

constantly be apprised of the real and true state of things here, with respect to the late union. The Presbytery of Pictou, if they only avail themselves of it, have abundance of material in their hands to show the Colonial Committee that the statement in the report is not correct, especially with regard to the Maritime Provinces. It is not the 'few' but the 'many,' not the minority, but the large majority, who have declined to join the union. To show that this is true, I beg to direct attention to the following undeniable facts:

"Take Nova Scotia proper—and it is to be borne in mind in this connection, that the first Synod formed in connection with the Church of Scotland in British North America was that of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island; the rest followed. In Nova Scotia proper, before the late union took place, there were eighteen congregations in connection with the Church of Scotland. Of these, six only have joined the union, twelve declining to do so, and assuming, if you like, that all the membership in these six congregations were heartily for the union—an assumption which is far from being true, for we have the significant fact, that although the union has been consummated two years ago, and an Act of the Legislature has been passed to enable congregations wishing to join in the union, by a vote of two-thirds of the pew-owners, to carry the temporalities of the congregation with them—yet to this day not one of the seceding congregations has ventured to bring the question before their people, a decisive proof that the leaders know the congregations are far from being unanimous in the matter of union. But admitting they were unanimous, and that all the membership had heartily joined it—what then? Just this—that one-third of the congregations entered into the union, two-thirds declined to join, and if the population connected with the eighteen congregations be counted, which can be easily done, it shall then be found that more than three-fourths of the people in Nova Scotia proper have declined to join the union. Not the few, but the many—not the minority, but an overwhelming majority. In the island of Cape Breton, although the Church of Scotland had no clergymen settled there at the time the union question had been agitated, nevertheless the adherents of the Church of Scotland there have almost to a man declined joining the union, and do decline. True, the *Halifax Witness*, 'a notoriously unreliable authority in such matters,' says that the congregation at Broad Cove has joined the union unanimously. Later intelligence from there, however, has shown the *Witness*' statement to be largely untrue; the people of Broad Cove have not joined the union. A hole and corner meeting was got up to serve a certain purpose, to which a few friends were invited, and of course unanimous votes for union were readily passed. Crossing now the strait to P. E. Island, we see that the adherents of the Church of Scotland there