

Floud points out that Newfoundland apparently comes within the Intelligence area of the Canadian Intelligence centre and that there is a Reporting Officer at St. John's, Newfoundland, who is theoretically part of the organisation of the Canadian Director of Naval Intelligence, but that the latter had never seen a copy of the Newfoundland Defence Scheme, which had in fact not been communicated to either the Canadian Government or the United Kingdom High Commissioner.

The authorities here agree that it would be desirable that both the Canadian Government and the United Kingdom High Commissioner should have copies of the Newfoundland Defence Scheme and of the Oversea Defence Committee's remarks on the Scheme; and I am accordingly writing to let you know that we have forwarded to the Acting United Kingdom High Commissioner in Canada two copies each of those documents with a request that he would communicate one copy of each to the Canadian Government for their information and retain the others for his own use. I feel sure that you will agree as to the desirability of this.

It is suggested that, when the Scheme is next up for revision, the position should be regularised by including in the remarks of the Oversea Defence Committee, if the Scheme itself does not already make provision for it, a recommendation that a copy should be sent to the Canadian Government.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. BATTERBEE

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*Le haut commissariat de Grande-Bretagne au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commission of Great Britain to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

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Ottawa, February 11, 1938

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My dear Dr. Skelton,

I have received from the Government of the United Kingdom, with instructions that I should communicate it to the Canadian Government for their information, the enclosed copy of the Newfoundland Defence Scheme, 1936, together with a copy of the "remarks" thereon of the Oversea Defence Sub-Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence. These documents are respectively numbered 36 and 45.

You will no doubt be so good as to communicate these documents to the appropriate authorities and I should be very grateful if you would advise me of their safe receipt by you.

Yours very sincerely,

STEPHEN L. HOLMES