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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

NEWFOUNDLAND REFERENDUM: The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, said July 27 that it would seem from the results of the Newfoundland referendum thus far reported, that there will be a substantial majority in favour of confederation with Canada.

A statement on behalf of the Government of Canada could not, however, be made until official notification of the final result had been communicated to Ottawa. This might be a matter of a few days.

Press despatches from Newfoundland have given the majority for confederation over responsible government as about 6,500. It was reported that the main sources of opposition to confederation were breaking up. Some former opponents of confederation, said the press reports, were prepared to accept the majority decision of the Newfoundland voters while others wished to continue opposition to confederation.

PALESTINE PROBLEM: A Syrian resolution to send the Palestine problem to the International Court of Justice for an advisory legal opinion as to the international status of Palestine after the end of the British mandate on May 15 was rejected in the United Nations Security Council by a vote of 6 - 1 (Ukraine) with four abstentions (Canada, France, U.S., U.S.S.R.). Canada opposed the resolution on the grounds that to open the general question of the legal basis upon which the United Nations was acting seemed "neither necessary nor desirable" and

would "inevitably hinder and postpone the negotiations for peaceful settlement." The Canadian delegate added "specific" legal questions might arise during the negotiations on which the court might rule.

6 MONTHS EXPORTS \$1,401,100,000: Canada's merchandise exports in June were valued at \$234,500,000, down 17 per cent from the post-war monthly high figure of \$282,300,000 registered for May and off 14 per cent from last year's June total of \$272,700,000, according to figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. Total for the first six months of this year was \$1,401,100,000 as compared with \$1,328,500,000 in the similar period of 1947, a rise of 5.4 per cent.

Features of the June export trade were further gains in shipments to the United States and Latin American countries over a year ago, and a drop in exports to the United Kingdom, other British countries, and to a sharp reduction in wheat and wheat flour shipments abroad.

QUEBEC ELECTION: The Government of Premier Maurice L. Duplessis was returned to power in Quebec province in the election of July 28. Premier Duplessis and his National Union Party, which in the old Legislature held 48 of 91 seats, were returned in 82 of the 92 ridings yesterday, one seat having been added. The Liberal Party, led by Hon. Adelard Godbout, which held 33 seats at dissolution, returned eight members in yesterday's voting.