

are incapable, when separated and divided from each other, of making those just and sufficient preparations for national defence, which would be easily undertaken by a Province uniting in itself all the population and all the resources of the whole.

I am aware that this project, so novel as well as so important, has not been at once accepted in *New Brunswick*, with that cordiality which has marked its acceptance by the Legislature of *Canada*, but Her Majesty's Government trust that after a full and careful examination of the subject in all its bearings, the Maritime Provinces will perceive the great advantages which, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, the proposed Union is calculated to confer upon them all.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

MONCK.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to Addresses transmitted to Her Majesty the Queen during the last Session, on the subject of a Union of the British North American Provinces.

Quebec, August 9th, 1865.

(Copy.—*Canada*, No. 58.)

DOWNING STREET, 8th April, 1865.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, Nos. 73 and 74, of the 15th March, accompanied by Addresses to the Queen, agreed to respectively by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of *Canada*, praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to cause a measure to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament, for the Union of the Provinces of *British North America*, on the basis of the Resolutions adopted by the Conference of Delegates from those Provinces, who met at *Quebec* in October of last year.

I have not failed to present these Addresses to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

Her Majesty's Government have seen with great satisfaction that both branches of the Canadian Legislature have adopted Addresses to the Crown expressive of their desire for the accomplishment of a measure calculated materially to add to the strength and promote the welfare of the Province of *British North America*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Viscount MONCK, &c., &c.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

*Ordered*, That the Sessional Orders of Wednesday, 15th March, 1865 (last Session), be now read;

And the same were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That any further proceedings upon every Bill which has been presented to this House in the present Session, shall be suspended on the day on which Parliament shall be prorogued, in order that the promoters thereof may proceed with the same Bills in the next Session of Parliament.

2. *Resolved*, That an Alphabetical List of all such Bills, with a statement of the stage at which the same were suspended, shall be prepared by the Clerk of this House, and printed.

3. *Resolved*, That a List of such Bills, with the Certificate of the Clerk of the House of the stage at which proceedings were suspended, be laid upon the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament, in the order in which they shall stand upon such list.

4. *Resolved*, That in respect of every Bill so laid upon the Table, the Petition for the Bill shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first time, and a second time (if the Bill shall have been read a second time previously to its being suspended); and if such Bill shall have been reported by any Committee in the present Session, the Order for referring the Bill to a Committee shall be dispensed with, and the Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, to be referred to a Committee of the whole House, or to be read a third time, as the case may be.