

repeatedly pointed out in the course of his address that the terms had been submitted by the Canadian Prime Minister through the Governor of Newfoundland, and, at this particular point, he emphasized that the Canadian Government said that it would be prepared to stand or fall on the terms submitted.

5. After clearly demonstrating Newfoundland's inability indefinitely to carry on as an individual country, Mr. McEvoy discussed a number of the aspects of Confederation. He spoke on the subjects of taxation, family allowances, the United States' bases, and the Newfoundland Fisheries Board. On the latter point he said that those who say that the Board and its activities would be abandoned under Confederation do not understand the fundamental position which the Newfoundland fisheries would occupy. The Canadian and Newfoundland fishing industries would be one and the federal government would be as anxious for the prosperity of the Newfoundland fisheries as for any other part of the Canadian industry. It is true that the federal government would have legal jurisdiction over the fisheries of Newfoundland, but there is nothing to prevent the federal parliament and the legislature of the province from providing by conjoint legislation for control of the fisheries along the same lines as that presently exercised by the Newfoundland Fisheries Board. This is one of the matters which could be taken up and settled by any delegation which might go to Ottawa as a result of the referendum vote.

6. Mr. McEvoy concluded his address with an effective summing up of his position in which he contrasted the uncertainties of Newfoundland's prospects if she elects to remain on her own with the stability, strength, and prosperity in which she may share if a province of Canada.

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*Extraits d'une dépêche du haut commissaire par intérim à Terre-Neuve
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*Extracts from Despatch from Acting High Commissioner in Newfoundland
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

DESPATCH 350

St. John's, July 19, 1948

SECRET

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 349 of July 17th regarding the present political campaign.

2. It was revealed in a newspaper advertisement on Saturday afternoon that the "special speaker" for Confederation over the radio that night was to be Mr. H. B. Clyde Lake. He is a well-known exporter of salt codfish and a former Minister of Marine and Fisheries.