

economically on the pulp and paper industries of Newfoundland and that in times of stress and strain it would put the Newfoundland industries in a better bargaining position. He elucidated the legal status of the ninety-nine-year leases which the United States holds here and asserted that "there is no foundation for the statement that Confederation means that the bases will close down and that Newfoundlanders employed here will lose their jobs." He declared that Family Allowances mean a redistribution of wealth, the richer Provinces paying out money which is made available to the poorer Provinces. Social services such as Family Allowances, he said, "are not the brain-child of any one political party in Canada but shared by all, and the tendency is to increase rather than decrease them."

3. Speaking on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries Board, Mr. McEvoy said: "It is quite true that under the British North America Act, jurisdiction over the fisheries board and the fisheries would pass to the federal government, but it is equally clear that the federal government and the provincial legislature would pass legislation re-establishing the control and export of fish in Newfoundland. No government would want to see the Fisheries Board close down, and in my opinion, if and when we have Confederation and a delegation were sent to Ottawa, they would find the Canadian Government very sympathetic towards establishing conjoint legislation as now exists for the marketing of our fish."

4. Mr. McEvoy concluded his address by declaring, "Because I believe Confederation with Canada will lead to a very much brighter future than we can expect under Responsible Government, and for other reasons I have given, I shall vote for Confederation with Canada on Thursday next."

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TELEGRAM 136

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My telegram No. 130 of July 20th,[†] political campaign.

2. As last time, campaign has closed with a spate of radio addresses, some of them re-broadcasts. During the past two days the leading speakers for Responsible Government have been Cashin, Crosbie, Gushue and Hunt. Job was also heard in re-broadcast. Bradley wound up campaign for the Confederates and Pottle, Monroe, Outerbridge and Quinton were heard in re-broadcasts.

3. The important speeches were Gushue's Tuesday and Bradley's Wednesday. Gushue advised against voting for Confederation on grounds that terms afford no guarantee of continuation of fisheries set-up, which he said should be a condition