

3. It is further indicated that the remaining number of votes to be counted will not exceed 500 and may not be returned within next six or seven days. It is not expected that these votes will materially alter relative positions of the two forms of Government. Majority of these votes will most probably be in favour of confederation.

4. In view of this position and the desire throughout the country to know the decision of the Canadian authorities it may be advisable for the Canadian decision to be made known without further delay in order to make it possible for a statement to be issued some time tomorrow, Friday, July 30th.

5. Here I may refer to my telegram to you No. 168,[†] repeated to United Kingdom representative Ottawa No. 4. "Early decision on part of Canadian authorities is essential. Any hint of hesitation on part of Canada will have adverse effect on conditions here."

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au
haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve
Secretary of State for External Affairs to
Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland*

TELEGRAM 114

Ottawa, July 29, 1948

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Governor's telegram No. 1 July 29 to Secretary of State for External Affairs.

2. Referring to your telephone conversation with MacKay please advise Governor we would be prepared to make statement Friday but in discussion with United Kingdom officials here it was agreed that statement for Saturday morning papers would be earliest practicable time. It is highly desirable that time of release should be synchronized for London, Ottawa and St. John's. Release time here after midnight in order to avoid midnight broadcast would be preferable. Please confirm release time with Governor and advise.

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*Le secrétaire, la Ligue pour le gouvernement responsable
de Terre-Neuve, au Premier ministre
Secretary, Responsible Government League
of Newfoundland, to Prime Minister*

TELEGRAM

St. John's, July 29, 1948

I am directed by the Responsible Government League in behalf of more than seventy-one thousand Newfoundland Voters representing forty-eight per cent of those participating in the July twenty-second referendum to request that a delegation from the League be received by you and members of your Cabinet prior to any pronouncement by you relative to the result of that referendum. Purpose of