

be discussed in Ottawa with the Newfoundland delegation; they would not enter into any negotiations nor discuss or settle any detailed arrangements.<sup>14a</sup>

The Cabinet noted the report submitted with approval.

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*Le haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve au  
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Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland to  
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 189

St. John's, September 1, 1948

Following is text of announcement read over radio news bulletins in Newfoundland tonight, Begins:

1. The Commission of Government announce that within the next few days the following officials of Departments of the Government of Canada will arrive in St. John's:

R. A. MacKay, Chief of the British Commonwealth Division of the Department of External Affairs;

M. W. Sharp, Chief of the Economic Policy Division of the Department of Finance;

Alex Skelton, Assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.<sup>15</sup>

2. The purpose of the visit of these officials is to enable them to familiarize themselves with some of the major administrative problems involved in union.

3. It is the intention of the Commission that corresponding officials of the Government Departments of Newfoundland will seek from them clarification of the position respecting matters in Newfoundland which will come within the fields of administration of their Departments, and will discuss informally with them problems in these fields affecting Newfoundland which may arise as a result of union.

4. The Commission consider that these discussions will be of great assistance to Newfoundland officials who will be acting as advisers to the representatives of Newfoundland appointed to carry on with representatives of Canada the forthcoming negotiations respecting union. Ends.

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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*

<sup>14a</sup>Voir le document 1074.

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<sup>15</sup>Stewart Bates faisait aussi partie de ce groupe.

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