

federation is fraught with danger.<sup>84</sup> See my immediately following telegram. Ends.

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*Le haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve au  
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Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland to  
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TELEGRAM 148

St. John's, July 28, 1948

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Following for Pearson from Bridle, Begins: Your telegram No. 110 of July 28th,<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland Statement.

Prior to receipt of your telegram, I had conversations today with Governor and Commissioner for Justice. The Governor evidently contemplates a simultaneous release of statements by all three Governments.

2. The Newfoundland authorities feel that it is dangerous to prolong the period of waiting and I think an early announcement is highly desirable.

3. The Governor hopes that text of statement can be agreed upon, and that final count can be transmitted to Canadian Government, within the next two days or so. It will probably be known tomorrow whether or not the latter can be done. Ends.

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High Commissioner in Great Britain to Secretary of State  
for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 1221

London, July 28, 1948

MOST IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Following for Pearson from Robertson, Begins:

1. I understand that Clutterbuck has advised the Commonwealth Relations Office that our Cabinet may issue a statement about Newfoundland tonight or tomorrow morning. The Commonwealth Relations Office are "desperately anxious" that they should be given an opportunity to agree [to] any such statement, and have so informed Clutterbuck.

2. I have found the Commonwealth Relations Office completely candid and forthcoming in all discussions with them about Newfoundland constitutional

<sup>84</sup>Un autre télégramme signala un amendement à cette phrase qui se lisait maintenant comme suit:

<sup>84</sup>Another telegram amended this sentence to read:

Crosbie is convinced that Canadian Government intends to proceed with Confederation and he firmly contends that further postponement of an announcement of this intention is fraught with danger.