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*Extraits d'une dépêche du haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Extracts from Despatch from Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

DESPATCH 348

St. John's, July 17, 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 325 of July 5th⁷⁰ with which was enclosed a letter written to the St. John's *Evening Telegram* by Dr. L. J. Jackman of Montreal referring to the attitude toward Confederation of political parties in Canada.

2. I enclose a copy of a clipping from the St. John's *Evening Telegram* of June 28th, which contains a further letter from Dr. Jackman on this subject enclosing copies of letters which he has received from Mr. David Lewis, National Secretary of the C.C.F., and Mr. John Bracken, leader of the Progressive Conservative party.

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4. Mr. Bracken's letter has not attracted much attention in the course of the present political campaign. The St. John's *Daily News*, however, has remarked on it editorially, arbitrarily selecting one part of it and saying that Mr. Bracken has said that other terms could be considered if those offered were not found satisfactory.

I have etc.

PAUL A. BRIDLE

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Extrait du Evening Telegram de St. John's du 28 juin 1948
Extract from St. John's Evening Telegram of June 28, 1948

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,

On June 18th, 1948, I mailed you letters sent me from the Secretary of the Prime Minister of Canada, and one from Mr. Allan O'Brien, Secretary to Mr. M. J. Coldwell, Leader of C.C.F. Party in Canada. The letters were expressions of their opinions on the Terms of Confederation and the probable course of events in Newfoundland.

Enclosed is a statement of the Hon. John Bracken, leader of the Opposition at Ottawa. Also is a letter from Mr. David Lewis, National Secretary of the C.C.F. Party — more or less confirming the letter sent me by Mr. Allan O'Brien on June 18th, 1948.

The important statement made by Mr. Bracken is that his party was not consulted in respect to the Terms of Confederation.

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