CLAUSE 4 OF GREY BOOK

47. Mr. Crosbie requested that a note be made of the necessity of ascertaining from the Government of Canada at the appropriate time the classes and categories of persons to whom the various benefits described in this clause would or would not be applicable. He was thinking particularly of Newfoundlanders who had recently returned to Newfoundland to resume permanent residence or who may do so after Confederation and felt that it was important to have the position in respect of such persons thoroughly clarified.

The meeting adjourned at 1.00 p.m.

J. G. CHANNING Secretary Confirmed. A. J. WALSH Chairman

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Procès-verbal d'une réunion de la délégation de Terre-Neuve aux négociations des Conditions de l'union

Minutes of a Meeting of the Delegation of Newfoundland to the Negotiations of the Terms of Union

minutes of fifth meeting held on the 27th august, 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

All members were present.

TELEGRAM FROM NEWFOUNDLAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR 48. A reply to the above-mentioned telegram, drafted by the Chairman, was amended in certain respects and ordered to be transmitted immediately.

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49. It was not considered that the services described in this sub-clause should include the Clarenville ships which are operated by the Railway on an agency basis. These ships are Newfoundland Government property and, if they are taken over by the Canadian Government, the Newfoundland Government should be reimbursed therefor at their current market value. The suggestion was also made that, if they were so taken over, an effort should be made to obtain an undertaking from the Canadian Government to operate them in the Newfoundland trade. Mr. Smallwood stated that the question of the disposal of the Clarenville ships was not settled definitely in earlier negotiations with Canada. He thought it would be advisable for the delegation to prepare a case for their retention by Newfoundland.

50. With regard to the possibility of the Canadian Government extending the present railway and steamship services to include areas throughout the Island not at present enjoying these facilities, this matter was discussed at length but no particular decision was reached thereon as it was felt that Canada would undoubtedly do so if investigation showed that such extension was necessary for the welfare and development of these areas.

51. During the discussion on this sub-clause, Mr. Smallwood mentioned that when the proposed terms of Confederation were being discussed in the National