

APPENDIX "B"

PROVINCIAL REPLIES RESPECTING ROYAL COMMISSION ON BICULTURALISM

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
Office of the Premier
Winnipeg

May 16th, 1963.

Dear Prime Minister Pearson:

In the premier's absence I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15 respecting a proposed inquiry by a royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism.

Your letter will be drawn to the attention of the premier immediately upon his return to the office at the end of next week. In the meantime, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the acting premier, the Honourable Gurney Evans, minister of industry and commerce.

Yours respectfully,

Joan Cameron

Secretary to the premier

The Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE
OF NEWFOUNDLAND

The Premier
St. John's

20 May, 1963.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson, P.C., M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa.

My dear Prime Minister:

I thank you for your letter of May 15, enclosing draft terms of reference of the proposed royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism and asking whether the government of Newfoundland would approve appointment of a royal commission.

In the 14 years that Newfoundland has been united with Canada our people have come to appreciate the basic importance to the unity of our country, of good relations between the two founding races of Canada. We share a long land border with the province of Quebec and in Labrador are coming into immediate contact with the problems associated with the bilingual and bicultural character of Canada.

The government of Newfoundland is ready and eager to make a constructive contribution to the solution of these problems; we cordially approve the proposal of a royal commission;

we are quite happy with the draft of the terms of reference; and we are ready to co-operate fully in the work of the commission.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Smallwood

PREMIER'S OFFICE
Regina, Saskatchewan

May 21st, 1963.

The Rt. Hon. L. B. Pearson, P.C.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Prime Minister:

This will acknowledge your letter dated May 15, 1963, regarding a possible royal commission inquiry on bilingualism and biculturalism.

As soon as my colleagues and I have had an opportunity to study and discuss the proposed terms of reference I shall write to you again with our detailed comments.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Lloyd.

PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF
THE COUNCIL

Toronto, Ontario

May 24, 1963.

My dear Prime Minister:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15 in which you invite our views on the establishment of a royal commission to inquire into and report upon the existing state of "bilingualism and biculturalism" in Canada and to recommend what steps should be taken to develop the Canadian confederation on the basis of an equal partnership between the two founding races, taking into account the contribution made by other ethnic groups to the cultural enrichment of Canada.

As a province whose own history and development, from the days of Champlain, Frontenac and LaSalle, has been profoundly influenced and enriched by the sons and daughters of French Canada, along with leaders and peoples of other lineage of bygone days, Ontario has the largest French speaking community outside Quebec. It is natural and logical, therefore, that we should react positively to this all Canadian outlook, and we do so with a good heart.