

of federal services. This work was facilitated by the establishment of an Inter-departmental Committee on Newfoundland, of which the Under-Secretary is Chairman and the Chief of the Commonwealth Division, Deputy Chairman.

The accession of Newfoundland as a province will bring to fruition the vision of the Fathers of Confederation of a great nation extending from ocean to ocean and including all British North America north of the United States. It will assure to Canada control of its North Atlantic frontier, a major national interest in an age of aerial transport and aerial warfare. It will enlarge Canada by some 150,000 square miles and add to its population a hardy, seafaring people of kindred stock and similar cultural traditions. Speaking to the Newfoundland Delegation in his address at the closing ceremony of the recent negotiation, Mr. St. Laurent said: "We believe that, with you, we have had the privilege of completing the structure of a 'Union Strong and Great'."*



* The main documents on the negotiations leading to union will be found in the Department's *Conference Series, 1948, No. 2*, "*Report and Documents relating to the Negotiations for the Union of Newfoundland with Canada*", (15c.), shortly to be published by the King's Printer, Ottawa, Canada, from whom copies may be obtained.