

won't work. He stressed the fine social services afforded by Canada, which, he said, are the best in this hemisphere, and the Christian and British traditions which are kept alive in Canada and which make union with that country a highly acceptable idea to him.

8. Mr. Quinton began by making it clear that he was speaking as a private citizen and then went on to give a quite moving address in which he called upon his experience in public life, both as a civil servant and as an elected representative of the people, to show why, in spite of his instinctive desire to preserve Newfoundland as Newfoundland, he fervently believes that Confederation is the only proper future for this country. His exposition of this matter was simple in the extreme. Without going into any details of public finance, he argued that Confederation would mean a decent standard of public services for the people of this country, whereas Responsible Government would cause them to deteriorate, perhaps beyond repair.

9. Sir Leonard Outerbridge was advertised and introduced by the Confederate Association as Colonel Sir Leonard Outerbridge, D.S.O., LL.B., and when he introduced Mr. Quinton he referred in very cordial terms to the latter's service with the Newfoundland Regiment in the First World War. This is undoubtedly of benefit to the Confederate movement which is endeavouring, in the face of a certain amount of quiet defamation, to establish itself in the minds of the people as a thoroughly British cause.

10. The *Evening Telegram*, which has lately been assuming a rather painfully neutral attitude, came out with an editorial not long ago, in which it took the line that the people have already been subjected to quite enough propaganda, and can be trusted to decide the issue on July 22nd without further argument from either side. In the *Daily News*, the Wayfarer roundly disagreed with this thesis, asserting that there are a great many matters — all of them facets of the bitter truth about Confederation — of which the people must be made aware before they vote. A few days later, however, he reversed himself and began to develop the theme that it is a great pity that people should have to listen to political speeches on their radios in the summer-time when they would much rather be doing something else. The Corner Brook *Western Star* has recently been taking the same line editorially. It would appear that neither of the latter newspapers is happy about the calibre of some of the speakers who are now coming out for Confederation.

11. On July 9th the *Daily News* demanded editorially that Mr. Quinton should resign his position as Commissioner for Public Health and Welfare, on the grounds that, if he remains in office, he cannot avoid prejudicing the position of the Commission of Government as an impartial trustee. The *Evening Telegram* contented itself with pointing out that it would appear to rest with the Government to decide whether Mr. Quinton's participation in the campaign makes him, in the words of the Letters Patent, no longer "capable of exercising his functions as a Member of the said Commission." It may be noted that at the outset of his speech, Mr. Quinton himself said that, since the Commission of Government was no longer a possible future form of Government for Newfoundland, he is under no obligation to remain silent on political matters.