

2. This will bring to the cause what it hitherto lacked — namely, the respectable element of the country.

3. The prospects now look excellent. What happened last time was that the entire Roman Catholic Church (except on the West Coast) went solidly Responsible. This has provoked an underground reaction. The population is two-thirds Protestant. The consequence may be that the Catholic Church will throw its influence our way, or at least drop its pressure the other way. In any case, even without Catholic support, it looks like a comfortable majority for Confederation.

4. We need money desperately. Taking into account what we will raise locally, we must have at least another \$20,000.⁵⁸

5. We need it *quickly*.⁵⁹

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Mémorandum du ministère des Affaires extérieures
Memorandum by Department of External Affairs

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Ottawa, June 22, 1948

NEWFOUNDLAND REFERENDUM; CANADIAN PROCEDURE

At its meeting on June 22nd, the Cabinet noted with approval a report submitted on various questions concerning the possible confederation of Newfoundland with Canada. It was agreed that the Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom be directed to inform the U.K. government that any plans for making confederation effective should take into consideration the fact that the Canadian government could not set an effective date for union earlier than March 31st 1949; that should any question arise as to the size of the majority for union which would be required by the Canadian government, the U.K. government should be informed that this was primarily a matter for decision by the U.K. government.

⁵⁸Néanmoins, vers la fin de la campagne, l'Association pour la confédération était dans une meilleure position financière que la Ligue pour le gouvernement autonome à cause des contributions de gens au Canada. C. D. Howe avait suggéré des personnes auxquelles l'association pouvait s'adresser. Voir Harold Horwood dans Mason Wade, ed., *Regionalism in the Canadian Community, 1867-1967*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1969, pp. 244-55.

⁵⁹La note suivante était écrite sur cette lettre:

A great many people were surprised by the big showing Confed[eration] made. They had not been taking it seriously. J. R. S[SMALLWOOD]

⁵⁸Nevertheless, near the end of the campaign, the Confederate Association was in a better financial position than the Responsible Government League because of contributions from individuals in Canada. C. D. Howe had suggested persons who could be approached for contributions. See Harold Horwood in Mason Wade, ed., *Regionalism in the Canadian Community, 1867-1967*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1969, pp. 244-55.

⁵⁹The following note was written on this letter: