

Dr. Tuzo having mentioned the fact that parties interested in property on the Lower Fraser are now in Canada, endeavoring to fix the terminus at their own section, His Excellency said that the gorges of the Cascades would have a great deal more to say on that point than anyone else. His Excellency added that having "cleared his conscience" he would forward the document.

Mr. Nathan suggested that an answer should be got before the House meets, so that the passage of the terms might be facilitated.

Mr. Fell thought there were many who might oppose Confederation, if the terminus was not secured for the Island.

Dr. Tuzo—Very few.

Mr. Norris—Not over a dozen in the whole city.

His Excellency quite understood that if some persons' irons were not warmed by Confederation, that they would try to defeat the whole scheme.

Mr. Fell and Mr. Nathan thought there would be much less chance of popular discontent if the terminus were secured for the Island before Confederation.

His Excellency—I don't know that. You would sow the seeds of perennial discontent on the mainland.

After some further remarks, the deputation took their leave of His Excellency.

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Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting held in the City of New Westminster, on November 11th and 14th.

Resolved, That we, the inhabitants of New Westminster, most strongly deprecate the agitation at present carried on by the people and "press" of Victoria, regarding the location of the terminus of the Transcontinental Railway.

That we believe the same to be hurtful to the cause of Confederation, and at the same time tending to create a sectional feeling, which at this important epoch in the history of the colony ought not to exist.

Resolved, That the action of the "press" and part of the people of Victoria in assuming that Victoria or Esquimalt should be the terminus of the railway is not justified by either her geographical or commercial position, or sustained by the people of the colony generally.

Resolved, That we are perfectly satisfied with the terms of Confederation as arranged by our delegates, feeling sure that the Valley of the Fraser presents such natural advantages for the route of the Transcontinental Railway as will not be overlooked.

Resolved, That although this meeting would willingly forward the construction of any railroad likely to be beneficial to the interests of any portion of the colony, yet they must respectfully but strongly urge upon His Excellency the Governor not to sanction the action of the people of Victoria, as, if successful, it would, in the opinion of this meeting, tend to delay Confederation and misrepresent the feelings and opinions of the colony generally.

(Signed,)

W. J. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman.
C. J. MAJOR,
Secretary.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 7th January, 1871.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration a Despatch, No. 30, dated 22nd November, 1870, from Governor Musgrave, of British Columbia, submitting the propriety, in the event of the union of that colony with Canada, of insuring pensions to certain of the officers now in the service of British Columbia.