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*Extrait de The Mackenzie King Record*⁸⁸
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On July 30 Mackenzie King had Pickersgill come to Kingsmere during the afternoon. He noted that "much time was taken up in the morning about the statement regarding Newfoundland which I dealt with over the 'phone and again in the afternoon, making further revisions, redrafting telegrams to be sent to Newfoundland." That night on the news broadcast "the first words were that Newfoundland was to be brought into the Confederation: 'Prime Minister King announced today that the old Colony of Newfoundland,' etc., was to be taken into Confederation. The broadcast was very good. Was one I might have given myself. Explained what the Confederation meant. I could not help but realize that this act rounds out the Dominion and its ten Provinces, bringing to completion the work that had been begun by the Fathers of Confederation so many years ago. It was gratifying that it was possible for me to make this decision and to welcome the Newfoundland electors while still in the party and Prime Minister of the country."

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*Extrait du Daily News de St. John's du 31 juillet 1948*⁸⁹
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The following is a copy of the statement issued by the Prime Minister of Canada:

As Prime Minister of Canada, I sent to the Governor of Newfoundland on October 29th, 1947, a statement which made known to the people of Newfoundland the terms believed by the Canadian Government to constitute a fair and equitable basis of union between Newfoundland and Canada, should the people of Newfoundland desire to enter into Confederation. In my covering letter, forwarding that statement, I said:

"Should the people of Newfoundland indicate clearly and beyond all possibility of misunderstanding their will that Newfoundland should become a Province of Canada on the basis of the proposed arrangements, the Canadian Government, subject to the approval of Parliament, would for its part be prepared to take the necessary constitutional steps to make the union effective at the earliest practicable date."

⁸⁸ Volume 4, p. 345. Voir aussi le paragraphe 12 du document 816.

⁸⁸ Volume 4, p. 345. See also paragraph 12 of Document 816.

⁸⁹ La traduction des trois déclarations suivantes provient de Canada, *Rapport et documents relatifs aux négociations en vue de l'union de Terre-Neuve et du Canada*. Ottawa: Imprimeur du Roi, 1949.