a statement. I think I believe Mr. Cashin when he makes it. And that other statement he made, when he said there was an ulterior motive behind this resolution. Mr. Cashin is not an easy one to fool. We can trust him always to ferret out ulterior motives and plots. He ferreted out an ulterior motive behind this Convention itself — that it was just a bluff, a glorious stall, dripping with treachery, a clever stunt to keep Commission of Government in power. But he admits that the members of the Convention are not aware of the ulterior motive behind this resolution to get information for our people. And he fears that the members do not see the ulterior motive behind the setting up of this Convention. He is determined to protect the members of this Convention, and expose the ulterior motive behind the resolution and behind the Convention. He's going to see that the country gets the only kind of government that he thinks is fit for the country, responsible government. He's against this resolution, on the ground that he knows the country is self-supporting anyway, so why waste time getting more information? He knows the country is self-supporting, because it's all in the Auditor General's report. There it is, according to him, as clear as mud, the clear proof that the country is self-supporting. We don't need to look any further. And yet, Mr. Chairman, one of his reasons for not sending a delegation to Ottawa is that the delegation would have no information to take with them. Wasn't he overlooking that remarkable piece of information about this country? Mr. Cashin in one breath says that on the basis of the 1895 confederation offer from Canada we'd get \$300 million cash from Canada if we federated with her now. In the next breath he speaks about selling the country. There's something wrong in this line of reasoning. I fear there's something wrong in a lot of his reasoning, for example when he convinces himself that Prime Minister Attlee's reference to the three-year reconstruction programme of the Commission

government proves a deep plot on Mr. Attlee's part to keep the Commission here another three years. I'm afraid I'm not impressed any more by Mr. Cashin's standing as an authority on constitutional theory, constitutional history and constitutional practice, than I am by his grasp of financial matters. Before I leave Mr. Cashin for the time being, I must say that it appears to me that he is annoyed with me for not including him in my list of senatorships. I hasten to repair that blunder on my part. I have no more senatorships to offer. I'm sorry, but I promise him faithfully that if I should ever become prime minister of Canada I'll see that he is taken care of. I'll see that he is fixed up. I'll see that he gets a position fully in keeping with his parliamentary background. I'll make him Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. I'd give anything to see him all togged off in those dinky black pantaloons and three-cornered hat.

And now while I'm at it, I want to say a word about *The Sunday Herald* newspaper. I want to say emphatically that it's not true that I'm paying that paper to attack me every week. There's not a word of truth in it. I'm grateful to them for their valuable attacks upon me. I hope they keep it up, but I'm definitely not paying them one cent for doing it.

Turning to more important aspects of this question, I don't think that thoughtful Newfoundlanders are glad to see such silly efforts being made to take their attention away from the main question in this resolution. The people of our country want to know the truth and they have a right to know the truth, the truth about Commission government, the truth about responsible government, the truth about confederation. They would not thank me if I tried to keep the truth about Commission government away from them and I would not be so foolish as to try to keep it from them; or the truth about responsible government either. And the people are not thanking anyone who is trying to keep the truth about confederation from them. All they want the people to hear about is responsible government, all they can see, all they are willing to talk about is responsible government. Their every thought is about responsible government, they're not satisfied for anything else to come before us. If they could have their way this Convention would close up right now after narrowing our people's