

and forty-sixth section of the *British North America Act, 1867*, and that the Electoral Districts for which, the time within which, and the laws and provisions under which, the first Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of *Canada* for such Electoral Districts shall be held, shall be such as the said Houses of the Legislature of the said Colony of *Prince Edward Island* may specify in their said Addresses.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved, That an Address embodying the said Resolutions be presented to Her Majesty; and that a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* and the Honorable Messrs. *Langevin* and *Tupper*, be appointed to draw up such Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, from the said Committee, reported, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the Dominion of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:—

That, during the present Session of Parliament, we have taken into consideration the subject of the admission of the Colony of *Prince Edward Island* into the Union or Dominion of *Canada*, and have resolved that it is expedient that such admission should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable, under the one hundred and forty-sixth section of the *British North America Act, 1867*, on the conditions hereinafter set forth, which have been agreed upon with the Delegates from the said Colony; that is to say:

That *Canada* shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of *Prince Edward Island* at the time of the Union.

That in consideration of the large expenditure authorized by the Parliament of *Canada* for the construction of railways and canals, and in view of the possibility of a re-adjustment of the financial arrangements between *Canada* and the several Provinces now embraced in the Dominion, as well as the isolated and exceptional condition of *Prince Edward Island*, that colony shall, on entering the Union, be entitled to incur a debt equal to fifty dollars per head of its population, as shewn by the Census Returns of 1871, that is to say: four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars (4,701,050).

That *Prince Edward Island* not having incurred debts equal to the sum mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference, from time to time between the actual amount of its indebtedness and the amount of indebtedness authorized as aforesaid, viz., four millions seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars (4,701,050.)

That *Prince Edward Island* shall be liable to *Canada*, for the amount (if any) by which its public debt and liabilities at the date of the Union, may exceed four million seven hundred and one thousand and fifty dollars (\$4,701,050), and shall be chargeable with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on such excess.

That as the Government of *Prince Edward Island* holds no lands from the Crown, and consequently enjoys no Revenue from that source, for the construction and maintenance of local works, the Dominion Government shall pay by half-yearly instalments in advance, to the Government of *Prince Edward Island*, forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) per annum, less interest at five per cent. per annum, upon any sum not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000), which the Dominion Government may advance to the *Prince Edward Island* Government for the purchase of lands now held by large proprietors.

That in consideration of the transfer to the Parliament of *Canada* of the powers of taxation, the following sums shall be paid yearly by *Canada* to *Prince Edward Island*,