

agitating the public mind, in accordance with public opinion, it is necessary that the feelings, sentiments and opinions of the people, should be faithfully represented in the Legislative Assembly, at its next session; which can only be attained by the exercise of the royal prerogative, in the dissolution of the present parliament and the summoning of a new one.

3. That while the three remedial measures, Protection, Retrenchment and Union, held forth by the British American League, are manifestly those best calculated to effect the desired change and restore prosperity to our drooping interests, it is equally apparent that those measures cannot be carried into successful operation, the necessary reforms accomplished, and a just, wise and cheap system of government established, without important alterations in our constitution, requiring joint and concerted action with our sister provinces. To this end it is expedient to obtain the authority of the legislature, for holding a General Convention of Delegates, for the purpose of considering and preparing, in concert with delegates from those provinces, a new constitution, to be afterwards submitted for ratification to the people of Canada, and of such of the other colonies as may decide upon acting in unison with them, preparatory to its being brought under the consideration of the metropolitan government.

Mr. GOWAN gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move that it be resolved—

1. That these colonies cannot continue in their present political or commercial state.

2. That the evils by which they are oppressed have had their origin in the withdrawal of protection, by the mother country; and in the vicious and improvident administration of their affairs, by the local government.

3. That by Great Britain returning to her former protective policy of "Ships, Colonies and Commerce;" or by causing to be opened to the trade and commerce of these colonies the markets of foreign countries, and especially of the United States of America, upon terms of a fair and honourable reciprocity; united to the reduction of the expenses of the civil government to the lowest scale, consistent with the efficiency of the public service, and a vigorous, honest and impartial administration of the government, untrammelled by the ties of faction, peace and prosperity may yet be restored to the country.

4. That if the interests of the British people will not admit of protection to colonial products in her market, and if she will not, or cannot, open the markets of foreign countries, and especially of the United States of America, for the admission of colonial products and manufactures, on terms of reciprocity, then will it become the duty of colonists to create at home, or to seek abroad, a market or markets for the products of their own industry; and thus, by following the