

**FOURTH GENERAL SESSION**

Tuesday, October 4, 2.30 p.m.

MR. G. H. SHINK, K.C.,

Comptroller of Provincial Revenue, Province of Quebec, presiding.

MR. SHINK: I declare the Tuesday afternoon session open.

Before calling upon those members whose names appear on the programme to come to this table, I wish to make a statement which will be my own personal contribution towards one of our members. I refer to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance at Ottawa, Mr. R. B. Bryce, B.A., M.A., who is the Chairman of the Conference and Programme Committee. Mr. Bryce has devoted much of his time prior to the Conference and during the Conference to its success. He has been instrumental in bringing about the drafting of the programme, the selection of subjects, and the selection of the people who will deal with these subjects. In view of the success he has attained, and the efforts he has put into attaining the objects, I feel it my duty to make this statement which is one of the high regard and consideration I have for Mr. Bryce and the special work he has done for The Institute of Public Administration of Canada. (Prolonged applause)

Gentlemen, this afternoon on the programme, you have read that there are two subjects to be exposed to the members. One is, the "Problems arising from lack of organized Municipalities in Newfoundland;" the other is "The Role of The Institute of Public Administration of Canada."

The first subject is to be dealt with by Mr. C. W. Powell, B.Sc. Mr. Powell you have no doubt met. Mr. Powell is only 36 years of age and what will follow, will astonish you, seeing his age. He was educated at St.-John's, Newfoundland and at Nova Scotia's Technical College at Halifax. He graduated as an engineer. In 1935, he joined the provincial civil service in Newfoundland as a magistrate. In Newfoundland, in 1935, the magistrates were not only judicial officers; they were also the chief representatives of the government in the various selected districts where they administered the distribution of relief, local roads and public health.

He served in this capacity until 1944 when he became the administrative officer of the Department of Justice at St. John's and, as such, was responsible for the administration of the Newfoundland magistracy, the police force, the penitentiaries, and the fire department, all of which were under the Department of Justice. In 1947, he was appointed the Director of Local Government Affairs where he was responsible for the organization and administration of Municipal Affairs. In September, 1949, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Supply to which department local government affairs were transferred at that time. The Department of Supply purchases all the requirements of the province and also administers the price and rental control regulations. Mr. Powell, will you kindly come to the table.