

26. With reference to the possibility of Newfoundland continuing to control its foreign fish markets after Confederation, Mr. Lawes described briefly the highly unsatisfactory marketing system in existence in this country some twelve or fifteen years ago, and the various improvements thereto and changes therein which were subsequently introduced, terminating with the creation of NAFEL. He felt that these changes had helped immeasurably to stabilize the salt fish industry and to obtain increased benefits for exporters and primary producers alike and he was strongly of the opinion that it would be disastrous if, as a result of Confederation all the progress which had been made to date were to be nullified practically overnight and the industry permitted to return to the chaotic conditions previously existing.

27. Members of the delegation assured Messrs. Hutchinson and Lawes that they were prepared to give sympathetic consideration to the representations made by NAFEL and would keep them in mind in their future negotiations with the Government of Canada. In order, however, that the delegation may have sufficient information to enable it to present as strong a case as possible to the Canadian authorities, Mr. Lawes undertook to submit a memorandum covering in more detail the points mentioned in his letter of the 2nd August, together with such other matters as he may wish to draw to the attention of the delegation. In the preparation of this memorandum, he will consult the Chairman of the Fisheries Board so that he also may have an opportunity to place his views before the delegation.

At this point Messrs. Hutchinson and Lawes withdrew.

TELEGRAM FROM NEWFOUNDLAND FEDERATION OF LABOUR

28. With further reference to this telegram, which was mentioned in Minute 22, the Chairman will draft a reply for the consideration of the delegation.

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LETTER FROM THE BAVARIAN BREWING CO.  
DATED 20TH AUGUST, 1948<sup>t</sup>

33. It was agreed that the question of Trademarks as referred to in this letter, with which should be included copyrights and patents, should be discussed with the Government of Canada and a strenuous effort made to have the final terms so worded as to protect Newfoundland interests. Prior to proceeding to Ottawa the delegation might request officials of the Newfoundland Department of Justice to enquire into the problem in conjunction with responsible Canadian officials. The Secretary was ordered to reply to the Company in the usual form.

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