

The conclusion to be drawn from the editorial comment attached is that 11 newspapers would welcome Newfoundland into confederation; five are against it for various reasons; and two are non-committal.

It should be remembered that this editorial comment was on the basis of the first return from Newfoundland when the majority for confederation was not as great as it is now.

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SUMMARY OF THE OPINIONS OF CANADIAN DAILY
NEWSPAPERS ON CONFEDERATION WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

Canadian daily newspapers have given wide news coverage to Thursday's (July 22, 1948) referendum vote in Newfoundland, and the result of that vote caused considerable editorial comment in newspapers across the nation. Progress of the vote was given front-page top "play" by most newspapers. The stories obviously resulted from widespread public interest in the possibility of Newfoundland joining Canada as a tenth province.

This summary of Canadian editorial opinion is based on the following 18 newspapers, the editorials appearing on Friday, Saturday and Monday (July 23, 24 and 26):

Toronto Globe and Mail
Ottawa Journal
Winnipeg Tribune
Edmonton Journal
Victoria Daily Times
Vancouver Sun
Halifax Herald
Toronto Star
Toronto Evening
Telegram
Hamilton Spectator
Windsor Daily Star
London Free Press
Montreal Gazette
Sydney Post-Record
Ottawa Citizen
Vancouver News-Herald
Brantford Expositor
Montreal Star

The opinions expressed may be divided into three classifications: (1) The Result; (2) Is it a Large Enough Majority? and (3) What Should the Canadian Government Do?