

DESPATCH 343

St. John's, July 13, 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 279 of June 8th regarding the results of the first vote in the national referendum.

2. I enclose copies of a clipping[†] from the St. John's *Daily News* of July 9th which contains a table compiled by the Chief Electoral Officer and entitled "Final Release Relating to the First Poll of the National Referendum Held on June 3rd, 1948."⁶⁹ This table gives final figures for the first vote in the national referendum, the only qualification being that in the case of White Bay and Labrador no sworn statement has yet been received at the Electoral Office.

3. The total number of votes cast for each form of government was as follows:

Commission of Government for a period of five years.....	22,311
Confederation with Canada	64,066
Responsible Government as it existed in 1933.....	69,400

It will be seen that the relative standing of Confederation has been slightly improved by the compilation of the final figures, Commission of Government having received approximately 14.32 per cent of the votes cast, Confederation about 41.13 per cent, and Responsible Government approximately 44.55 per cent.

4. This improvement is chiefly attributable to the fact that the Labrador vote, which was incomplete when the previous totals were compiled, gave Confederation a very substantial majority. It may be noted, however, that Confederation's standing was improved to an almost equal extent by what was evidently a recount in the District of Humber. The figures for eleven other Districts also show differences from the figures originally submitted. The majority of the variations are relatively minor, the only one which seems at all remarkable being the case of Harbour Main-Bell Island, where the votes are exactly the same as those shown in the earlier release, while the votes shown for Commission of Government have increased from 229 to 431.

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TELEGRAM 1128

Ottawa, July 16, 1948

IMPORTANT. SECRET. Your telegram 1006 July 2, Newfoundland. Following from Pearson for Robertson, Begins:

⁶⁹Voir l'appendice F.

⁶⁹See Appendix F.