

Mr. Smith, in pursuance of notice given for this day, moved the following Resolution :—

Whereas the House on the 30th day of June last, passed the following Resolution, viz :—

“ *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint Delegates to unite with Delegates from the other Provinces in arranging with the Imperial Government for the Union of British North America, upon such terms as will secure the just rights and interests of New Brunswick, accompanied with provision for the immediate construction of the Inter-Colonial Railway, each Province to have an equal voice in such Delegation, Upper and Lower Canada to be considered as separate Provinces :”

And whereas the authority given to the Delegates by said Resolution, authorizes them to accept the Quebec Scheme, (so called,) or even one more prejudicial to the interests of the people of this Province : And whereas in view of the transcendent importance of the subject, it is desirable that the opinion of this House, in reference to such Scheme, should be expressed for the information and guidance of such Delegates, in the preparation of any measure for the Union of British North America ; therefore

*Resolved*, As the deliberate opinion of this House, that no measure for such Union should be adopted which does not contain the following provisions, viz :—

1st.—An equal number of Legislative Councillors for each Province.

2nd.—Such Legislative Councillors to be required to reside in the Province which they represent, and for which they are appointed.

3rd.—The number of Representatives in the Federal Parliament to be limited.

4th.—The establishment of a Court for the determination of questions and disputes that may arise between the Federal and Local Governments as to the meaning of the Act of Union.

5th.—Exemption of this Province from taxation for the construction and enlargement of Canals in Upper Canada, and for the payment of any money for the Mines and Minerals and Lands of Newfoundland.

6th.—Eighty cents per head to be on the population as it increases, and not to be confined to the Census of 1861.

7th.—Securing to each of the Maritime Provinces the right to have at least one Executive Councillor in the Federal Government.

8th.—The commencing of the Inter-Colonial Railway before the right shall exist to increase taxation upon the people of this Province.

To which the Honorable Mr. Fisher moved as an amendment—To expunge the whole of the Resolution, as well as the Preamble thereto, and substitute as follows :—

“ *Resolved*, That the People of this Province having, after due deliberation, determined that a Union of British North America was desirable, and the House having agreed to request His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to appoint Delegates for the purpose of settling the plan of Union upon such terms as will secure the just rights of New Brunswick, and having confidence that the action of His Excellency, under the advice of his Constitutional Advisers, will be directed to the attainment of that end, sound policy and a due regard to the interest of this Province require that the