

The Province of British Columbia.

annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000, sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first-class graving dock at Esquimalt.

13. The charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union. To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government, in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

14. The constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia, shall, subject to the provisions of "*The British North America Act, 1867*," continue as existing at the time of the Union until altered under the authority of the said Act,—it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect, according to the foregoing terms and conditions, on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th section of "*The British North America Act, 1867*,") and British Columbia may in its address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

(Certified,)

WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

We further humbly represent, that we concur in the terms and conditions of Union set forth in the said Address, and approved Report of the Committee of the Privy Council above mentioned; and most respectfully pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the 146th clause of "*The British North America Act, 1867*," to unite British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions above set forth..'

JAMES COCKBURN, *Speaker.*

House of Commons,
Saturday, 1st April, 1871.

Address