

estimate in this respect. As he had already pointed out on a previous occasion, even if it was known how and on what basis the figures shown in the Grey Book were originally calculated, he doubted whether there was any official in the Department of Customs, including himself, who was sufficiently familiar with the intricacies of the Canadian Tariff and Sales Tax to be able to check them intelligently. Again, it must be remembered that, before endeavouring to estimate with any degree of accuracy how much Customs duties etc., would be collected in Newfoundland by the Federal Government, it was first necessary to determine from what sources imports were likely to come under Confederation, or in other words, future trade trends. This problem was one with which the Department of Customs was entirely unequipped to deal and reliable information could be obtained only from importers themselves. Members of the delegation appreciated this fact but stated most emphatically that the matter was extremely important and that Mr. Howell should make every possible effort to assist them. It was suggested to Mr. Howell that he should proceed immediately to Ottawa, accompanied by the Secretary for Supply and any members of the trade whose collaboration may be helpful to him, and discuss the whole question with responsible officials of the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Mr. Howell requested time to look into the problem more thoroughly so that he might determine just how he should proceed. The delegation agreed to this request and assured Mr. Howell that they were prepared to cooperate with him to the fullest possible extent to enable him to obtain the required information.

At this point, Mr. Howell withdrew.

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Le président, la Commission des pêcheries de Terre-Neuve, au secrétaire, la délégation de Terre-Neuve aux négociations des Conditions de l'union

Chairman, Newfoundland Fisheries Board, to Secretary, Delegation of Newfoundland to the Negotiations of the Terms of Union

St. John's, September 2, 1948

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of notes prepared by me, at the request of the Newfoundland Delegation, on the subject of the Bait Act and Bait Policy.[†]

Yours very truly,

R. GUSHUE

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