PARA, 2. SAVINGS BANK

228. Discussion of the possibility of there being competition between Post Office Savings Banks and the Newfoundland Savings Bank led to a discussion on the future of the latter under Confederation. It was considered that the Federal Government would probably permit the Newfoundland Savings Bank to continue as a Provincial institution but would undoubtedly insist on a reduction in interest rates in line with existing rates in Canadian Banks. It was felt that this was a matter which should be investigated more fully at an early date.

PARA. 3(D), TELEGRAPH SERVICES ON LABRADOR FROM BLANC SABLON TO RED BAY

229. It was considered, from comments made in this paragraph and in paragraph 3 (c), that Mr. Roddis was not entirely happy about the telegraphic service in Labrador and it was decided to discuss the question with him in more detail.

para. 4(e) rates

230. The last sentence of this paragraph was noted with interest and it was agreed to keep this recommendation in mind in Ottawa.

PARA. 4(H) LANDED CABLE TAX AND TAX ON CABLEGRAMS

231. Consideration was given to the collection of a landed cable tax by the Provincial Government and to the imposition of a Provincial tax on cablegrams in addition to the tax imposed by the Federal Government.

PARA. 5(E) RADIO TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COAST STATIONS

- 232. Members questioned Mr. Roddis' statement herein that "there is no strong argument for the continued maintenance of the stations at Battle Harbour, Cartwright and Hopedale..." and it was agreed to ascertain his reasons therefor.
- 233. It was also decided to request Mr. Roddis to enlarge upon the second paragraph on page 8 of his brief.
- 234. The retention of the present frequency allocations of VONF and of our Radio Telephone Ship to Shore Stations was considered to be of paramount importance and it was agreed that the delegation should endeavour to obtain an assurance from the Canadian Government that they will not be interfered with in any way.

The reading of the brief was discontinued at page 11.

EXPERT ADVICE

235. The Chairman reported that the Commission of Government had agreed to the retention of Messrs. Thompson and MacDonald as advisers to the delegation. It was agreed that both gentlemen should be approached by cable immediately.

TRADE MARKS, ETC.

236. The Chairman stated that he had discussed the question of Trade Marks, etc., with the Commission of Government and that the Secretary for Home Affairs will consult with the High Commissioner for Canada on this subject without delay.