

I recall that when I talked to him almost two years ago on leaving Newfoundland, he remarked to me that he felt hamstrung by the Treasury Office attitude toward public finance which he continually encountered in the administration of Newfoundland affairs. While Mr. Wild's return to the United Kingdom had been pending for some time before he actually left, I think it was hardly accidental that this "watchdog of the Treasury" was replaced by a Treasury official whose temperament and experience leads him to be a great deal more amenable to the Governor's wishes than was his predecessor. Furthermore, the amounts spent by the Newfoundland Government have mounted steadily and markedly since the Governor took office. While some of this increased expenditure can be attributed to such special items as veterans' re-establishment and to rising prices, there has unquestionably been a substantially greater outlay on public services.

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Yours sincerely,

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Confédération de Terre-Neuve, au ministre de la Reconstruction  
et des Approvisionnements*

*President and Campaign Manager, Newfoundland Confederate Association,  
to Minister of Reconstruction and Supply*

St. John's, June 21, 1948

Dear Mr. Howe,

1. A new group of reinforcements for Confederation has been formed, consisting of:

J. B. McEvoy, K.C., former Chairman of the National Convention;

Arthur H. Monroe, the biggest fresh-frozen fish producer;

Hon. Walter S. Monroe, his father, former Prime Minister;

Hon. H. W. Quinton, present Commissioner for Health and Welfare;

Hon. Dr. H. Pottle, present Commissioner for Home Affairs and Education;

Leslie R. Curtis, K.C., prominent lawyer;

Eric A. Bowring, managing director of Bowring Bros., Ltd., the country's largest mercantile firm;

Sir Leonard Outerbridge, managing director of Harvey & Co., the country's second-largest mercantile firm; and several other prominent men.

All of these, except Hon. W. S. Monroe, will broadcast for Confederation, and will contribute something to our campaign fund.