

And on the 4th of January of the present year he addressed me the following letter confirming his telegram :—

BOSTON, *Jan. 4, 1893.*

HON. WILLIAM S. FIELDING,
Provincial Secretary,
Nova Scotia.

DEAR SIR :

I replied by telegram to your letter of 28th ult., and confirming that, I have to say that we do not expect to delay on account of the possible exercise of the power of disallowance by the Governor-General of Canada. As soon as we obtain the legislation which has been talked of we shall at once go on. We shall organize and take hold of the properties and get to work.

I expect to be in Ottawa within a few days, and I shall explain the situation to the authorities there, and if I then have control of the Caledonia, I shall ask to withdraw their names as petitioners for this change, and on their behalf I shall ask that the Act of last year be allowed.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) HENRY M. WHITNEY.

Still we thought we should have a further assurance of Mr. Whitney's readiness to go to work before we took the responsibility of advising His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to summon an early meeting of the Legislature, and, on the 4th of January I addressed the following letter to Mr. Whitney :—

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, Jan. 4, 1893.

DEAR SIR :

I duly received your telegram 31st ultimo, as follows :—

"Disallowance matter no obstacle. Have already taken Caledonia."

This telegram was quite satisfactory, and, if nothing further had occurred, action would already have been taken to summon Parliament. But it came to my knowledge immediately after receipt of the telegram that Mr. Winsor, of Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Mr. Snow, one of their solicitors, arrived in Halifax for the purpose of inquiring into the question of disallowance, as well as into other matters. This would seem to show that they had not dismissed the matter from their minds. I think it right to call your attention to this fact, and ask you whether you are in a position to confirm the assurance given me in your telegram above quoted.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. S. FIELDING,
Provincial Secretary.

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