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ELECTION.

CHARLOTTE TO WIT.

THOMAS JONES, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Charlotte, having received the Majesty's Writ for the Election of Four Members of the General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, for the said County, do hereby certify that the said County is divided into four wards, to-wit:

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the two often impossible business of lumbering, to which the labor of so many of our people is confined.

We also obtain forthwith on the consummation of the scheme, the immediate construction of the Intercolonial Railroad on most advantageous terms, which involves the expenditure of millions of dollars in our midst, will open up our country for enlarged settlement, increase the value of our lands—induce immigration and give every facility for commercial intercourse with every Province—and be the means of retaining our young men within our own country by our possessing equal attractions with other countries.

By consolidation we are also enabled to act in cases of emergency with celerity and purpose, which would be impossible if we were divided into many small and unconnected communities.

By the proposed scheme we have secured to us a sufficiency of money to meet all our local wants, not subject to any reduction by any fluctuations in our present uncertain revenues; and thus securing us against any additional taxation which a Province in case of loss in revenue, we might have to resort to, but which is all provided for in the Union: we have all present rights and privileges preserved—our local legislatures the same as ever with powers unimpaired—nothing surrendered that we now have—our lands and mines, and the management of all our internal and local affairs, the same as heretofore—and the having also secured to us the prompt payment of the interest of our provincial debt—

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TO THE ELECTORS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN.—By the recent dissolution of the House of Assembly, you are unexpectedly called upon again to exercise one of your most important rights—your elective franchise; and by the advice of many of you, I am induced to consent to be a Candidate for your suffrages at the approaching Election.

During the ensuing session of the Legislature many important measures will be submitted for the consideration of your Representatives; and the most important of these will, doubtless, be the FURTHER UNION OF THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES; the consummation of which, upon just and equitable terms, as at EARLY A DATE as practicable, will greatly conduce to the prosperity of the Colonies, and to the advancement of the American Colonies in the American Republics and principles—give to these Colonies a status in the Commonwealth of Nations—and advance the interests of this Province, politically and commercially.

Should I be honored with your confidence and election, it will be my endeavour to secure the adoption of some scheme for the accomplishment of this highly desirable object, and in every other respect to serve you faithfully, as your representative, and your Country as a legislator.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

BENJ. R. STEVENSON.

St. Andrews, February 15, 1865.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN.—I had lately the pleasure of going before you as a Candidate for my old vacant chair in the House of Assembly.

As the seat was only for one Session, I hoped to be elected by a show of hands. In this I was disappointed, as two other candidates came forward before the day of nomination.

So far, however, as the occupation of the seat was concerned, we were all three equally unsuccessful, and the old chair is vacant.

As a Candidate for your suffrages at the approaching General Election, I beg to inform you, that I am opposed to the present Scheme for the Union of the Colonies, and that my opinion is set forth on the last Nominating Day, and published in handbills at the time, in the unchanged form.

I remain, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

JAMES CROWE.

St. Andrews, Feb. 15, 1865.

Address of the British American Association to the Electors of the Province of New Brunswick.

GENTLEMEN.—

You are called upon to exercise one of the highest privileges of a free people—to determine by vote at the Poll whether a change shall or shall not be made in the Constitution of your Country. It is a matter of vast moment both to yourselves and your descendants, that you weigh well and carefully the subject before you, and cast your vote, irrespective of party or prejudice of any kind.

The scheme for the Union of the Colonies, of these North American Colonies is not a thing of yesterday. It is a question which has long engaged the minds of thoughtful men. But the difficulties in the way of its accomplishment seemed insuperable, and no serious steps were taken towards it until last year, when circumstances occurred that cannot be regarded otherwise than as Providential, which placed this great reform within our reach. With the full sanction of the Crown and of the several Colonial Governments, interested in the subject, a formal Conference was held at Quebec, which agreed to a compromise, based upon the principle of mutual concession. The great object was to form a Union, not for the exclusive benefit of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, but for the general benefit of the whole of these Colonies; and the preservation of the connexion with the Mother Country. The scheme so prepared, obtained at once the emphatic approval of the Imperial Government. The Colonial Secretary, writing to the Governor General, says:—

"Her Majesty's Government have given to your despatch, and to the resolutions of the Conference their most deliberate consideration. They have regarded the measure as a whole, and have been deeply impressed by its merits, and by the soundness of the arguments in its favor. They have, therefore, decided to adopt the scheme, and to recommend it to the sanction of the several Colonial Governments, and to the sanction of the Imperial Parliament."

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