

Mr. George Brown was officially associated with Sir Edward Thornton, at the instance of the Canadian Government, for the purpose of negotiating a Treaty of Commerce between Canada and the United States.

With the view of giving effect to the foregoing policy, the Government of Canada suggests that Her Majesty's Government should consent to receive an official representative from Canada for the purpose of securing the most early and confidential communication of their views on all subjects; and that, when so requested, the proposed Minister should be duly accredited to Foreign Courts in the manner above mentioned.

The Canadian Government desires to surround the proposed appointment with all the importance which should attach to an official charged with such high duties. He should, therefore, be selected from the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, and specially entrusted with the general supervision of all the political, material and financial interests of Canada in England, subject to instructions from his Government.

The dignity of the office, and the advantage of its proper recognition, especially at Foreign Courts, appear to require a more expressive title than that of Agent-General; it is therefore suggested that the designation should be Resident Minister, or such other name of equal import as Her Majesty's Government may suggest.

The Canadian Government attaches great importance to this matter, and hopes that Her Majesty's Government will see no insuperable difficulty in giving the Canadian Representative a quasi-diplomatic position at the Court of St. James, with the social advantages of such a rank and position.

JOHN A. MACDONALD.

S. L. TILLEY.

CHARLES TUPPER.

## No. 2.

GOVERNOR GENERAL THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, K.T., to THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR M. E. HICKS BEACH, BART.

Government House,

Ottawa, December 24, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for your consideration, a copy of an approved report of a Committee of the Privy Council respecting the appointment of a Canadian Representative to reside in England, to be styled "High Commissioner of Canada," to confer with Her Majesty's Government on all important matters affecting the Dominion, which formed the subject of your despatch of the 1st November last.\*

I have, &c.

(Signed) LORNE.

The Right Honourable Sir M. E. Hicks Beach,  
&c.                      &c.                      &c.

## Enclosure in No. 2.

COPY of a REPORT of a COMMITTEE of the HONOURABLE THE PRIVY COUNCIL for CANADA, approved by HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, on the 22nd December 1879.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 1st November last, upon the confidential memorandum of Sir John Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, and Sir Charles Tupper, urging the necessity of providing further means for constant and confidential communication with Her Majesty's Government, and also for the representation of Canada in the future negotiation of Treaties of Commerce with foreign nations.

The Committee desire to express their gratification at the manner in which their views have been met by Her Majesty's Government, and they share in the conviction of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, that no insuperable difficulty exists in the realization of their wishes.

The Committee recognise the fact that Canada cannot, as an integral portion of the Empire, maintain relations of a strictly diplomatic character. But they respectfully submit that while this is true as respects foreign nations, it does not accurately represent the actual state of facts in regard to the United Kingdom. Her Majesty's Government is unquestionably the supreme governing power of the Empire, but, under the British

\* No. 1.