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Procès-verbal d'une réunion du Comité de guerre du Cabinet
Minutes of a Meeting of Cabinet War Committee

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Ottawa, September 17, 1940

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26. MR. RALSTON said that he had it in mind to suggest that Canada should obtain leases of areas already occupied by Canadian forces, and surface rights in such localities as might be needed; the question of contribution by Newfoundland could be settled by subsequent negotiation and agreement.

26. MR. KING observed that in considering steps which should be taken by Canada, the probability of Canada's having eventually to take over Newfoundland and possibly Labrador should constantly be borne in mind. In the course of negotiations leading to the solution of the immediate problem, it was important that full regard should be had to such probable future circumstances. Newfoundland and Labrador would always continue to be essential Canadian interests.

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Minutes of a Meeting of Chiefs of Staff Committee

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[Ottawa,] February 5, 1941

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3. *Security Measures on Labrador Coast.*

In Minute 5 of the 95th Meeting¹ D/C.A.S. requested information regarding potential enemy bases on the Labrador Coast.

C.N.S. stated that owing to the gradual slope of the shoreline and the many off-lying navigational dangers, the Coast-line from Belle Isle northward to HAMILTON INLET was unlikely to be used by enemy vessels; but that the coast from HAMILTON INLET north to SAGLEK BAY had several deep bays and inlets providing fairly good anchorage and the cover of steep-to-cliffs. Due to ice, this coast was only navigable between July and mid-October.

The question of air and sea patrols of this portion of the coastline was discussed, particularly in connection with the possibility of enemy air operations from this vicinity directed at such vulnerable points as the Aluminium

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