

Bay Company, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North-West Territory, Lord Monck sent home to England two members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of Canada:—that the Conferences in London, and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definitive issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl Granville made on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the consideration of the people of Canada and of the Hudson's Bay Company,—and that Your Excellency has received the intelligence that the Hudson's Bay Company has, after some deliberation, decided upon accepting the terms laid by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

When the report of the Mission, and all the papers connected therewith are duly laid before Parliament, as Your Excellency has been pleased to direct, they shall not fail to receive our serious consideration to which Your Excellency has been pleased to commend them, in view of the great importance of the subject no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

We rejoice to learn that Your Excellency has received communications from the Governor of Newfoundland, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that Colony, including a despatch of the 20th March last, covering copies of Resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance.

We thank Your Excellency for his assurance that these documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament; and that if, before the close of the Session, Your Excellency should be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for our consideration, the same shall receive our best attention.

We agree with Your Excellency that it will be a subject of general congratulation, as Your Excellency is pleased to say it will also be a sensible pleasure to you if at some early day the fine Colony of Newfoundland, unrivalled as the nursery of hardy seamen, and inexhaustible in its wealth of Fisheries, becomes part of the Dominion.

It is with great pleasure that we learn from Your Excellency that in accordance with the suggestion of Her Majesty's Government, an earnest attempt has been made to allay the discontent unhappily existing in Nova Scotia; and that the papers connected with this subject will be submitted to us for our favorable consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that in continuance of the course commenced last Session, Bills will be presented to us for the assimilation of the Criminal Laws existing in the several Provinces, and we agree with Your Excellency that no greater boon can be conferred on a Colony than a well defined code of criminal law, of general application and easy ascertainment.

We shall give our earnest attention and consideration to the Bills for the establishment of uniform and amended laws respecting Parliamentary Elections, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, and Patents of invention and discovery, which Your Excellency is pleased to say will be presented to us amongst other measures; and also to the important subjects of Banking and Currency, which Your Excellency informs us will be brought under our notice, as the Charters of several Banks are drawing to a close.

In considering these questions, which so deeply affect, not only the important interests of Commerce, but the daily transactions of life, we will endeavour to adopt such principles as, in their application, may ensure the