

That this House recognizes in the fullest manner the importance to the cause of peace and civilization, of the settlement of all questions in dispute between *Great Britain* and the *United States*. And, in the especial interests of *Canada* will rejoice to find the result of the Joint High Commission productive of cordial and lasting friendship between the two nations.

That this House regards the control and disposal of the inshore Fisheries and the navigation of the inland waters of the Dominion asspecially within the powers conveyed to the Parliament of *Canada* under the *British North America Act*. And will view with the utmost concern and apprehension any proposal to alter, or diminish the just rights of the Dominion, in these respects, without their consent.

That this House has always been, and now is, prepared to concede the most free and unrestricted use of the Fisheries and Inland Navigation to the *United States* upon receiving as an equivalent therefor complete compensation in modification of the *United States* Commercial system, directed to the more free and liberal interchange of the products of labor in the two countries.

That the concession to the *United States* of the freedom of the Fisheries and of the *St. Lawrence* without such compensation would place *Canada* in a most disadvantageous position for future negociation by depriving her of the means of offering any adequate equivalent for those concessions she is desirous of obtaining from that nation.

That this House willingly consents to the consideration by the Joint High Commission of all subjects in which *Canada* is concerned with the *United States*. And will cheerfully make any sacrifices that may be required at their hands in the interest of the Empire, so far as they do not compromise the national interests and security of this country, and directly tend to their undue subordination to the *United States* in the future.

That this House desires that the question of the claims of *Canada* upon the *United States*, arising out of the repeated and illegal invasions by predatory bands of so-called Fenians, organised within the Territory of the *United States* may be so dealt with by the Joint Commission, as to afford indemnity for the past, and security against similar outrages in the future ;

And a Debate arising thereupon :—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And then The House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 27th February, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Return of the *Beaver* and *Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company*, shewing the amount of guarantee stock subscribed to the 1st January, 1870, also, the proceedings of the first annual meeting of the said Company. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

And also, Returns respecting the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa Railway Company*, for the year 1870. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Crawford* (*Leeds S. R.*),—The Petition of *Pulaski Clark*, of *Byng Inlet*, District of *Parry Sound*.

By Mr. *Workman*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society*.