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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, }  
February 13th, 1861. }

To

SIR:—We have the honor to inform you, that a Public Meeting was held here yesterday, at which His Excellency the Governor presided, for the purpose of considering the desirability of these Colonies joining in the Great International Industrial Exhibition, to be held in London in 1862.

We append the resolutions adopted, from which you will perceive that the meeting was preliminary only.

It was strongly felt that the joint co-operation of both Colonies was highly necessary for successfully carrying out an effort, which, if undertaken by either separately, might fail: in order, however, to hasten the initiation of so desirable an enterprise, it was deemed advisable that a Public Meeting should take place in Victoria without the delay which must intervene before communications could reach us from the various towns of British Columbia.

A highly respectable and tolerably large General Committee was appointed yesterday, including the names of many residents in British Columbia; but still with the expectation that many more gentlemen resident in and conversant with British Columbia would be added, in order to secure unity of action, and that the views of the inhabitants of that Colony should be fully represented.

To this end, the Sixth Resolution was framed, and we are directed, in furtherance thereof, to invite your hearty co-operation in this most important undertaking, and to request your assistance in bringing it before the public in your neighborhood, in such a manner as to secure the united action of the two Colonies in furtherance of a common object for the common good.

We have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servants,

CHAS. B. WOOD, }  
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH, } Honorary Secretaries.