

No. 9.

FINAL RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APRIL 30th, 1885, IN REFERENCE TO THE SCHEME OF UNIVERSITY CONFEDERATION SUBMITTED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF ONTARIO.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, seconded by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, and resolved :

That the final reply of the Board of Trustees be transmitted to the Honorable the Minister of Education, regarding the scheme of University Confederation submitted by him, as follows :—

At the last meeting of the Board a report was adopted expressing the views of the Trustees as a body on the memorandum of the Minister of Education embracing a scheme for the confederation of the Universities and Colleges of the Province of Ontario. For reasons then expressed the Trustees felt it incumbent upon them to delay taking final action until the present Convocation. The report of the Board, dated 13th January, was duly communicated to the Minister of Education for the information of himself and the Government.

On January 23rd a deputation consisting of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, Rev. D. J. McDonnell, B.D., Rev. G. M. Milligan, B.A., Rev. R. J. Laidlow, and James Maclellan, Q.C., by appointment waited on the Minister of Education and the Attorney-General at the office of the latter in Toronto, and at that interview explained further the views of the Board of Trustees.

On 9th February a public meeting was held in the City Hall, Kingston, at which resolutions were passed giving expression on the subject of Queen's entering the confederation. Other meetings were held at Harrowsmith, Perth, Seymour, Deseronto, and other places in the adjoining counties, at which similar action was taken. The County Council of Frontenac passed a resolution of the same tenor. At the meeting in Kingston a deputation, consisting of the Mayor and leading citizens of Kingston and Gananoque, was appointed to submit and explain their views and the results of the meeting to the Minister of Education and his colleagues.

Steps have since been taken to ascertain the views of all the constituents of Queen's University. Yesterday the Chancellor submitted a report to the Council, and the day previous to a special meeting held in Convocation Hall of all interested in the University. This report, which sets forth the opinions of representative men from all parts of the country on the University Consolidation scheme, together with the resolutions passed by the special meeting and by the Council, establish that the constituency of Queen's is practically a unit in favor of declining to enter the proposed confederation, and of Queen's remaining permanently at Kingston as a University. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees most respectfully decline to enter into the proposed confederation of Universities and Colleges at Toronto, and they request the Chancellor to transmit this their reply, and at the same time to transmit his report and the resolutions referred to herein for the information of the Minister of Education and his colleagues.

No. 10.

IN REFERENCE TO THE FORMATION OF "QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION."

Moved by Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., of Lanark, seconded by Mr. D. B. Maclellan, Q.C., of Cornwall, and resolved :

That the Trustees are greatly encouraged in their efforts to promote the advancement and progress of Queen's College by the action of the University Council in forming a Queen's University Endowment Association, and while cordially approving of the action taken by the Council commend the object to the support and sympathy of the friends of the University.