

5. *Resolved*, That Canada has already nearly completed the construction within the Province of a chain of railways over 1600 miles in length, extending from the Eastern frontier of the Province towards its Western Boundary, which is of the greatest importance to its commercial and material prosperity, and forming part of the great proposed highway, but which, without completion to the ocean, is comparatively useless in a national point of view, either as bringing the sister colonies together, or as connecting those colonies with the Parent State.

6. *Resolved*, That this House, under these circumstances, is deeply impressed with the importance of an Inter-Colonial Railway and the necessity for its immediate construction; and desiring to cooperate with the Imperial Government and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in securing its speedy completion, this House approves of the memorandum addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the Canadian Delegates, and laid before Parliament by His Excellency the Governor General in his gracious message communicated on the thirty-first day of May last, and recommends that the future negotiations should be conducted as nearly as may be on the basis thereby submitted.

7. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that His Excellency the Governor General should cause all communications with the other Provinces necessary for common action on the subject to be entered into.

8. *Resolved*, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty embodying the foregoing Resolutions, and that the Honorable the Legislative Council be requested to concur in the said Address.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty for the purpose of representing—

That the construction of an Inter-Colonial Railway, connecting the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia with Canada, has long been regarded as a matter of national concern, and ought earnestly to be pressed on the consideration of your Majesty's Imperial Government.

That during several months of the year intercourse between the United Kingdom and Canada can only be carried on through the Territory of the United States of America, and that such dependence on, and exclusive relations with a foreign country, cannot, even in time of peace, but exercise an important and unwholesome influence on the status of Canada, as a portion of the Empire, and may tend to establish elsewhere that identity of interest which ought to exist between the Mother Country and her Colonies.

That while we implicitly rely on the repeated assurances of your Majesty's Imperial Government that the strength of the Empire would be put forth to secure this Province against external aggression, we are convinced that such strength cannot be efficiently exerted during a large portion of the year, from the absence of sufficient means of communication, and that should the amicable relations which at present so happily exist between Great Britain and the United States be ever disturbed, the difficulty of access to the ocean during the Winter months might seriously endanger the safety of the Province.

That in view of the speedy opening up of the Territory now occupied by the Hudson's Bay Company, and of the development and settlement of the vast regions between Canada and the Pacific Ocean, it is essential to the interests of the Empire at large that a highway, extending from the Atlantic Ocean Westward, should exist, which would at once place the whole British possessions in America within the ready access and easy protection of Great Britain; whilst, by the facilities for internal