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L'EFFONDREMENT EN EUROPE: TERRE-NEUVE ET
LA DÉFENSE DE L'AMÉRIQUE DU NORD
THE COLLAPSE IN EUROPE: NEWFOUNDLAND AND
NORTH AMERICAN DEFENCE

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TERRE-NEUVE DANS LA STRATÉGIE DE DÉFENSE CANADIENNE
NEWFOUNDLAND IN CANADIAN DEFENCE PLANNING

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Procès-verbal d'une réunion du Comité de guerre du Cabinet
Minutes of a Meeting of Cabinet War Committee

MOST SECRET

Ottawa, June 14, 1940

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There were present the following members:

The Prime Minister,

The Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe),

The Minister of Finance (Mr. Ralston),

The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Crerar),

The Acting Minister of National Defence and Minister of National Defence for
Air (Mr. Power),

The Minister of Munitions and Supply and Minister of Transport (Mr. Howe),

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Dr. Skelton),

The Secretary (Mr. Heeney).

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NEWFOUNDLAND

18. THE ACTING MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE reported that concern was felt regarding the defensive position of Newfoundland. The location of the island and particularly the large aerodrome and sea plane base located there were of vital interest to Canada.

The Prime Minister, at the outbreak of war, had recognized that Canada was concerned in the defence of Newfoundland.

(See House of Commons debates (Special Session) September 8th, 1939¹, page 35).

¹ Document 41.