

new tariff—that moneys so raised were not likely to be used for the benefit of Nova Scotia; and concluded by moving the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Donald Kennedy, and passed unanimously:—

*“Whereas,* It is the opinion of this meeting that a Parliament elected to legislate under existing institutions has not the authority or right to transfer its power, or change the constitution, without first ascertaining the sentiments of the people with reference to the proposed change:

*“Therefore resolved,* That we disclaim the action and deny the right of our representatives to sanction the ‘British North America Act,’ so called, in defiance of the well known sentiments of their constituents; and that the said Act, so passed, has no claim upon the loyalty of Nova Scotia.”

John Hattie, Esq., said that a large number of his neighbors, who having heard of this meeting, and not being able to attend it, had held a meeting and requested him to make known their concurrence in every action that had Repeal for its end; and proposed a resolution, seconded by Mr. James Tate, amended by Walter J. Daniels, Esq., in a stirring and patriotic speech, and which, as amended, reads thus:

*“Whereas,* The people of Nova Scotia were in possession of the unforfeited right of self-government;

*“And whereas,* The British Parliament did, in the most arbitrary manner, and regardless of the interests and feelings of the parties concerned, pass and force upon a free and loyal people the said British North America Act, whereby our self-government was abrogated and our liberties destroyed:

*“Therefore be it resolved,* That such Act, passed in such a manner, can never recommend itself to the affections or loyalty of a free people.”

Passed unanimously.

Samuel Archibald, Esq., then moved, and J. L. Hattie seconded, the following resolution, which was also carried without one dissenting voice:—

*“Whereas,* That obnoxious Act, depriving us of self-government, and subjecting us to increased and foreign taxation, is most insulting, degrading and ruinous to the people of this Province;

*“Therefore resolved,* That the expressed determination of the members of our Local Parliament to seek Repeal of so much of the Union Act as relates to the Province of Nova Scotia by every constitutional means, meets the entire approbation of this meeting;

*“And further resolved,* That this meeting stands pledged to support and assist our representatives in whatever course of action may be found necessary to effect that desired result.”

Angus Kirk, Esq., proposed and W. J. Daniels, Esq., seconded the following resolution, which passed with only three dissenting voices: