

going down and talking to the Commission of Government in the next three months, but I want them to go down somewhat sensibly; to ask them what can be done is a lot of foolishness. As a former minister of the Crown I have to state that that looks silly to me.

Mr. Chairman I would like to point out to the Convention before the debate goes any further, that this amendment can only be put with the consent of the whole House, because it is, in my opinion, contrary to the rules. Is there any further discussion.

Mr. Hollett Mr. Chairman, may I ask under what particular rule the amendment is a contradiction?

Mr. Chairman Yes, Mr. Hollett. Rule 42 says,

"The Chairman of the Convention shall appoint all committees."

Mr. Hollett Did not that refer to committees in connection with the working of this Convention? It should not apply to the idea of appointing a committee to go elsewhere....

Mr. Chairman The rule says "all committees". Nevertheless, that can be overridden by the Convention.

[After some debate, and with the consent of the Convention, the Chairman put Mr. Fogwill's amendment to the vote. It was carried. The Convention then debated and passed Mr. Job's motion as amended (30-7), and adjourned. There followed an informal session]

Informal Session of Convention

Tuesday, February 4th, 1947

at 4.50 pm

Pursuant to adjournment of the public session at 4.30 pm the Convention assembled in the Legislative Council Chamber to consider the implementing of the motion of Hon. R.B. Job.

Mr. Fogwill asked that the committee referred to in Hon. Mr. Job's motion be elected in open session.

Mr. Higgins, K.C. moved and Mr. Newell seconded that a nominating committee be elected for the purpose of recommending and nominating a committee to interview the Governor in Commission.

After some discussion Mr. Higgins, K.C., with

the consent of Mr. Newell and the Convention withdrew his motion and moved that the electing of that committee be effected forthwith by secret ballot.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Mr. Burry and carried, whereupon the following were elected members of the committee with the Chairman: Hon. R.B. Job, Messrs. C.A. Crosbie, G.F. Higgins, K.C., T.G.W. Ashbourne, J.R. Smallwood, I. Newell and F.D. Fogwill.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

February 6, 1947

Report of the Forestry Committee:¹

Committee of the Whole

Mr. Cashin Mr. Chairman, when we adjourned the other afternoon I suggested to you that we had something additional to the supplementary report, and I will now read that additional supplement....

The Committee has recently received numerous representations from certain sections of the country requesting that certain timber areas now held by private corporations either under lease or free simply should revert to the Crown. These particular areas carry the only available timber in these ter-

ritories that could be of benefit to the people generally, either for fuel or the manufacture of lumber for local consumption. The Forestry Committee feels that the Commission government might make an effort to negotiate with the companies concerned for an exchange of properties by mutual encouragement and if possible try and effect a settlement that would be equitably fair. A settlement along these lines would be of material assistance to the people concerned.

The whole supplementary report is now

¹Volume II:56.