

example of the mother country, seek the welfare of their own people, irrespective of British interests or British influences.

5. That a committee of five members be now chosen, to draft a petition to the Queen, and both houses of the Imperial Parliament, based upon the foregoing resolutions; and that a deputation of two gentlemen be chosen, to proceed to England, to lay the final appeal, for justice to British America, at the foot of the throne.

6. That, pending the decision of England, our fellow-colonists of all classes be earnestly entreated to abstain from subscribing declarations, calling for a severance of the political relations which bind us to the mother country—that they be respectfully invited to abide in patience the result—that if driven to a dissolution of the ties, hitherto held sacred, the responsibility, the onus and the odium of the act, may rest with England, not with Canada; and that posterity may judge our conduct as that of a suffering and insulted people, who had exhausted every honourable means to ward off a separation, which they could not contemplate without sorrow, and could not sanction, except as a last resort.

7. That whether protection or reciprocity shall be conceded or withheld, it is essential to the contentment of the country, and to its future good government, that a constitution should be framed in unison with the wishes of the people, and suited to the growing greatness and intelligence of the country; and that as much diversity of opinion exists, and must continue to exist, upon a subject so important, it is desirable that a convention of the people, without distinction of party, should be legalized by act of parliament, to draft a constitution for the province, to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for its concurrence and adoption.

8. That the best thanks of the convention be respectfully presented to the Hon. Charles Symons and to the Hon. John Robertson, of New Brunswick, for the zeal and patriotism they manifested in visiting Canada, and for the talent and discretion which marked their conduct, during their recent conference with the committee of gentlemen named by this convention, during its late session at Kingston.

Mr. JOHN DUGGAN moved, seconded by Mr. ROLLAND MACDONALD,

That Samuel Thompson, Benjamin Switzer, and Arthur Armstrong, Esquires, be a committee of finance during the present session of this Convention.—Which was carried.

Dr. JAMES HAMILTON moved, seconded by Mr. WILSON,

That one hundred and fifty copies of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Gamble, of Vaughan, be printed for the use of members of the Convention.—Which was carried.

Mr. AIKMAN moved, seconded by Mr. SWITZER,

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