

MINUTES OF EIGHTEENTH MEETING HELD ON
THE 7TH OF SEPT., 1948, AT 10.00 A.M.

All members were present. The Secretary for Public Health and Welfare and the Director of Medical Services were also in attendance.

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177. The Chairman informed Mr. Crummey and Dr. Miller that the delegation wished to discuss with them the work of the Department of Public Health and Welfare, particularly with regard to its operation under Provincial Government after the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation. At his suggestion, the 1948-49 Estimates of the Department were considered in detail with following results:

(xi) Sub-head A32 Cottage Hospitals. In considering the question of Cottage Hospitals, reference was made to the special Health Grant of the Federal Government. Mr. Smallwood asked if, in the opinion of the delegation, a good case could be presented to the Canadian Government to justify a request that Newfoundland should not come under this particular scheme but should come under a special scheme or under the present scheme with additional benefits. He stated that he had reason to believe that the Federal Government would be responsive to such a request provided that sound arguments in support thereof could be advanced which did not, or apparently did not, apply in the case of other Provinces. It was agreed that this matter was well worth considering and, in order to enable the delegation to explore its possibilities further, Dr. Miller was asked to prepare a comparative statement in respect of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland showing the death rate from various causes, the total expenditure over a period of years on public health (provincial, municipal and private), the number of doctors, nurses, etc., available hospital facilities and any other information of a similar nature to show that the public health services in Newfoundland are on a lower level than those of the Maritimes. Dr. Miller was quite confident that a strong case for increased financial assistance could be made and stated that, in his opinion, an expenditure of at least \$10,000,000 would be required to bring Newfoundland up to the present level of the Maritimes in the matter of public health services. He anticipated some difficulty in obtaining certain information relative to the Maritimes and it was agreed that, if necessary, he should proceed to Canada for this purpose.

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*Extraits du procès-verbal d'une réunion de la délégation de
Terre-Neuve aux négociations des Conditions de l'union
Extracts from Minutes of a Meeting of the Delegation of
Newfoundland to the Negotiations of the Terms of Union*

MINUTES OF NINETEENTH MEETING HELD ON
THE 7TH OF SEPT., 1948, AT 2.30 P.M.

All members were present.