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Meeting between Delegates from the
National Convention of Newfoundland and
Representatives of the Government of Canada

Opening Statement by
Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa - June 25, 1947

Mr. Bradley and members of the delegation from the
National Convention of Newfoundland:

I am very happy to extend to you, on behalf of
the Government and people of Canada, a warm welcome to
Ottawa.

In welcoming you, we welcome neighbours and
kinfolk who, with us, owe a common allegiance to the Crown,
and whose countries are members of the British Commonwealth.
History and Geography have given us much in common. We
enjoy with you the heritage of British freedom and the even
older heritage of Christian civilization. We have shared
together the perils and sacrifices of two world wars. Side
by side, we face the uncertainties of the post-war world.

Newfoundlanders are no strangers to Canada, nor
are Canadians strangers to Newfoundland. From Newfoundland
many have settled in our country and become Canadian
citizens; some have made distinguished contributions to