

Government at short notice, particularly those on the South and East Coasts.

The control of the Lights on the east coast of Canada is exercised by the Commanding Officer Atlantic Coast, and should the Newfoundland Government be willing to concur this control could be extended to the Lights on the Newfoundland coast through the Naval Control Service Officer who is at present stationed at St. John's.

I shall be grateful for an early indication of the views of the Newfoundland Government in regard to this matter.

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*Mémoire du maître général de l'artillerie au commandant
de district, Québec*

*Memorandum from Master General of the Ordnance
to District Officer Commanding, Quebec*

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[Ottawa,] November 21, 1939

EQUIPMENT FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

With reference to your telegram Q.1087¹ and Equipment 1 of 20 November;¹ while the exportation of the shipment has been authorized by the Customs Department it will be noted the machine guns, rifles, etc., are only a "loan" issue and will no doubt be returned to Canada after the termination of the present war or when no longer required by the Government of Newfoundland. This being the case and in order that particulars of the shipment will be on record in the Customs files, it is necessary for the required application forms to be completed and returned to these Headquarters for necessary action.

All items shipped should be detailed and where the items are on loan, the forms should be so endorsed to avoid any difficulties that might crop up in connection with re-entry into Canada.

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