

Beyond a simple acknowledgment of this address, no attention has been paid to it. Again, on the 20th February last, the Executive Council of this Island called the attention of the Dominion Government to the various steps which have been taken by the Island to obtain a settlement of the question, and reminded them of the decision at which we had arrived last year to appeal to Your Majesty, and that no alternative was left except to carry that determination into effect. To this Minute the same unsatisfactory answer was received which has been invariably given. Copies of the correspondence referred to will be transmitted to Your Majesty herewith.

14. In this, the 12th year of their connexion with the Dominion, instead of enjoying that efficient and continuous steam communication with the mainland which was guaranteed them, the people of Prince Edward Island are, for a very considerable portion of the year, dependent upon the mode which their fathers initiated upwards of 60 years ago, before steam power was ever applied for purposes of locomotion. During these 12 years they have patiently awaited the fulfilment by the General Government of the terms of union in this particular, until we are reluctantly constrained to say that the Dominion Government have evinced a marked indifference, not only for the welfare of this Island, but for the sanctity of their own obligations as well.

15. Satisfied that this state of things cannot longer continue without a breach of that harmony which is so indispensable between the provinces of the Confederation, and feeling that the Island is being treated unjustly and its prosperity seriously retarded, we appeal to Your Majesty, and humbly pray that you will take the premises into your most gracious consideration, and require that justice be done by the Government of Canada to Your Majesty's loyal subjects of this province, by the immediate "establishment and maintenance of efficient steam service for the conveyance of " mails and passengers between this Island and the mainland of the Dominion, both " winter and summer, so as to place the Island in continuous communication with the " Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion;" and further, that your Majesty will be pleased to require that the Government of Canada compensate this Island for the loss which has resulted to its inhabitants by reason of the non-fulfilment of the terms of confederation in the particulars complained of herein.

(Signed) JOHN BALDERSTON,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
March 27, 1885.

„ JOHN A. McDONALD,
Speaker.

House of Assembly.
March 27, 1885.

PAPERS relating to COMMUNICATION between PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND and the MAINLAND of the DOMINION under the TERMS of CONFEDERATION, to be forwarded to HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Province of Prince Edward Island,
Government House, April 7, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a joint address from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to his Excellency the Governor-General, praying that immediate measures may be adopted by the Dominion Government to fulfil the terms of confederation with Prince Edward Island by establishing and maintaining efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers between the Island and the mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the province in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion, and by causing to be placed at the disposal of the Island compensation for the failure on the part of the Dominion to carry out said terms; and also a joint address from the Council and Assembly, requesting me to cause the said address to his Excellency to be laid before him.

The Hon. the Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) F. HEATH HAVILAND,
Lieutenant-Governor.