

in its legislative capacity this gross oppression and injustice, of which we have been the victims, to the notice of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Imperial Parliament.

"Your Petitioners are satisfied that if your Honorable House will timeously and firmly appeal to the British Parliament, the people of this Province will soon be relieved from the operation of the afore-said most injurious and obnoxious Act of Confederation.

"May it therefore please your Honorable House to consider the foregoing statements, and in respect thereto, and of the urgency and importance of the question at issue, to spare no efforts until you obtain a total Repeal of the obnoxious measure of Confederation, in so far as Nova Scotia is concerned; and your Petitioners pledge to you their steady and unwavering support. Your petitioners believe that this object can be accomplished by peaceable means, and a steady and determined resolve on the part of your Honorable House, supported as you will be by a vast majority of the loyal and intelligent people of this Province,

"And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray."

James W. Turner, Esq., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously by acclamation.

Jos. H. Weeks, Esq., then moved the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as all efforts for redress from the Parliament at Ottawa are quite useless, the superior number of members representing Canada and Canadian interests being far more than sufficient, as has been shown by the votes on the Tariff, and other measures, to neutralize all efforts on the part of the members from Nova Scotia in the said Parliament at Ottawa to obtain redress; it is therefore the opinion of this meeting that the members from Nova Scotia to the Dominion Parliament should not again return to that Parliament, until every means for a Repeal of the Union be exhausted."

The resolution was seconded by J. Fuller, Esq., and carried unanimously.

Donald Ross, Esq., then moved the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the proceedings of our representatives to the Dominion and Local Parliaments; and have the utmost confidence that they will continue their efforts to relieve this Province from the unfortunate position in which it has been placed by the Act of Confederation."

T. A. Bauer, Esq., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting then closed, the expression of feeling having been most enthusiastic throughout.

N. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.  
JOS. H. WEEKS, *Secretary*.

Dartmouth, December 27, 1867.