

that January 27th is a convenient date for the beginning of these discussions and have decided that it is not necessary at this stage for the Newfoundland Department of Justice to be represented on the Committee.

2. Their representatives, who will communicate with the Department of External Affairs on their arrival in Ottawa, are the Government Geologist, C. K. Howse and the Chief Surveyor, Division of Surveys, J. H. Burridge.

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Mémorandum des réunions d'un comité conjoint pour discuter d'un projet de démarcation de la frontière Canada-Terre-Neuve

Memorandum of Meetings of Joint Committee to Discuss Proposal for Surveying the Canada-Newfoundland Boundary

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[Ottawa,] February 8, 1947

The meetings were held on January 27th and 28th, 1947, in Ottawa. The following were present:

L. C. Audette (Chairman)	Department of External Affairs
N. J. Ogilvie	Canadian International Boundary Commissioner
J. A. Pounder	General Executive Assistant, Surveys and Engineering Branch, Department of Mines and Resources
P. A. Bridle	Department of External Affairs
C. K. Howse	Newfoundland Government Geologist
J. H. Burridge	Chief Surveyor, Division of Surveys, Newfoundland Government

2. It was agreed that the most immediate reason for considering ways and means of surveying the Canada-Newfoundland boundary is the mining development which is taking place in the neighbourhood of the boundary and on both sides of it. Canadian and Newfoundland authorities are desirous, in view of the possibility of applications being made for mining leases, that the boundary between the two countries in this area should be accurately located. Account must also be taken of problems of civil administration which will accompany development of the area.

3. The Committee then proceeded to conduct informal and unofficial conversations on a technical level with a view to making recommendations to the Canadian and Newfoundland Governments concerning the appropriate method of arranging for the survey of such portions of the Canada-Newfoundland Boundary as may be designated by the two Governments.

4. It was agreed that the Committee should recommend the establishment of an International Boundary Commission to consist of a Boundary Commissioner appointed by each of the two Governments. Since Newfoundland would be unable to provide the personnel necessary for participation in a