

Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that it is essential to the peace and prosperity of the Dominion of *Canada* that the several religions therein prevailing should be followed in perfect harmony by those professing them in accord with each other, and that every law passed either by this Parliament, or by the Local Legislature, disregarding the rights and usages tolerated by one of such Religions is of a nature to destroy that harmony; that the Local Legislature of *New Brunswick* in 1871 adopted a Law respecting Common Schools forbidding the imparting of any religious education to pupils, and that prohibition is opposed to the sentiments of the entire population of the Dominion in general, and to the religious convictions of the Roman Catholic population in particular; That the Roman Catholics of *New Brunswick* cannot conscientiously send their children to schools established under such law, and are nevertheless compelled, like the remainder of the population, to pay taxes to be devoted to the maintenance of those schools; that the said law is unjust and contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and causes much uneasiness among the Roman Catholic population disseminated throughout the whole Dominion of *Canada*, and that such a state of affairs, if continued, is likely to prove the cause of disastrous results to all the confederated Provinces; and praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to cause an Act to be passed amending the "*British North America Act, 1867*," in the sense which this House believes to have been intended at the time of the passage of such Act, by providing that every religious denomination in the Province of *New Brunswick* shall continue to possess and enjoy all such rights, advantages and privileges with regard to their schools as such denomination possessed and enjoyed in that Province at the time of the passage of the said last mentioned Act; to the same extent as if such rights, advantages and privileges had been then duly established by law.

And the Question being again proposed; And a further Debate arising thereupon: The said Motion was, "with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Coffin*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, at its next sitting this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution:—That the Government be authorized to negotiate with "*The Huron and Trent Valley Canal Company*," for the transfer of certain works belonging to the Dominion on the line of the proposed Canal, such transfer to be subject to the approval of Parliament at the succeeding Session.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Coffin*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, at the its sitting this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution:—That the Government be authorized to negotiate during the Parliamentary Recess for the transfer of the Railway from *Truro* to *Pictou* to some organized Company, on condition that such Company will extend the said Railway from *New Glasgow* or *Pictou* to the Gut of *Canso*, or some place in *Cape Breton*, within a specified time—such transfer to be subject to the approval of Parliament at the next Session.

And then The House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the Clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.