

arrangements. I do not think they have withheld anything from us at any stage in the preliminary discussions, and their cheerful cooperation in dealing with the intricate technical problems of bringing Newfoundland into confederation will be needed during the months ahead. In the circumstances I think it would be worth our while to make a considerable effort and put up with some inconvenience in order to carry their judgment with us at each stage of the Newfoundland negotiations. For these reasons I hope there will be no statement issued about Newfoundland until the United Kingdom has been given an opportunity to consider and comment on the draft statement that our Government proposes to make. Ends.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire
en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner
in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 1198

Ottawa, July 28, 1948

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Following for Robertson from Pearson, Begins: Your telegram No. 1221 Newfoundland. You may assure Machtig as I have already assured Clutterbuck, that no statement will be issued by the Government about Newfoundland without consultation with the United Kingdom. I have let Clutterbuck see a draft of such a statement but there may be one or two further changes that the Prime Minister will wish to make in it. Last night the Prime Minister gave the press the following:

"The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, said today 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 cannot, however, be made until official notification of the final result has been communicated to Ottawa. This may be a matter of a few days."

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*Le Gouverneur de Terre-Neuve au secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Governor of Newfoundland to Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 1

St. John's, July 29, 1948

Addressed to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations No. 172, repeated to United Kingdom representative, Ottawa, No. 6, External Ottawa No. 1. My telegram to Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations No. 171, to United Kingdom representative, Ottawa, No. 5.

2. Latest information from Labrador is as follows: Confederation 2,263, Responsible Government 909. The grand total to date thus becomes: Confederation 77,869, Responsible Government 71,464.