

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.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* acquainted the House that he had another Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

MONCK.

8th April, 1865. The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, 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 Provinces of *British North America*.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Viscount MONCK, &c., &c.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,
The House adjourned.