

usefully proceed to London for preliminary discussions on the questions of timetable and procedure, in advance of the plebiscite.⁵⁷

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Extraits d'une lettre du haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve au chef, la direction du Commonwealth britannique
Extracts from Letter from Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland to Head, British Commonwealth Division

SECRET AND PERSONAL

St. John's, June 21, 1948

Dear Mr. MacKay,

I wish to refer to my telegram No. 100 of June 19th regarding the Governor's visit to London.

On June 17th Mr. R. L. M. James, the Commissioner for Finance, asked me to come and see him in connection with the Governor's visit. I found that he wanted to obtain my advice as to the correctness of his reading of the terms and of the report of the Ottawa meetings with respect to a number of questions which he thinks should be discussed by Canadian and Newfoundland representatives in the event of a decision favourable to Confederation. Mr. James explained to me that he was preparing a memorandum on this matter for the information of the Governor prior to his departure for London.

Mr. James also said that his purpose in discussing these financial questions with me was to enable me to let Ottawa know informally the sort of financial points we might expect Newfoundland representatives to wish to discuss with us in the event of a favourable decision. He emphasized that the points he mentioned to me are still in the discussion stage so far as the Newfoundland authorities are concerned.

The points mentioned by Mr. James were as follows:

1. With reference to Clause 5 of the terms, it would be desirable that a more or less firm date be arranged for the turnover of such services as could not be taken over at the time of union. If any very considerable time were likely to elapse before the services could be taken over, the Province of Newfoundland might expect an appropriate financial adjustment.
2. With reference to Newfoundland's public accounts generally, what arrangements would the Canadian Government envisage with respect to outstanding liabilities?
3. Subsequent to the re-transfer of Gander to Newfoundland, the Newfoundland Government purchased certain R.A.F. buildings at the airport from the United Kingdom Government for the sum of \$200,000. Might Newfoundland expect the Canadian Government, in taking over Gander, to reimburse the Newfoundland Government for this expenditure?
4. What arrangements would the Canadian Government be prepared to make with the Newfoundland Government with respect to the Clarenville vessels which are operated by the Newfoundland Railway for the Newfoundland Government

⁵⁷La note suivante était écrite sur ce mémorandum:

⁵⁷The following note was written on the memorandum:

Minister to raise in Cabinet June 22.