

avail of his privilege to cast his vote at this important time in our country's affairs, and not one at which many of the people would be absent from their homes and therefore deprived of this privilege.

In conclusion I feel that every member of the Convention will do his utmost to justify the hopes and the wishes of the people of the country who sent us here. It will not be easy to recommend the form of government under which future Newfoundlanders must live, but when the time comes for the people to make a choice, after hearing what the Convention has to say, I am sure the good judgment and the strong commonsense of Newfoundlanders will guide them to make a wise decision.

Mr. Chairman Any other member wish to speak on this motion?

Mr. Harrington Mr. Chairman, I have not as yet spoken to this motion on the Chadwick and Jones report. When this report was brought in first the Convention was more or less feeling around, trying to get its feet, and I imagine that this discussion was initiated to get things started here. We had the Chadwick and Jones report, and since then we have had the reconstruction plans of the Commission of Government, the financial report, etc., and now we have enough extraneous matter. We have the Fisheries Report now, the first real work that has been done by this Convention. The Education Committee, I understand, will have its report completed very soon, and other committees are ready to come forward too, so I would suggest that, if it meets with the approval of the Convention, we give the Chadwick and Jones report the six months hoist, and get down to our own work as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman If the Convention wishes we could have a motion to have this report accepted.

Mr. Cashin I think it was in fact "to receive".

Mr. Chairman Then is the house ready for the question?

Mr. Job I take it this will be before the Convention again for adoption?

Mr. Chairman Not necessarily, but it will be laid on the table and reference can be had to it.

Mr. Job I think it would be a pity if it is not debated for itself.

Mr. Chairman Well then, it would have to be put before a committee of the whole, and it will have to be read item by item. Is that what you

meant?

Mr. Job Well no, but I think we can go through it quickly without going over it item by item — just bring up the most important parts for discussion. There are several errors in the report as a matter of fact, and I think it would be a pity to shut off all consideration of it.

Mr. Jackman Mr. Chairman, I have not anything prepared to say in regards to this report, but what I say now is just the way I feel about it. I would say, sir, there is nothing in it we don't already know, and therefore I would say here that, as an individual, I am very much disappointed in the report. I remember when the Commission of Government was instituted in this country it promised two things — political education and economic development. There is no question about it this Convention is a political education, not only for us assembled here but for the country as a whole. In regards to the economic development of this country the Commission of Government has failed utterly. There has not been one major industry established in our country. There has not been one which was plugged. As regards the report I am against it because I see nothing in it that is of importance to us as a people — that is the economic development of our country. I would not vote in favour of its adoption.

Mr. Chairman The motion is not to adopt it, it is merely to receive it. Is the Convention ready for the question?

Mr. Miller It seems to me that shortly the several committees will be bringing in their reports, and I would consider it a nice way, when these reports come in, to take that section of the Chadwick-Jones report which deals with that particular report....

Mr. Chairman The Steering Committee will take up your very admirable suggestion, but perhaps it would be better to wait until the final report of the Fisheries Committee is presented to the Convention, for purposes of comparison. I think yours is a very excellent suggestion. It would be a pity to lose sight of the value of the Chadwick-Jones report and it is of great importance that the Convention should study it in detail, and perhaps have it debated in detail, in the way that Mr. Miller suggests.

Mr. Job I think it is a very good suggestion, but I would like to point out that it is better to await