

MINUTES OF TWENTY-FIRST MEETING HELD
ON THE 8TH SEPT., 1948, AT 2.30 P.M.

All members were present.

DEBT ALLOWANCES

201. The discussion on debt allowances, which was adjourned at the twentieth meeting, was resumed and the whole question fully examined and considered. As the discussion was of an informal nature, no record thereof was made.

EXPERT ADVICE

202. Mr. McEvoy stated, as his opinion, that the delegation was severely handicapped in its endeavours to determine the extent to which additional financial assistance or other benefits should be requested from Canada, if at all, by reason of the fact that it had no means of knowing or ascertaining at present how the terms offered to Newfoundland compared with those given other Provinces. He felt that this was a prerequisite to negotiations in Ottawa and again recommended the retention of an expert of the calibre of J. C. Thompson, to whom he had already referred, to assist the delegation in this respect. It was agreed that members should consider this recommendation overnight and present their views thereon at the next meeting.

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VISIT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO OTTAWA

204. Following the reading by the Chairman of a memorandum[†] recently received by him from the Commissioner for Finance, it was agreed that Messrs. Roddis, Allen and Howell should proceed immediately to Ottawa if they considered that it was necessary to do so in order to enable them to prepare the briefs requested by the delegation.

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*Le secrétaire, la délégation de Terre-Neuve aux négociations
des Conditions de l'union, au contrôleur des contributions,
le ministère des Finances de Terre-Neuve*

*Secretary, Delegation of Newfoundland to the Negotiations
of the Terms of Union, to Assessor of Taxes, Department
of Finance of Newfoundland*

St. John's, September 8, 1948

Dear Sir,

In the proposed arrangements for the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation dated the 29th of October, 1947, the following estimates are given as representing "the additional Federal Revenues that would arise as a result of the inclusion of Newfoundland within Canada in a full year, at the rates of tax exacted in the 1947 Federal budget" on the assumption of a continuation of present levels of economic activity in Newfoundland.