

4. With respect to aerial photography and mapping of a strip on both sides of the height of land north of latitude 54 degrees and west of longitude 66 degrees, it is suggested that the Commission of Government might be prepared to pay the cost of the photography of that part of the area within Labrador and the plotting and printing of maps based on such photography. If desired, an estimate of the cost could be provided the Newfoundland Government shortly. It is felt, however, that the matter is of some urgency and a decision on principle by the Newfoundland Government at an early date would be appreciated.

5. It should perhaps be noted that the proposed survey has nothing to do with the survey for defence purposes proposed in the recent Defence Agreement between Newfoundland and Canada. The present survey is entirely for economic and jurisdictional purposes.

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*High Commissioner in Newfoundland to Acting Secretary of State
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DESPATCH 184

St. John's, May 25, 1946

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my communication No. 181 of May 23¹ respecting the question of the location of part of the boundary line between Labrador and Canada and to report that I am now informed that the matter has been discussed by the Commission of Government.

2. It is pointed out that the survey programme for this year has already been settled and it is not possible to alter it now. The field season is very short and the staff is limited. For this reason alone it would not be possible to arrange for a proper joint survey of the boundary line between Canada and Labrador this year. Meanwhile, to enable full consideration to be given I have been requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of the various parts of the proposed survey on the assumption that Newfoundland could not participate directly in the aerial survey and could not, before the summer of 1947, supply more than two surveyors for the rest of the project.

3. The Commissioner for Natural Resources has also informed me that the information at present at the disposal of his Department indicates that the triangulation network in Labrador is unlikely, during the present or next few years, to reach the stage at which fixed ground points would be available for correlation with the aerial photographic survey.

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