

Captain Schwerdt, in reply, stated that the need for joint consideration of the measures required to meet these problems was fully appreciated and that he saw no obstacle to the closest co-operation of the Newfoundland and Canadian authorities provided matters were raised first through the proper channels.

5. The Joint Staff Committee has considered the report of the Service representatives as summarized in the preceding paragraphs. The Committee desires to emphasize the fact that Canadian measures for the protection in war of harbours and shipping in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Coast area are, of necessity, dependent upon the means of defence which may be made available to Newfoundland. A proper appreciation of the defence requirements on Canada's Eastern seaboard is therefore only possible if the measures to be taken by the British Government in respect to Newfoundland are known.

It is therefore strongly recommended that an enquiry of the British Government should be made to ascertain what measures Naval and Air, for the defence of Newfoundland are contemplated in the event of a European war.

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G. M. CROIL, Air Commodore
Senior Air Officer

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*Le secrétaire particulier du gouverneur de Terre-Neuve
au sous-secrétaire d'État adjoint aux Dominions*

*Private Secretary, Government House, to Assistant
Under-Secretary of State for Dominions*

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[St. John's,] May 5, 1938

My dear Clutterbuck,

I am still very busy dealing with the work since my return, but I feel sure you would like to know that H.E.'s¹ visit to Ottawa was a great success and has I think been of considerable value.

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I immediately called on Sir Francis Floud and Stephen Holmes both of them receiving me most kindly. We discussed the Defence business of which I send you a copy of the report² which I wrote for H.E. and the Commission of Government.

¹ Le gouverneur de Terre-Neuve.

² Non reproduit.

¹ Governor of Newfoundland.

² Not printed.