

the inclusion of Newfoundland into Canada "will be welcomed by all Canadians."

The *Montreal Gazette* declared the results as being "unhappy" and said that St. John's has no alternative but to request Ottawa to accept Newfoundland as a tenth province. The *Sydney Post-Record* regarded the result as being so close as to be almost inconclusive. "The majority was far from decisive."

The *Vancouver News-Herald* felt the vote was not clear enough to justify immediate Confederation and said it believed, because "one of every two Newfoundlanders is opposed to such a union, — the strain of union would be intensified."

The *Brantford Expositor* says it is doubtful if the vote will be regarded as substantial. Also referring to Mr. St. Laurent's views, *The Expositor* says these views do not dispose of some serious difficulties. The paper says if supporters of Responsible Government were to object vigorously to Confederation, "an impasse could easily arise."

The *Montreal Star* declares it cannot believe that the large minority opposing Confederation will continue indefinitely "to regard as intolerable closer association with the country in which so many of their brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, have gone in search of the wider horizons and remain well content."

The *Halifax Herald* points to the statements of Mr. King and Mr. St. Laurent and said that "a slim (or skinny) majority cannot be regarded as a decisive majority in any plebiscite or referendum."

The *Toronto Telegram* regards the vote as being "so small that it is questionable whether Prime Minister King's condition when stating the basis on which Canada would accept the island as a province has been met."

The *Hamilton Spectator* would like to make a "reasonable bet" that Mr. King "will not fail to take advantage of this golden opportunity to round off his political career by making Canada's nine provinces ten."

The referendum results, in the opinion of the *Windsor Daily Star*, "are distinctly unsatisfactory" — and it would be risky to accept Newfoundland into Canada when the majority is so small as to be almost equally divided on the issue.

The *London Free Press* regarded the outcome of the vote as "not particularly flattering to Canada," and leaves union with Canada "as a sort of last resort," but added that it is at least less unpopular than any suggested alternative.

What Should the Canadian Government Do?

To this question, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* replied that many who voted for Responsible Government regarded it as a first step toward union, and added the vote points to union within a reasonably short time; and "that will be a consummation very welcome to all Canadians."

The *Ottawa Journal* replied that "judging by the cautious statements coming from Parliament Hill here, the Government of Canada is not sure at the moment about what it will, or should, do." Whatever the decision, the *Ottawa Journal* sees trouble lurking ahead. "We doubt greatly whether there exists in this country much of eagerness to take on Newfoundland; we have too many problems