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*Procès-verbal d'une réunion de la délégation de Terre-Neuve
aux négociations des Conditions de l'union*

*Minutes of a Meeting of the Delegation of Newfoundland
to the Negotiations of the Terms of Union*

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING HELD IN THE
COLONIAL BUILDING, ST. JOHN'S, ON
THE 25TH OF AUGUST, 1948, AT 11 A.M.

Present:

Hon. A. J. Walsh, K.C.,
Chairman
Mr. J. R. Smallwood
Mr. F. G. Bradley, K.C.
Mr. J. B. McEvoy, K.C.
Mr. C. A. Crosbie
Mr. Philip Gruchy, C.B.E.
Mr. G. A. Winter.⁶

WORK OF DELEGATION

1. In welcoming the members of the delegation to the meeting the Chairman explained that they had been appointed by His Excellency the Governor-in-Commission following upon a statement issued by the Prime Minister of Canada dated the 30th July, 1948 to the effect that, as a result of the Referendum of the 22nd July, 1948, the Government of Canada would be glad to receive authorized representatives of Newfoundland to negotiate terms of Union on the basis of his letter of the 29th October, 1947 to the Governor of Newfoundland, and documents transmitted therewith.⁷

2. As this was the first meeting of the full delegation to be held, the Chairman suggested that consideration might be given immediately to the manner in which the delegation should proceed with its work in order to accomplish it with the utmost efficiency and despatch. He had given careful thought to this matter and was of the opinion that, before going to Ottawa to enter into final negotiations, the delegation would undoubtedly wish to study the various documents submitted by the Canadian Government outlining the terms of Confederation, to examine the many problems with regard to the effects of Confederation upon Newfoundland which will present themselves to the members as a result of such study, and finally to consider such other problems of a similar nature as may be submitted to

⁶J. G. Channing, un fonctionnaire du gouvernement de Terre-Neuve, fut nommé secrétaire de la délégation et fut présent à toutes les réunions.

⁷Voir la pièce jointe, document 442.

⁶J. G. Channing, an official of the government of Newfoundland, became the Secretary of the Delegation and was present at all the meetings.

⁷See enclosure, Document 442.