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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au haut commissaire à
Terre-Neuve*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to High Commissioner
in Newfoundland*

DESPATCH 21

Ottawa, November 3, 1941

MOST SECRET

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for your examination copies of the following documents:

1. Memorandum entitled "Newfoundland" prepared by the Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence;
2. Memorandum entitled "The Future Relations of Canada and Newfoundland, addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs by the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence;
3. A copy of the letter covering (1) above addressed to the Prime Minister by the Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence;¹
4. Copy of the letter in reply to (3) above addressed to the Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence by the Clerk of the Privy Council.¹

As you will observe from an examination of the documents listed above, the Canadian Government has been giving careful attention to the question of long range relationships between Canada and Newfoundland.

I shall be grateful if you will study these documents and let me have, at your early convenience, whatever comments you wish to make on the ideas and proposals set forth therein. You will, of course, realize the necessity for treating this subject with the most complete secrecy and discretion.

I have etc.

NORMAN ROBERTSON
for the Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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