



THE SENATE CHAMBER, OTTAWA, DECEMBER 11, 1948

The occasion of the signing of the Terms of Union between Canada and Newfoundland.

In the first referendum, held on June 3, 1948, three questions were before the people: continuation of commission of government, confederation, restoration of responsible government. In round numbers, the vote was about 22,000 for commission of government, about 64,000 for Confederation and about 69,400 for responsible government. In accordance with the conditions announced in advance, no proposed form of government having received a majority, a second referendum was required on the two leading forms.

In the second referendum, held on July 22, 1948, Confederation received a majority of about 7,000 votes and a majority in eighteen of the twenty-five electoral districts. In a statement issued on July 30, the Prime Minister of Canada said the result was "clear beyond all possibility of misunderstanding" and that the Government would be glad to receive with the least possible delay authorized representatives of Newfoundland "to negotiate the terms of union" on the basis of his letter of October 29, 1947, to the Governor of Newfoundland, and the document transmitted with it. He stated further "in these negotiations any special problems which may arise in connection with the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation will, I am sure, receive most careful consideration."

### Newfoundland Delegates

The following delegation was shortly thereafter appointed by the Governor of Newfoundland: A. J. Walsh, K.C., Commissioner of Justice and Defence