

Six, because of these and other factors to be detailed with adequate documentation in subsequent submission now under preparation Responsible Government League will oppose with all the force at its command any decision to consummate confederation on any basis other than negotiations conducted between properly elected governments.

Seven, under the circumstances it is our considered contention that only proper and legal procedure by which future trouble harmful to Canadian as well as Newfoundland interests may be forestalled is by election of Parliamentary majority with popular mandate to negotiate with Canadian Government.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT LEAGUE  
WICKFORD L. COLLINS, SECRETARY

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*Le Premier ministre au secrétaire, la Ligue pour  
le gouvernement responsable de Terre-Neuve  
Prime Minister to Secretary, Responsible  
Government League of Newfoundland*

TELEGRAM

Ottawa, July 26, 1948

I desire to acknowledge your telegram of 25 July regarding the recent plebiscite in Newfoundland and to assure you that the points which you mention will be given consideration by this government.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures  
Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs  
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

Ottawa, July 26, 1948

I am attaching herewith a summary of editorial opinion on confederation with Newfoundland as we have been able to ascertain it on the basis of the limited number of newspapers already examined. These newspapers express views from every province except Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. There is, however, only one item from a Quebec [Ottawa-Hull] newspaper *Le Droit* which states that the results of the plebiscite do not necessarily indicate automatic annexation of Newfoundland.

We hope to have further editorial comment from Quebec and other newspapers tomorrow.