

on it - as Attorney General of the Dominion, and to invite the Attorneys General of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia also to sit upon it - of course not with any view of their working out the details, but merely to lay down the general principles on which the codification is to be conducted.

With that view I got Archibald to sound Wilkins. I did not like to write him myself lest I might get an evasive answer.

Archibald, as he will tell you, saw Wilkins who seemed at first to

by any offers of advancement for himself or his friends of any kind. It would have a very good effect if he came out boldly & said that under the circumstances he would recommend the Representatives of Nova Scotia in the General Parliament no longer to stand aloof, but to enter actively into the politics of the Dominion and to endeavour to secure as much legitimate influence in the Government & Parliament of the Dominion as possible. And if he could be induced to go further and