

knowledge for almost nine months and that the National Convention had ample time to assess their probable impact on Newfoundland. It also ignores the fact that a majority of the people have voted in favour of Confederation on the basis of the proposed terms and that there will be opportunity for discussion and settlement of full terms and arrangements before Union is consummated.

3. Paragraph five which charges the Confederates with promoting sectarian and other divisions among the people not only ignores the fact that it was the Responsible Government side which were chiefly responsible for this sort of thing but also inexcusably exaggerates the seriousness of such divisions as exist at present. The only division that is of significance is that between the Avalon Peninsula and the rest of the country.

4. Very few of the Newfoundland people are concerned about the legal and constitutional issue as such. Ends.

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*Peter J. Cashin au Premier ministre**Peter J. Cashin to Prime Minister*

St. John's, July 27, 1948

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The attached is a sample of the propaganda, used by the advocates of Confederation, in the recent National Referendum. It speaks for itself.

Yours sincerely,

PETER J. CASHIN

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*Le Grand maître, la Loge provinciale des Orangistes de Terre-Neuve
aux Orangistes de Terre-Neuve**Grand Master, Provincial Orange Lodge of Newfoundland,
to Orangemen of Newfoundland*

Clarke's Beach, July 16, 1948

Dear Sir and Brother,

As your Grand Master I direct your earnest and loyal attention to the following important resolution at the recent Session of our Provincial Grand Lodge at Grand Falls. **IT REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:**

"WHEREAS a referendum, on forms of Government for Newfoundland was held on the 3rd June, 1948;

AND WHEREAS the nature of the campaign waged by *THE MONITOR*, the official organ of the Roman Catholic Church, the attitude of its clergymen, the nature of the arguments used by its adherents, and above all, the record of the polls in the various settlements and districts, indicate clearly an attempt to influence the result of the said Referendum upon grounds having no relation to the merits of the various forms of government submitted to the people;