

The proposed defences at Montreal are so important to the general safety of the Province, and to the maintenance of the communication between the Districts West of Montreal, and the naval and military power of the Mother country, that Her Majesty's Government trust that they may look with confidence to the Government of Canada for the immediate construction of these Works.

Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to provide the armaments for the Works at Montreal at well as for those at Quebec.

I have &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.

(Enclosure in No. 1.)

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 24th March, 1865.

The Committee respectfully recommend that four members of Your Excellency's Council do proceed to England to confer with Her Majesty's Government :

1st. Upon the proposed Confederation of the British North American Provinces, and the means whereby it can be most speedily effected :

2nd. Upon the arrangements necessary for the Defence of Canada, in the event of war arising with the United States, and the extent to which the same should be shared between Great Britain and Canada :

3rd. Upon the steps to be taken with reference to the Reciprocity Treaty, and the rights conferred by it upon the United States :

4th. Upon the arrangements necessary for the settlement of the North-West Territory and Hudson's Bay Company's claims :

5th. And, generally, upon the existing critical state of affairs by which Canada is most seriously affected.

The Committee further recommend that the following members of Council be named to form the Delegation, viz.: Messrs. Macdonald, Cartier, Brown, and Galt.

Certified,

WM. H. LEE, C.E.C.