

to time, Canadians reveal themselves, at the political level, as remarkably patronizing toward Newfoundlanders although it must be admitted that this seems to have been more characteristic of officials than of politicians.

At the more technical level, it should be noted that, as in Volume 1, there is no list of documents. The Index, the Table of Contents and the Chronology of principal events should enable readers to find documents on issues which are of particular interest to them. The source of each document is indicated by a symbol printed at the upper right-hand corner followed by the file or volume number. The symbols are explained in the Location of Documents list. Documents with only a file number in the right-hand corner are from the Department of External Affairs files. Similarly, captions of documents to and from officials and divisions of the Department of External Affairs omit the name of the department to avoid repetition. The only other short form used in captions is *Dominions Secretary* instead of *Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs of Great Britain*. In addition to the usual List of Persons, a list of captions has been included to enable readers to identify incumbents of important positions and the members of committees and delegations when the text or the footnotes do not provide this information.

The spelling in the documents has not been standardized but obvious errors have been corrected or noted. A dagger (†) after a reference to a document indicates that it has not been printed. Material within square brackets has been added by the editor unless otherwise noted. Captions clearly indicate if only extracts of a document are being printed and omissions are indicated by suspension points (. . .) within square brackets in the text and without square brackets between paragraphs. Extracts from the Debates of the House of Commons and documents printed in the booklet *Report and Documents Relating to the Negotiations for the Union of Newfoundland with Canada* which was tabled in the House are reproduced in both English and French. The translations reproduced in this volume are those which were prepared at that time.

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