

*Le secrétaire aux Dominions au gouverneur de Terre-Neuve*  
*Dominions Secretary to Governor of Newfoundland*

TELEGRAM 293

[London,] September 9, 1939

SECRET. Supplies Division Telegram Sept. 4th<sup>1</sup> to Crown Agents and my telegram Sept. 5th No. 288.<sup>1</sup> War Office agree that it may be possible to obtain remainder arms and equipment for Newfoundland Defence Force more quickly from Canada than from United Kingdom.

My immediately following telegram repeats text telegram to High Commissioner Ottawa asking him to approach Canadian [Government] with a view to meeting needs of Newfoundland Defence Force.

*Le haut commissariat de Grande-Bretagne*  
*au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*High Commission of Great Britain to Under-Secretary of State*  
*for External Affairs*

IMMEDIATE. SECRET

Ottawa, September 13, 1939

My dear Dr. Skelton,

In my letter of the eleventh of September<sup>2</sup> I referred to a telegram which the High Commissioner had received from the Dominions Office regarding certain items of equipment for the Newfoundland Defence Force which it was hoped that the Canadian Government might feel able to supply in the near future.

It now appears from a telegram which the High Commissioner received direct from the Governor of Newfoundland on the twelfth of September that the list of equipment mentioned in the telegram from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs and included in my above mentioned letter was settled some months ago, and that it has been revised in the light of recent events. The Governor states that material for uniforms and great coats or boots is not at present required, but that the Defence Force are anxious to obtain all other items required to equip a soldier in modern battle dress for a force of two hundred. Other items urgently required are:

1. 100 rifles complete with bayonets, scabbards, frogs, slings, pull-throughs etc.

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