

Conferences in *London* and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definite issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl *Granville* made on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the consideration of the people of *Canada* and of the *Hudson Bay Company*; and that His Excellency has received the intelligence that the *Hudson Bay Company* has, after some deliberation, decided upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

That when the report of the Mission and all the papers connected therewith are duly laid before Parliament, as His Excellency has been pleased to direct, they shall not fail to receive our serious consideration, to which His Excellency has been pleased to commend them in view of the great importance of the subject no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

That we rejoice to learn that His Excellency has received communications from the Governor of *Newfoundland*, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that colony, including a despatch of the 20th March last, covering copies of Resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance.

That we thank His Excellency for his assurance that these documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament; and that if, before the close of the Session, His Excellency should be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for our consideration, the same shall receive our best attention.

That we agree with His Excellency that it will be a subject of general congratulation, as His Excellency is pleased to say it will also be a sensible pleasure to him, if at some early day the fine Colony of *Newfoundland*, unrivalled as the nursery of hardy seamen, and inexhaustible in its wealth of Fisheries, becomes part of the Dominion.

That it is with great pleasure that we learn from His Excellency that in accordance with the suggestion of Her Majesty's Government, an earnest attempt has been made to allay the discontent unhappily existing in *Nova Scotia*; and that the papers connected with this subject, when submitted to us, will receive our favorable consideration.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that in continuance of the course commenced last Session, Bills will be presented to us for the assimilation of the Criminal Laws existing in the several Provinces; and that we agree with His Excellency that no greater boon can be conferred on a country than a well defined code of criminal law, of general application and easy ascertainment.

That we shall give our earnest attention and consideration to the Bills for the establishment of uniform and amended laws respecting Parliamentary Elections, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, and Patents of inventions and discovery, which His Excellency is pleased to say will be presented to us amongst other measures; and also to the important subjects of Banking and Currency, which he informs us will be brought under our notice as the Charters of several Banks are drawing to a close.

That in considering these questions, which so deeply affect, not only the important interests of Commerce, but the daily transactions of life, we will endeavor to adopt such principles as, in their application, may ensure the greatest measure of safety to the public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of trade.

That we thank His Excellency for the confidence with which he has committed to our deliberate judgment the variety of topics he has enumerated as being of moment, and pressing for decision within the limits of the Session; and that we unite with His Excellency in earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend our counsels, and enable us to discharge, with dignity and effect, the great trust to which the order of Providence has called us.

After debate.

The said Resolution being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was unanimously agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Lucas*, *Wark*, and the mover be appointed Committee to draft an address founded on the said Resolution.