

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

MEETING AT MAHONE BAY.

A public meeting was held at Mahone Bay, County of Lunenburg, on Wednesday, 23rd January, for the purpose of considering the propriety of advocating a Repeal of the Act confederating Nova Scotia with Canada. The meeting was very numerously attended.

John Kedy, Esq., was called to the chair, and Gideon Langille, Esq., was appointed Secretary.

The meeting was then called to order by the Chairman, who briefly explained the object for which it was called.

Mr. Edward James then addressed the meeting, and moved the following resolutions, being substantially the same as passed at the meeting in Temperance Hall, Halifax, on the 13th inst. :—

"Whereas, Owing to the great diversity of interests and feeling between the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Canada, the public sentiment of the people of Nova Scotia is distinctly opposed, to the Confederation of this Province with the Province of Canada:

"And whereas, The people of Nova Scotia never did become assenting parties to the Act of Union, the Legislature which sanctioned such Act, having done so in opposition to the well understood wishes of the people, and by assuming a power never entrusted to them;

"Therefore resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, the Act of Union, as passed and made law by the Imperial Parliament, has no claim upon the loyalty of the people of Nova Scotia, any obedience yielded to such Act being a matter of coercion, and not given with the free assent of a free people,

"And be it also resolved, That this meeting hails with much satisfaction the action of the Nova Scotia Legislature, and also of the Nova Scotia members of the Dominion House of Commons, who have signified their determination to use all constitutional means to bring about a Repeal of so much of the Act of Union as refers to the Province of Nova Scotia; and also express the hope that the Legislature of this Province, immediately after assembling for despatch of business, will take the necessary steps to bring this subject before the Government and Parliament of Great Britain."

The resolution being seconded by Mr. Henry Ernst, was passed unanimously.

E. M. McDonald, Esq., M. P., who was present, was then called on by the Chairman, amidst the cheers of the audience, to address the meeting, which he proceeded to do in a speech of about an hour and a half in length, detailing the action of the Nova Scotia representatives at Ottawa, and giving a lucid and comprehensive explanation of several of the more important acts passed by the Dominion Legislature, and their probable effect upon this Province.