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*Extraits du procès-verbal d'une réunion de la délégation de
Terre-Neuve aux négociations des Conditions de l'union⁸*

*Extracts from Minutes of a Meeting of the Delegation of
Newfoundland to the Negotiations of the Terms of Union⁸*

MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING HELD ON THE
26TH AUGUST, 1948 AT 10 A.M.

All members were in attendance. The reading of the Minutes of the first meeting was deferred.

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DEPARTMENTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

12. Mr. Gruchy requested that the heads of the various Government Departments in Newfoundland should be asked to submit, for the information and guidance of the delegation, briefs describing the present *status quo* in their Departments, how those Departments would be constituted and function under Confederation and what problems may conceivably result from Confederation which, in their opinion, merited special attention by the delegation. He referred particularly to the question of Customs tariffs in which he was greatly interested and was most anxious to have a concise statement showing the details of the present Customs tariffs, including preferential tariffs, in Newfoundland compared with the tariffs which would be in effect after Newfoundland became a Province of Canada. Similarly with regard to natural resources, fisheries, income and corporation taxes, shipping and railway operations. He considered that this information would be of inestimable value to members and would assist them greatly in their subsequent negotiations in Ottawa when the time came for the delegation to endeavour to obtain from Canada the best possible terms for Newfoundland.

13. Mr. Gruchy's recommendation met with general approval and it was agreed that the heads of the Government Departments concerned should be approached immediately along the lines suggested by him. In the event, however, that these officials should not be thoroughly conversant with the changed conditions which will likely exist in their Departments after Confederation has been effected, it was also agreed that arrangements should be made to have officials of the Government of Canada come to Newfoundland immediately to discuss with local officials any points concerning which they may be in doubt. The Canadian officials should include experts on matters relative to tariffs, railways, shipping, civil aviation, mines and resources, fisheries and public health. The Chairman undertook to discuss this matter with the Acting High Commissioner for Canada without delay.

⁸Dans les procès-verbaux de la délégation, le numéro de procès-verbal correspond au numéro de paragraphe. Chaque réunion a son procès-verbal mais les paragraphes sont numérotés consécutivement depuis la première réunion.

⁸In the delegation's minutes, a minute number is a paragraph number. Each meeting had its minutes but the paragraphs were numbered consecutively from the first meeting on.