

At a Meeting of the Friends of the Re-Union of Lower and Upper Canada, held this day at the Exchange, St. Joseph Street, to devise measures for the promotion of that desirable object,—

The Hon. JOHN RICHARDSON was unanimously chosen chairman, and JOHN FLEMING Sec'y.

*The following Resolutions were then read and passed unanimously.*

1st.—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this meeting, the Geographical situation of the two Canadas in respect of each other, and the relations which nature has established between them, render their union under one Legislature indispensably requisite for the continuance of a friendly and mutually beneficial intercourse, and for the prosperity of both.

2d.—*Resolved*, That the experience of thirty years, which have elapsed since the division of the late Province of Quebec into two Provinces, with separate Legislatures, has confirmed the inexpediency and impolicy of that measure, which besides occasioning political evils of great magnitude, has most injuriously retarded the development of the resources of both Provinces.

3d.—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this meeting, the pretensions of Upper-Canada, in respect of duties on importations at the port of Quebec, and the difficulties to which they have given rise, are a direct consequence of the establishment of distinct Legislatures in the two Provinces, and only one of the many evils of which that measure has already been productive, and which, without an adequate remedy, must be succeeded by a still greater.

4th.—*Resolved*, That without the benefit of a Union, there can be no prospect that the differences between the Provinces, respecting Revenue, will be effectually removed; and that the remedial measures applied for that purpose, will only exasperate the growing animosity between the two countries, and operate prejudicially to the interest of the Mother Country.

5th.—*Resolved*, That among the many beneficial consequences to result from a Union, this meeting consider, as one of the most important, the effect it will have in extinguishing the national prejudices and hostility of feelings, derived from difference of origin, that now prevail to the infinite injury of the community, and in consolidating the population of both Provinces into one homogeneous mass, animated by the same views for the public interest, and the same sentiments of loyalty towards their common Sovereign.

6th.—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this meeting, the proposed measure of uniting the Provinces under one Legislation, is essentially necessary for ensuring the continuance of their connexion with the Mother Country, and rendering lasting their dependence on it.

7th.—*Resolved*, That this meeting has observed, with the greatest satisfaction, and respectful gratitude, the attention which has been bestowed by His Majesty's Government, on the proposed measure of a Union of the Provinces, and cannot but hope with confidence that, at this period of tranquillity, when measures for confirming the strength and advancing the commercial prosperity of the Empire, may be most advantageously canvassed and adopted, the great and important purpose of uniting the Canadas under one Legislature will be accomplished.

8th.—*Resolved*, That Petitions to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, from all those interested in the prosperity of the Provinces, and ambitious of transmitting the character of British subjects to their posterity, ought to be presented, expressive of their anxious desire that the proposed Union may take place.

9th.—*Resolved*, That a Committee of eleven be now appointed to prepare a Petition from the persons resident in the city and county of Montreal, who are desirous that the proposed measure may be realized, to correspond with our fellow subjects in the Townships and other parts of the Province, and in Upper-Canada, and adopt such other steps as may appear advisable, with a view to promote the success of the measure.

10th.—*Resolved*, That the Committee be composed of

THE HONORABLE JOHN RICHARDSON.

HON. CHARLES WM. GRANT.

JAMES STUART, Esq.

SAMUEL GERRARD, Esq.

GEORGE GARDEN, Esq.

FRED'K. WM. ERMATINGER, Esq.

SAMUEL GALE, Esq.

GEORGE MOFFATT, Esq.

JOHN MOLSON, Esq.

PETER MCGILL, Esq.

JOHN FLEMING, Esq.

It was then

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Hon. JOHN RICHARDSON for his able conduct in the Chair.

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to JAMES STUART, Esq. for his excellent Speech, and Resolutions in support of the important business of this day.

JOHN RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

JOHN FLEMING, *Secretary.*

Montreal, 14th October, 1822.