

occasions. Presumably her appeal at this time is to housewives. I enclose a clipping from the St. John's *Daily News* of today's date¹ which contains the text of a remarkable valedictory letter, entitled "Over the Top with Fanny," which she addressed to her public yesterday. It is, I assure you, well worth reading. Mrs. Fiander was heard over VOXM again this morning but it was, of course only a recording. The writer herself, as she makes clear in the enclosed letter, returned to the quiet precincts of Harbour Grace last Sunday afternoon, her strange pilgrimage from obscurity to political fame accomplished. As she herself put it, "My work here is finished. I will be leaving for Harbour Grace 3 p.m. Mr. Ches Crosbie has placed a car at my disposal."

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14. There are signs that the Economic Union and Responsible Government groups may be drawing even closer together than heretofore. I have heard that some time ago they pooled their facilities for publishing handbills and that sort of thing. There has recently been an increasing tendency on the part of both groups to regard the speakers sponsored by one group or the other as, for all practical purposes, speaking for both. Also, as I have already reported, the Economic Union people seem to be falling deliberately into the habit of talking more about trade treaties with the United States and less about actual economic union. Whether or not this sort of thing actually indicates a growing *rapprochement*, I do not at present know.

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Memorandum by Department of External Affairs

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Ottawa, July 20, 1948

NEWFOUNDLAND REFERENDUM; PROCEDURE

At the meeting of the Cabinet on July 20th, consideration was given to a report submitted on recent developments concerning Newfoundland and particularly to the question of whether a small favourable majority in the forthcoming referendum would constitute a "clear manifestation" of desire on the part of the inhabitants for union with Canada.

The report submitted was noted and it was agreed that the matter be considered at the next meeting in the light of the results of the referendum.