

15. We feel that without the help and support of the Government of the Dominion, the time will be remote when this Colony will be admitted into the Dominion, but with the aid which we solioit, we believe that there is no obstacle to prevent our admission by the first of July next.

16. We would further represent for the information of the Government of the Dominion, that the terms of admission which would be acceptable to the people of this Colony, would be:—

(1.) Canada to become liable for the entire Public Debt of this Colony, estimated at \$1,500,000.

(2.) Canada to provide for Federal Officers and Services.

(3.) To grant a sufficient fixed subsidy, and *per capita* subsidy, to insure the support of the local Government, in addition to the powers of taxation reserved to Provincial Governments in "British North America Act."

(4.) Representation in the Senate and Commons of Canada.

(5.) The construction of a Trans-Continental Wagon Road, from Lake Superior to the head of navigation on the Lower Fraser, within two years after the time of admission. This is regarded as an essential condition.

(6.) Popular representative institutions, insuring responsible control over the Government.

17. Hereafter we hope to communicate further information. In the meantime, we confidently trust, the Government of the Dominion will cheerfully aid the people of this Colony in furthering their wishes, for immediate admission into the Confederation.

18. Enclosed we send you a Copy of Requisition to the Mayor, to call a public meeting, and also Resolutions passed at said meeting, held on the 29th January, 1868.

We have the honor to be,

Most respectfully and obediently yours,

(Signed,) JAMES TRIMBLE,
Mayor of the City of Victoria and Chairman of Committee.

(Signed,) A. DECOSMOS,
Member of Legislative Council.

(Signed,) J. H. POWELL, M.D.,
Member for the City of Victoria, in the late Legislative Assembly
of Vancouver Island.

(Signed,) R. WALLACE,
Merchant.

(Signed,) H. E. SEELYE,
One of the Editors of the *British Colonist*, and Secretary to the
Committee.

VICTORIA, B.C., February 1st, 1868.